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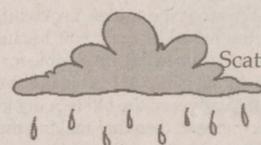
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News on the EDGE

•As part of OU's Hispanic Celebration, there will be a Latin Politics Discussion, "Expanding Trade and Shrinking Democracy in the Americas," from noon-1 p.m. today in the Fireside Lounge.

•Student Congress is looking for student representatives for its Senate committees. The committees help make decisions that affect the student body. Those who are interested, please contact Matthew Hudson, Legislative Affairs Director for OUSC at 370.4292.

•Graham Counseling Center will hold its annual Depression Screening Day Oct. 11. The center will open its doors to the OU community and those who think they may be at risk for depression. Read next week's Post for more details.

•Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) workshops (GMAT) workshops on campus Oct. 6. The workshops are held from 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. The \$395 charge includes study materials and textbooks. Call 370.3125 to sign up.

•The Placement and Career Services Career Fair is 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. today in the Rec Center.

•Two Career Connections workshops (one from noon-12:45 p.m. and another from 3-3:45 p.m.) are scheduled Friday in 156 West Vandenberg Hall. The workshops are part of Career Prep Week, which ends Friday.

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Nimda worms onto campus

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Apples tend to get worms, unless they are computers, as much of the campus found out last Tuesday. Last week OU was victimized, as were networks and servers across the world, by the

Nimda.w32 worm which wiggled its way past virus protection software attacking networks, websites and PCs. The worm did not infect Apple Macintoshes or computers running Unix. PCs running Microsoft operating systems, including Internet Explorer, were the apparent targets. Netscape users escaped most of the problems.

OU computer technicians were hard pressed to keep OU electronically working, putting in long hours installing patches and software virus upgrades.

Tuesday morning OU was notified of the potential harm through CERT, the government's official virus notification organization. Later that day, with the help of Norton Utilities, OU had identi-

fied the problem and repaired most of the damage but wasn't able to completely clean the system until late Wednesday, said Ron Cigna, Vice Provost, Information Technology.

Cigna said a worm is more destructive than a computer virus because it can infect many areas of a computer system instead of just one. He said the Nimda worm hit

at OU at 9 a.m. Tuesday and was "very rapid."

"The Nimda (worm) actually tries to attack 16 vulnerabilities (or holes in a computer system). Depending on what it attacks, it can be either not much of anything or very destructive," Cigna said.

In a campus-wide email message NIMDA continues on A4



In the HEART of it all

Walk brings out 17,000, raises \$1.65 million

OU hosted the nation's largest heart walk for the third consecutive year this weekend, bringing out a record number of walkers.

According to Dean of Students and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh, the 2001 Metro Detroit American Heart Walk raised its goal of \$1.65 million for heart disease and stroke research. The walk, held Saturday, brought out more than 17,000 participants, as compared to last year's total of 12,000.

OU participants raised \$22,000 last year. McIntosh said money was still being collected from OU participants and a total will be known Friday.

In addition, the opening ceremony was dedicated to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The American Heart Association, which organizes the walk, contributed \$250,000 from money made through national heart walks to the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund.

One participant, Elizabeth Long, junior, medical lab sciences, said, "I enjoy helping people... I have fun meeting people and getting involved."

The walk took participants on a one mile route past Sunset Terrace, Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute and Meadow Brook Hall.

-Lisa Cali, managing editor



Tragedy focus of lectures

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU declared yesterday "A Day of Understanding: Search for Harmony Through Classroom Dialogue."

Student Body President Derek Dickow, Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Interim Provost Dr. Virinder Moudgil headed efforts to designate a discussion day.

"The provost called us all in together to brainstorm ideas on ways that we could get together at Oakland as a community," Dickow said.

Professors were encouraged to talk with their classes and discuss the student's fears, thoughts and concerns inside the classroom.

"This helps the students when the professor hasn't discussed it, because of a fear of mediating a discussion topic inside the classroom," Dickow said. "It gives students a reason to unite, because we are all here for the same purpose, not just as people, but as students at our university."

Students were encouraged to sign a yellow sheet of paper hanging outside Fireside Lounge.

One student wrote, "More than anything I want to stop crying and stop hurting."

Another student wrote, "I feel saddened by what happened. My heart and prayers go out to the families and victims of this tragedy. Just know one thing, Jesus loves you and won't forsake you."

OUSC meeting challenges voting problems

Tuition tax credit repeal discussed Monday

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

Monday's Student Congress meeting began on an inspiring note, with Dean of Students and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh challenging congress members to be role models throughout this time of tragedy.

McIntosh stressed to OUSC and others at the meeting that the students' agenda has changed following the attacks on the U.S., and that the OU community has to find common ground to understand and deal with what is going on throughout the nation.

"I think we have a very difficult challenge

in dealing with the tragedy because we are leaders, and we have to set an example," Student Body Vice President Vesna Saveski said.

"I don't think his challenge is unreasonable," she said.

McIntosh spoke of challenges outside of the nationwide realm as well. In addition to challenging "students to think outside the box," he suggested some ways for OUSC to start doing just that.

McIntosh spoke of leaving a legacy for future Congress members, and one of his main suggestions was for OUSC to begin working on switching the student voting system to an online ballot. Voter turnout for the Student Congress elections has been

slowly creeping up in the past years, but OUSC hopes that online voting ballots will bump up the numbers even more. In the 2000 election, 543 students voted, as compared with 925 out of about 15,000 students in the 2001 election.

"We want to severely change the number from 2-4 percent to 10-12 percent," Student Body President Derek Dickow said. "Other universities have gone to online voting and increased voter turnout from 10 percent to 30 percent in one year. If we increase 10 percent in one year, we'll leave a legacy for future Congresses."

Saveski agreed, saying that online voting is something OUSC has been working very

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Derek Dickow
Student Body President

hard on, and McIntosh's motivation will only help. "I thought [McIntosh's] was a very inspiring speech. We're already in the process of implementing the online voting, and that challenge was fully accepted, as were his other challenges," Saveski said.

Other student concerns including parking were addressed at the meeting by student liaison to the Board of Trustees Kimberly Langley.

In her report to OUSC, Langley said that the BOT is working towards a solution for the parking problem and has approved the money to hire an architect to design OUSC continues on A2

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OU's first parking structure.

Keeping OU tied to statewide legislative issues, Congress members also discussed the repeal of the tuition tax credit. Michigan's Senate recently approved the repeal of the credit because only schools that raise tuition less than three percent are eligible for the money.

Since the 15 public universities in Michigan have raised tuition more than three percent in past years, the bill is being looked at to eliminate the number of three percent, therefore making the money available to the public universities, including OU. This year, the money available for the tuition tax credit is almost \$24 million and would be split between the 15 public universities.

The repeal, Michigan Senate Bill 371, is currently in the Michigan House of Representatives Higher Education Appropriations Committee.

"Rochelle Black, Director of Government Relations, is going to address Congress on Monday to answer any questions the legislative body may have about how this will directly benefit students," Dickow said.

After any and all questions are answered, OUSC will discuss whether it wants to support the repeal of the tax credit.

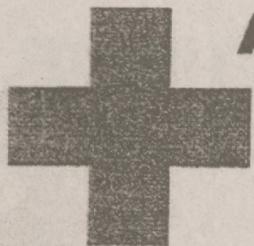
Students interested in hearing OUSC's discussion of the tuition tax credit can attend the meeting at 4 p.m., Oct. 1 in the Hamlin lounge.

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Attack on America: The Aftermath
This program will offer a chance for OU Students, Faculty and Staff to voice their opinions on the tragic events of September 11, its continuing affects and President Bush's plan of action announced last Thursday. Join us in the Lake Michigan Room in the lower level of the O.C. on Wednesday, September 26, noon until 1:00 p.m.

Hispanic Celebration 2001:
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September 17-October 5
Wednesday, September 26 **A Discussion on Latin Politics**
Fireside Lounge, OC Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 4 **Latin Crafts Night in the Residence Halls**
Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The next Student and Greek Organization Officers training is Thursday, October 18 at 5:00p.m. in the OC. Sign-up in the CSA Office to attend.
The WOCOUC GAMES
The WOCOUC Games Tournament will be held on Friday, October 12, beginning at noon in Bumpers Games Room, OC. Register in Bumpers Game Room, OC. Tournaments will be held in Billiards (8-ball), Table Tennis, Euchre and Chess. Entry fee is \$5.00 per person.

AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW
✓Reservations for:
- Blast - Saturday Night Fever
- Guys and Dolls - Carmen
- Fiddler on the Roof - Mama Mia
- The Rockettes - Contact
✓Sign-up for:
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- SPB's Road Rally (Oct. 13)
- SPB's Trip To Atlanta (Oct. 18-22)
- CSA's Bowling Nights (Oct. 22 and Nov. 26)(free)

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- WOCOUC Appreciation Dinner (Oct. 12)(free)
- SPB's Blessid Union of Souls Concert (Oct. 13)
- Lech Walesa (Oct. 26)

Interested in International Travel?
CSA and the International Travel Committee invites you to visit Shakespeare's England. The trip will take place May 27 - June 4, 2002. The cost is \$2,110 per person, which includes round trip air transportation, hotels, most meals, theatre tickets, and much more. Information brochures are available at the CSA Service Window.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER
WOCOUC VII -- October 8-12
Disabilities Simulation Day -- October 18
OU Alcohol Awareness Week --October 19-27
"Make a Difference Day" -- October 27
If you are interested in volunteering your time, energy and enthusiasm to work any of the events listed above, please contact Jean Ann Miller at the CSA

SLLB Presents:
Lech Walesa, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Former President of Poland
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OUPD veterans looking for cadets to join program

By Tera VanTiem
THE OAKLAND POST

They not only keep an eye out for criminals on OU's campus, but they provide motor vehicle assistance to students and escorts for students around campus.

The student cadets are here to help students and learn from veterans in the police force.

The Student Cadets, formerly known as the student marshalls, have been a part of OU campus life for more than twenty years, helping students with any problems they might run into that are not police matters.

"The cadets are essentially an extra set of eyes and ears on campus that assist the police department," OU Police Chief of 24 years, Richard Leonard said.

Students may see them walking around campus in the uniforms, or rolling down the street in the gold EMVAT, otherwise known as the Emergency Motor Vehicle Assistance Truck, created by Leonard.

The student cadets are patrolling 11 hours a day with the first shift starting at 1 p.m.

The cadets' performance involves non-police functions, including escorting students around campus to wherever they need to go, or helping them with any prob-

lems they have with cars.

Leonard also said that the cadets are working in a non-criminal military organization in which they also get to enjoy the leisure of working outdoors.

"These students are working in an atmosphere where they develop good personal relationship skills," Leonard said. "They are trustworthy individuals who gain integrity, confidence and respect for others."

Leonard is in charge of hiring young cadets that are interested in "fighting crime" or simply just making campus life a safer place.

There are six to seven cadets on duty each semester.

Leonard runs a background check on those who want to become a student cadet. It is not only an obligation but a necessity to insure safety to all the students on campus.

Students interested in applying must have an excellent driving record and background.

"The cooperation of student citizens reporting crime has become increasingly better," Leonard said.

"It is a team effort and the students here at OU have been doing a great job contributing to crime prevention."

He wants students to always feel safe. In



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OUPD CADET PROGRAM: The OUPD is looking for students for the cadet program where they can experience first hand police work.

fact, OU has one of the safest campuses in Michigan compared to other colleges and universities.

The OU Police Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

urges students who happen to run into a problem to call them at 248.370.3331.

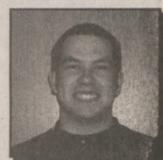
He also encourages any students interested in becoming a cadet, to come down to the station and check it out.

NEWS COLUMN

Goose poop revisited

Walking around campus is like trying to navigate through a gauntlet-style maze. This is my third year on OU's campus and the "goose poop" problem only seems to get worse with time.

Last week I had the great luck of surviving one of these masterfully laid gauntlets.



JASON SHERMAN

Most commuters aren't familiar with this path, but there is a walkway going from West Vandenberg Hall to Wilson Hall, around Beer Lake rather than over the bridge. It is not heavily traveled because as it doesn't have much usefulness to any non-resident. I decided to take this path on Wednesday afternoon. It was then that I realized the true severity of this problem. There was only about a square foot of empty concrete between disgusting piles of goose droppings—just enough space to plant the ball of your foot and quickly plan your next step. This minefield spanned for miles. It seemed like it would never end. Well, it finally did, but the problem remains.

Yet another goose hang-out is the "Saint and Sinners" fountain. I was told during my orientation, that this was the most admired art work on OU's campus and it was sculpted by the same person who sculpted the "Spirit of Detroit."

Honestly, it is a wonderful fountain, except for the fact that it has been deflowered by a seemingly endless mass of goose poop. There has to be some sort of solution to this.

Last year, OU was planning on hitting the goose population hard. If I remember correctly, they were going to replace the geese's eggs with fake eggs. It's been well over a year since then, and all I've seen is a RISE in goose population. I can understand that, due to animal cruelty laws, there is sometimes little that can be done to manage animal populations, but there has to be other solutions.

One solution that comes to my mind is, if you can't control the population, at least clean up the mess.

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Banned books open pages in bookstore

By Nicole Dubiel
THE OAKLAND POST

Saturday marked the start of the national Banned Books Week where works of fiction that have been designated as offensive or inappropriate are celebrated.

For the rest of the week, the OU Bookstore will expose the campus to the literature with its program "Develop Yourself: Expose Your Mind to a Banned Book."

Books lining shelves of American schools and libraries have the ability to tell different stories, some more than one. These additional stories tell of struggles for places on those shelves, struggles against censorship.

Throughout history, Americans have held numerous demonstrations in order to protect their freedoms of speech and press. These demonstrations have been frequently shadowed by ones that seek to challenge works of literature deemed unsuitable because of title or content.

According to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, 646 challenges were received on books and other materials that were asked to be removed from school or library shelves last year. Reasons for challenges include violence, offensive language, sexual content, or anti-family themes.

In response to challenges in 1982 the ALA and the American Booksellers Association created Banned Books Week, a week designated during the end of September.

It celebrates the freedom to read what people want and also recognizes a book's ability to not only change the way people think, but to get them thinking.

"I grew up reading many of the books now making appearances on the list, as well as many of the classics," said Lora Pilarski, senior. "Through them in some way, I've learned some type of lesson."

Valuable lessons can be learned everywhere, and books are no exception merely because of the way they induce them. Works including "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger and "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou are titles that have both been on the list for years, along with

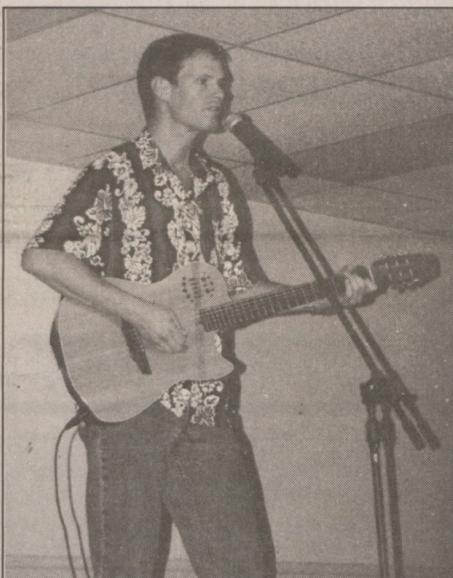
their numerous challenges and complaints, varying from profanity, vulgarity, to anti-Christian sentiments. But they are, according to the ALA, works that have the power to teach tolerance and individuality.

Along with teaching tolerance and individuality books have the power to teach many other important aspects that are admired in society: confidence, compassion, and morality.

Banned Books Week is not something that is difficult to participate in. At most it requires a trip to the library, a bookstore, or the banned books are also available online at: www.onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu.

Top 10 "most offensive" works

1. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
2. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
3. Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
4. The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
5. The Color Purple by Alice Walker
6. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
7. To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
8. Beloved by Toni Morrison
9. Slaughterhouse, Five by Kurt Vonnegut
10. Lord of the Flies by William Goldberg



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: Comedian, guitarist and songwriter, Mike Rayburn came to OU last Friday. He played in Vandenberg cafeteria and had the audience laughing out of their chairs. Residence Hall Programming puts on FNL once a month.

Carissa Broadridge/
The Oakland Post

Comedian, singer performs at FNL

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Friday nights may never be the same.

Comedian Mike Rayburn, voted one of colleges best acts, performed at 7 p.m. last Friday in the Vandenberg Hall Cafeteria.

With renditions of "Green Acres" by many different artists, Rayburn had the crowd rolling in their aisles.

Once a month, Residence Hall Programming puts on Friday Night Live. Friday Night Live is a free activity night for all students who attend OU and any guests they choose bring with them. Free cookies and juice are served and if students live on campus, it will count as one of their socials.

Each resident on campus, is required to attend a certain number of "socials" and a certain number of "educational."

Rayburn opened up the evening with a toothy smile and a song that he composed with finger-picking style, not strumming, and with no lyrics.

Rayburn is a triple threat.

The comedian, songwriter and guitar player has also started his own record company and recorded three full length CDs that include covers of some songs, his own musical styles and also a few segments of comedy.

Rayburn is only the first of many performers on the Friday Night Live stage. Check out the other acts next month.

Crime WATCH

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, around 11 a.m. on the third floor of Kresge Library, a female student reported to police that a white male wearing a black t-shirt with "Got Milk" on the back, gray sweatpants and no

shoes was staring at her. She said that he had a noticeable erection through his sweatpants. The student said that the man never exposed himself nor did he fondle his genital area or make physical contact with her. The man was described as about 5'8", in his early to mid 20s, 160 lbs and brown, medium length hair.

In Hamlin Hall, a female who

fell asleep with the light on and the door unlocked reported she awoke when she heard a noise in the room. She saw a black male with her roommate's bookbag in his hand. He told her that her roommate told him to get the bookbag. Later her roommate reportedly found the bookbag by the elevator. She asked what had happened and said that she never sent anyone to get the bag. Her roommate later told her that

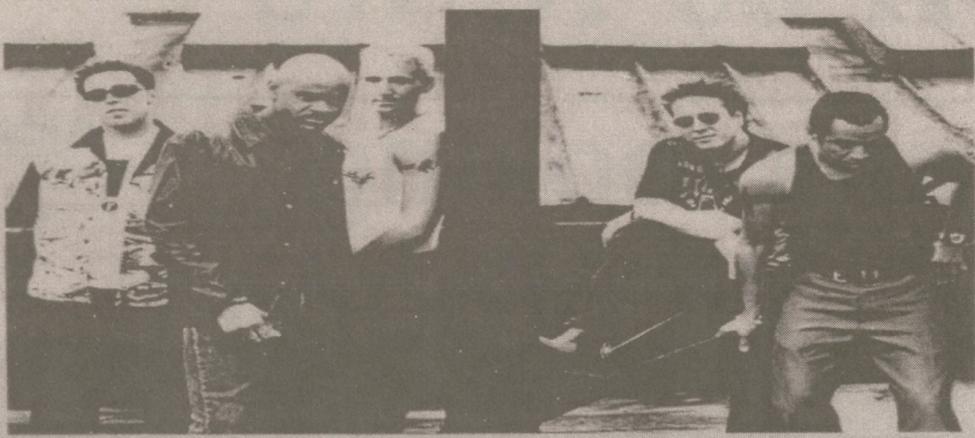
she had seen a guy that fit her roommate's description and another OU student in Kresge Library on the first floor of the computer lab. The recovered bookbag had nothing missing.

A computer science faculty member complained to police that his posted office hours card had been removed from his door on Monday, Sept. 17. On

Tuesday, his name plate on the door, was missing. The faculty member told police that he was concerned for his safety.

A Hamlin Hall students filed a complaint about alleged phone harassment. The student told police that someone claiming to be a relative or the student's mom left six messages. He told police the calls were not for him.

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sage Cigna sent to the community Thursday (that many couldn't access because of unrelated problems with that server), he said his department was originally told that the worm was transmitted server to server only.

By Wednesday morning, they learned the worm was more destructive than CERT and the Federal Bureau of Investigations had thought. It was discovered that it could spread by any contact between machines, be it PC to PC, server to server or PC to server.

"Any computer that accessed an infected server, website or personal computer could be infected," Cigna wrote in the email. He added that the worm could be spread through email but said later that it had not gotten into the email system at OU. He explained that if it had, the worm could take any saved email and send it out to anyone listed in an address book.

Information Technology spent two days trying to rid the system of the worm, making sure machines were not reinfected once cured and updating anti virus software. Cigna said the problem was taken care of by Wednesday evening.

Student computers labs on campus were not infected by the worm but did experience slow response after the server firewall was raised. Fadi Naim, assistant supervisor for the three student labs on campus, said the labs in Dodge Hall, Kresge Library and the Science and Engineering Building have their own firewalls, which are usually set at a medium level. When the worm hit, though, the walls were raised.

"When they did that it made all the other computers work slower... (the firewall) tries to check every single file coming through," said Naim.

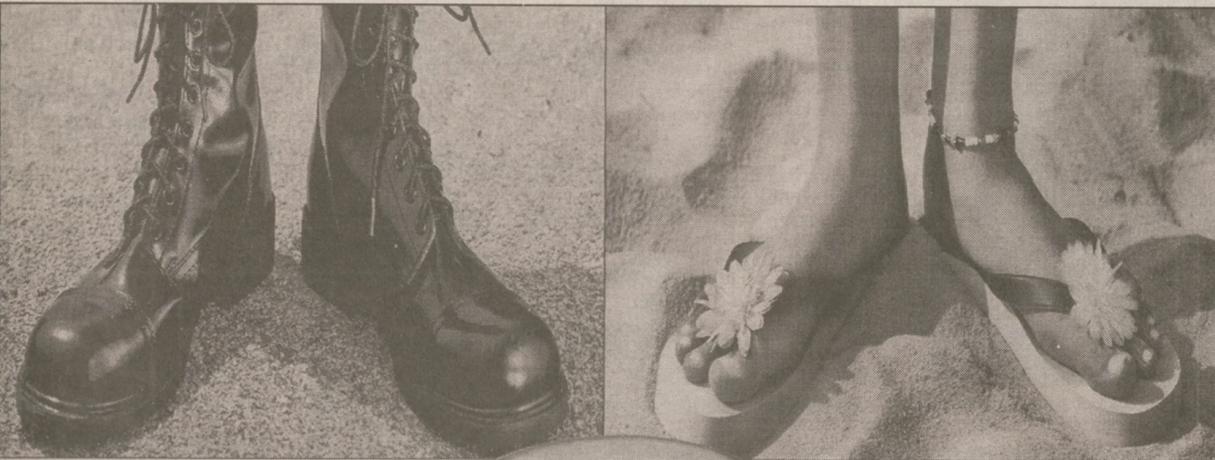
Cigna said the FBI and other agents are looking for the source of the Nimda worm. Last Tuesday rumors spread that the worm was another act of terrorists, but no confirmation of that has occurred.

Cigna offered a few tips to protect home computers against worms and viruses. Update operating systems periodically. Don't open email messages or attachments from unfamiliar addresses. Beware of every website visited. Don't download anything unless it's from a credible source. Install anti-virus software and update it regularly.

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America on Attack: week in review

Wall Street rebounds as Bush Administration targets terrorists

Economy

Wall Street rallied this week, the first time since the terrorist attacks against the nation two weeks earlier. Tuesday's closing numbers reflect investors' faith that stock prices will rebound, including those of major airlines.

Discussion, however, about a \$100 billion economy boost package has fueled some economic uncertainty. In a closed-door meeting on Tuesday, Senate and economic leaders discussed this boost, but noted that it was too early to tell until the earnings picture and military actions are clearer.

Layoff announcements are surging, especially in the airline industry, unemployment is rising and consumers are spending less money on retail and other services, like restaurant dining.

Homefront

President Bush targeted the heart of terrorists on Monday, freezing the assets of 27 people and groups with suspected links to terrorism in an effort to choke off financial support for Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hollywood actors and musicians united during an unprecedented telethon last Friday, generating more than \$150 million in pledges to benefit families of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attack victims.

The tribute was shown on 35 separate networks simultaneously, drawing in nearly 60 million viewers.

It featured actors like Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts making pitches, and numerous musical performances from Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen and many others.

War News

Defense Department officials called more reservists to action Tuesday afternoon, adding 1,940 National Guard troops and service members specializing in communications, intelligence and security.

President Bush pushed an anti-terrorism legislation package Tuesday, stressing it as a "constitutional" and "measured" response to thwart further attacks on America. Momentum for passage of anti-terrorism proposals has slowed in Congress, though, and some members are questioning the constitutionality of some of the tools Bush seeks.

The proposed legislation would, among other things, broaden wiretapping laws and give the INS more power to detain suspects traveling into the country.

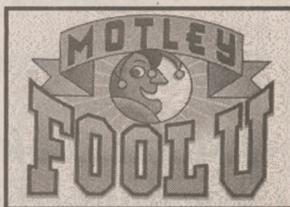
Overseas

Osama bin Laden's Al Qaida organization renewed calls Tuesday for a holy war against the United States as Afghanistan's ruling Taliban mobilized supporters, including thousands of men from Pakistan, and raided U.N. food supplies meant for drought victims.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia announced Tuesday that it had cut all ties to Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, further isolating the central Asian nation as it braces for military strikes by the U.S.

On Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said his nation will intensify its support of Afghan opposition forces and is prepared to supply weapons and military equipment to anti-Taliban forces.

Compiled by Local News Editor Michael Hoskins. Courtesy of online wire reports.



Protecting Yourself First things first: Debts and savings come after emergency plans

Q. I just graduated from college with massive student loans that I will pay off in 10 years. Now that I am working in the real world, I would like to regularly put away some money for retirement in a 401(k) and stash any extra money in an index fund. Would it be better to invest the money now, or apply everything toward eliminating my student loans first? — K.T.

A. This letter came in before the world changed on Sept. 11. Not surprisingly, not much in the way of personal finance questions came in during the week following the attacks. We all had much bigger things on our minds. I selected this letter to answer today because it gives me a chance to put some things in perspective.

We have gotten used to planning for prosperity because that seems to be the most likely future. But none of us ever knows when the mountain will erupt.

Back to K.T. ...

Your dilemma is unchanged. Student loans are cheap debt. Our constant admonition to pay off debt before investing is aimed at consumer debt — credit cards or high-interest debt, where paying it off is likely to earn you a higher return on your money than investing. If your student loans are government guaranteed, the interest rates are at their historical low right now, and you can lock in those low rates for the remainder of your loan's term. So applying more money toward that debt is probably not necessary. But before you start investing, you need to build a base of savings — something to stand between you and the pyroclastic flow.

Money won't protect you from all disasters. It won't help even a little bit for some. It is the nature of disasters to be unexpected, devastating, and different every time. You can go nuts trying to plan for every negative possibility, and, in so doing, lose your chance to plan for the positive. But you can and must build a secure financial base to protect yourself from avoidable disasters and to cushion the impact of the unavoidable ones.

And you need to do it first, before investing. That means making sure you have appropriate insurance: car, life, health, disability. Then you accumulate cash to cover three to six months' worth of living expenses, and, while you are getting these vital things in order, see if you need a will and a health-care power of attorney.

You are young and if you have no family, you probably won't need life insurance yet and might be able to get away without a will for a while, but sometimes it's easier to set such things up while you are focusing on getting your financial house in order. It's simpler to make alterations as needed than to start from scratch. So while you're focusing on building your emergency savings, put the other bricks of your financial wall in place.

Do you have other short-term goals? What about saving for a house? Remember that you only invest money that you can afford to lose and that you won't need for near-term purchases.

Of course, the long term looks different this week. My sense of optimism about the future has been shaken, but not destroyed. Right now, one thing we can all do is make sure our loved ones are protected, in the ways that we can protect them, from as many of life's hazards as can be mitigated by financial resources.

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Career fairs offer students guidance

By Marc Hankins
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It's time for OU students to polish their resumes, put on their best business attire and bring their positive attitudes to the annual Career Fair, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Rec Center.

Around 70 employers will be present at the fair to accept resumes from students and discuss what they want from an employee in today's work force.

Companies like DaimlerChrysler, St. Vincent-Sara Fisher and Morgan Stanley will be at the fair seeking a wide range of majors, including business, psychology and communication, to fill positions.

Placement and Career Services Director Robert Thomas said that by attending the career fair, all students will be able to gain valuable knowledge that will help them in landing the right job.

"I encourage freshmen and sophomores to participate as early as possible, so they get a feel for what's going on," he said. "They can talk with people and start the networking process and start looking for internship and co-op possibilities early."

"But the actual practical fact is that mostly juniors and seniors utilize these activities because they're employment oriented," Thomas said.

The event is part of Career Prep Week, which kicked off this past Saturday and runs through Friday. It is sponsored by OU's Placement and Career Services.

To ensure that students get a well-rounded prelude to the business world, P&CS has also included other activities.

This is the first of two general Career Prep Weeks held

This Week's Career Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 27:

"Marketing Yourself in the Workforce" Seminar, from 12-1 p.m. in the P&CS Conference Room, 158 Vandenberg Hall West.
Professional/Graduate School Forum, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

Friday, Sept. 28:

Mock Behavioral Interviews, from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., in the Oakland Room, OC.
Bank One Open House, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Fireside Lounge, OC.
Two Career Connections workshops, from 12-12:45 p.m., and 3-3:45 p.m., 156 Vandenberg Hall West.

annually by P&CS.

The second will take place during the winter semester.

P&CS is also holding a Health Careers Job Fair on Oct. 24, and a Teachers Recruiting Fair in May.

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America gains perspective, plans for war on terrorism

Two weeks later, we've moved on. A nation in shock transformed into a nation in mourning, then into a nation in unity, proving to the world that we, as President Bush said, "will prevail."

Still, everything has changed. Now, as we begin to flow back into our daily routines, there is an inescapable cloud that lingers.

It is as though we're looking at life through a different light, as if a dirty plate of glass has been placed before our eyes, and everything

we see has a new tint to it.

This is seen even as college students across the country attend classes and sit around with friends, laughing and joking as they did before the tragedy on Sept. 11.

As they make plans for the weekend, President Bush is planning a war, one that could call many of these unassuming students to duty.

Now, united in patriotism as our fathers and grandfathers once were, we are forced to make difficult decisions that impact more

than just ourselves, decisions that could play a significant part in the nation's survival.

With decisions like this looming over the horizon, choices such as which movie to go to and whether or not to skip class seem almost trivial.

For many, the horror and disbelief has worn off with the massive exposure and news coverage. Many students are now able to go about their daily routines, with only a stray thought or two about the tragedy. The terror has seemingly passed.

For many, however, the terror still looms overhead, darkening

their daily lives and clouding every thought. The terror will never end for these people.

Now, as "normalcy" resumes, the radio tributes are in full swing, as well as the recaps of the Sept 11 events.

Flags are now raised from the half-mast positions. Swaying in rhythm with the chilly September winds, they serve as a constant reminder of the state of the nation's mood as we prepare ourselves for war.

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LEISURELY LIVING: Some students prefer living in apartment complexes near campus, like Countryside Townhouses in Auburn Hills.

Off campus apartments appeal to dorm students

By Andrea Zarczynski
THE OAKLAND POST

Students who live in the dorms or who have before know the situation all too well.

They wake up in the morning to the familiar sound of the walls humming from someone's stereo down the hall, hop down from their bunk-bed (making sure to avoid their roommate's leftover pizza on the floor) and either head down the hall to shower in the community bathrooms or struggle to unlock their side of the shared bathroom in the suit.

Leasing an apartment off campus, however, may be a perfect way for students to escape some of the hassles of the dorm environment.

In apartments off-campus, students experience the luxury of more space, quieter surroundings, and private facilities.

Marla Rose, junior, talked about the annoyances of dorm life. "When you're trying to sleep, people usually have their music turned up loud in the dorms," she said.

Guests can also come over late without having to go through security procedures.

Like many students, Rochelle Rea, sophomore, can sympathize with the inconveniences of dorm life. "I hate overnight parking," she said.

Rea explained that when returning from work in the evenings it is "really hard for students (to find a parking spot) who don't work on campus."

Parents who foot the bill for housing can appreciate that the cost of an apartment is generally lower than a dorm.

OU's room and board ranges from about \$450 to \$678 per month. The costs are tacked on with food plans, which can add up to nearly \$800 per semester. Cable is free but special channels such as HBO cost extra.

The relative costs of an apartment in this area range approximately from \$600 for a studio, to \$900 a month for three bedrooms, costs that are typically divided between roommates.

Although these costs may seem high, they are relatively standard when compared to apartments near other Michigan universities.

U-M, for example, is surrounded by apartments that charge about \$500 to \$900 a month, with a two

bedroom costing approximately \$775 to \$875 a month.

For a 15-week semester at U-M, room and board is approximately \$1,000 per month.

To lease an apartment without a co-signer, the students' monthly income has to equal three or four times more than their rent cost per month.

A student who makes less than that, which most students do, would need to find an apartment complex that offers the option of having a co-signer, like a parent who makes the required income.

Without a co-signer, up to two people can combine their salaries to meet the amount needed.

Sheri Bretz, an OU alumna, operates "Apartment Search," a franchise in Rochester Hills that helps people find affordable apartments within their budgets.

According to Bretz, there is only one complex in Auburn Hills and a few in Pontiac that offer co-signing.

The apartment rates are the same all year, though it's more difficult to get an apartment anywhere in the spring or summer. It's advised that if someone wants an apartment for the fall they should apply by July 1.

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Editorial

Attack makes America look inward for suspects

Just two weeks since Americans had their lives turned upside down after terrorists hijacked four airplanes and crashed into the World Trade Center, The Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania, life is returning to a level of normalcy.

As the nation prepares itself for war (of what magnitude few are sure), an internal war is being waged against all Americans who appear to be of Arab decent.

Locally, Arab-Americans in the Detroit area now fear for their lives on a daily basis, and it doesn't just stop there. Some other people, such as Chaldeans, Indians and others from the Middle East, have been lumped into the Arabic-looking group and harassed by those who don't know better. Ironically, most of them were born in the U.S. and have never even visited the countries they are tied to.

The war going on internally between Americans in America is scarier than any sort of nuclear or biological fighting that could ensue in the near future. The hate crimes in Dearborn, which has one of the highest populations of Arab-Americans in the country, the fear instilled in Arab-American business owners and the dirty looks that some clothed Muslim women have had to deal with are just more victories for the terrorists.

Each of us has spent the past two weeks trying to figure out what America should do next, developing our own judgments and mourning the tremendous loss. We've all joined together to fly the American flag and to celebrate our freedom. Radio stations have been playing patriotic songs like Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" and Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American."

Clearly to some, not ALL Americans are created equal, and not ALL Americans should be free - just the one's that look like us.

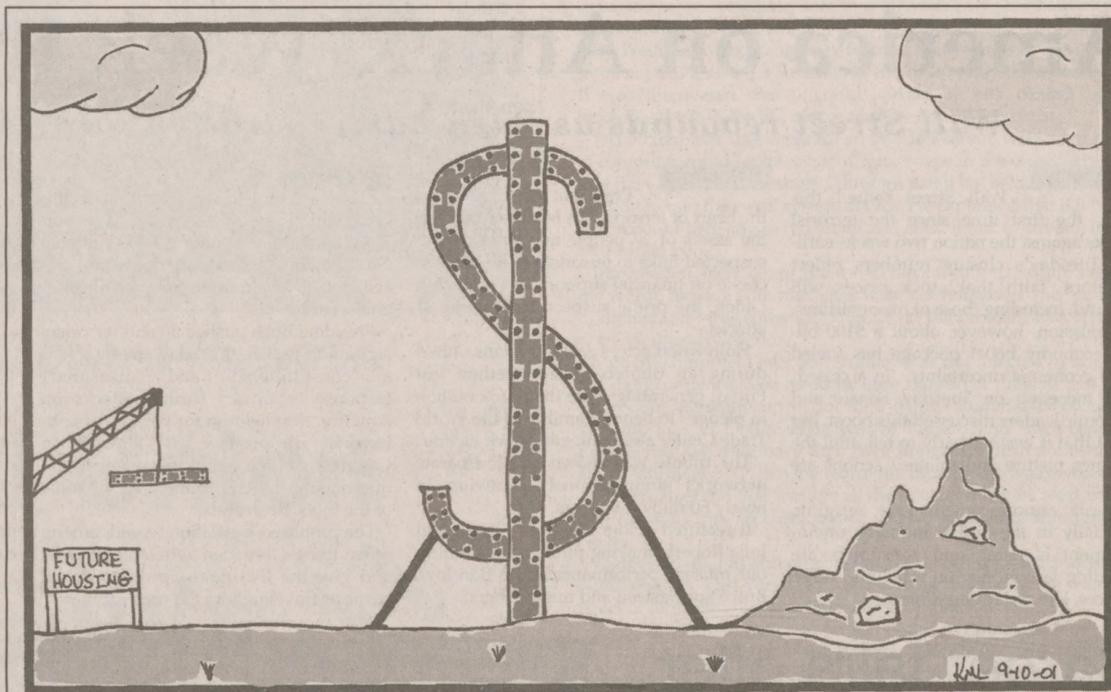
A quotation has been floating around America that states, "We are all Israelis now." Israel is one of many countries that has been plagued with terrorist attacks for decades. Now we know what it feels like.

Before, it was "their problem." Now it's ours too.

Some have asked why "they" hate us so much. Maybe it's because we aren't a very humble society. We flaunt our wealth, prosperity and success in front of the world on a daily basis. If anything positive comes out of these horrific attacks, it should be the way we look at other countries, especially those that are so poor their people go to bed hungry every night, if they have beds to sleep in.

When Americans take the time to realize that all Arabs are not terrorists, and one group of people is not representative of an entire race, then we will be able to stand up together and fight terrorism.

The line from 1768's "The Liberty Song," "By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall" has never been more true.



Letters to the Editor

New dad asks campus to fight ignorance

Dear Editor,

I am a senior at OU and expect to graduate this spring. My wife and I were blessed with the birth of our first child last February, a girl, Maleah. Maleah is now 6-1/2 months old and the apple of my eye.

I am a stay at home dad during the day and a full time student at night. Tuesday, Sept. 11 started out like any normal day for my family. My wife left for work, and I woke up to give my daughter her first feeding of the day. Like every other day, I sat down in our rocking chair, began to feed my daughter and turned on the television. It was moments later that I began to realize that this day would not be "like any other day."

"A plane has just crashed into the World Trade Center in New York." As if these words weren't tragic enough, I then, as many of you did, witnessed a second plane crash into the other WTC tower.

By now, you all know the story and the chain of events that followed. As I sat there feeding my daughter, watching the tragic events unfold in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, I couldn't help but wonder if my wife and I had made a terrible decision to bring a child into this world. As a new father, I am constantly thinking about the many challenges that my wife and I will face as we raise Maleah. Morality, sex, drugs, racism, school violence, the list of lessons to be taught and values to be instilled is daunting as a parent.

Now it would seem that the list would have to include terrorism. What were my wife and I thinking subjecting Maleah to all of this?

The days since the attack on America have provided me with several answers to that question. The many stories of heroism, patriotism, love and support that have emerged out of the wreckage of this terrible tragedy remind me that America and the world is still a place of hope and peace.

Firefighters and police officers risking their own lives to save others; volunteers across the nation donat-

ing their time, effort and money to recovery; citizens across the nation offering their thoughts, prayers, and even their blood... This is the fabric of our nation.

"America the Beautiful," such a difficult phrase to swallow as we watched the devastation on Tuesday and such an obvious observation as we watched our nation unite.

I pray for the families directly affected by the events that have unfolded this week, as I pray for our nation as a whole. I also pray that our campus will demonstrate the same kind of unity that our nation has displayed. I fear, however, that a few citizens could shed a bad light on this community that we call OU.

Wednesday, as I returned to campus, one of the first things I heard out of a fellow student's mouth was "It's all those f***ing Arabs causing all the trouble."

Shortly thereafter, I was sitting in class listening to a lecture when I heard the professor say, "When in Rome, do as the Romans. When in America, do as the ugly Americans do." I found both of these comments disturbing and offensive.

I beg of my fellow students to fight ignorance and support tolerance. We must recognize that Americans are Americans period. The less we recognize this, the bigger the victory for the terrorists that committed these acts.

To OU professors, I simply ask that you be the leaders that we need you to be. You are so important in shaping the young minds that pass through the doors each semester. You must lead by example, and if that is too big a challenge, I pray that you will seek out a different profession.

Once again, I beg all of you to follow our nation's lead and unite as one... as one campus, as one America.

For it is this unity that gives me hope for the future that my Maleah must face.

Andrew Urban
senior, marketing

Student responds to last week's letter

Dear Editor,

After reading Katie Hannon's letter to the editor (Sept. 19: "Numerous lives lost last week"), I felt compelled to respond.

I, too, would like to thank whoever thought it necessary to write "anti-violence/peace, not war" messages outside the OC. And yes, I have been to Arlington National Cemetery, and I have seen the fields of white crosses dedicated to those who gave their lives for the ideals of freedom and democracy. I have cried for the lives lost in the catastrophe of Sept. 11. I have an American flag hanging outside my window as I write this.

But as far as I am concerned, these are reasons enough for me to rally behind messages of peace. Missing tolls are rising and troops are preparing - for what, I don't even want to think about. Haven't we lost enough of our country, enough of our fathers and husbands and sisters and wives, already? And are the citizens of Afghanistan, victimized and starved by a regime they for the most part despise, really any less innocent than the Americans killed in these attacks?

I tend to view war as a necessary evil. Yes, there are times when we as a nation find ourselves backed into a corner with nothing to do but fight our way out. And yes, the evil of terrorism must be stopped, and we are the ones in the position and with the capabilities necessary to do it. But those acres and acres of white crosses at Arlington are

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Quote of the Week



"The terrorists are traitors to their own faith, trying, in effect, to hijack Islam itself. The enemy of America is not our many Muslim friends; it is not our many Arab friends. Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists, and every government that supports them."

-President George W. Bush

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enough reason for me to hope that this time around, such large numbers will not be required to give up their lives, even in a noble fashion. At the risk of crawling into some idealistic hole, the world just doesn't need any more innocent deaths.

Furthermore, I would suggest that calls for peace extend beyond matters

of American foreign policy. Our campus has echoed with calls for students to carry the ideal of peace into their own lives — to avoid making judgments about other creeds, other

lifestyles, about the person sitting next to you in chemistry or French or math, whether it be because they're from a certain country, a certain part of town, even a certain sorority. If we can't do that, what are we sending our soldiers off to fight for?

There is nothing I would like to see more than those responsible for the travesty of Sept. 11 brought to justice. But preserving innocent lives both here and abroad must also be a priority during this national crisis.

I wish I was secure enough to boldly say I can support any and all military action our government may decide to take in the future, but this seems to me just as "idealistic" and perhaps even as naive as spouting "make love, not war" slogans.

There are times when we as a nation have to do what we have to do. But if we are truly the positive force in the world we would like to be, we must stop and think about "your poor, your hungry, your huddled masses" as well as our own brave soldiers before we aim our missiles.

Elizabeth M. Pellerito
sophomore, English

Legislator: Join a student organization

Dear Editor,

I would like to address a subject to all students that I feel very strongly about. That issue would be student involvement on campus.

Last fall, when I literally stepped foot on this campus for the second time (the first being orientation), I had a chance to look upon the most beautiful, breathtaking sight that I have ever seen. That sight wasn't a girl, and it wasn't a sunset, but what it was will probably surprise most students on this campus. It was the sight of a place where students had the chance to be whatever or whomever they wanted to be.

The MIS club, Association of Black Students, Student Congress, Student Program Board, or whatever else your

hobby or affiliation may be, there is no reason not to get involved.

Sure, a lot of people who know me think of me as a student leader now, but to them I ask, "Who was I on that first day of fall semester? And who am I now?" I am the same person that I was on that once scary day. I am the same boy that goes to classes each semester and wonders if I can get by without doing ALL the reading. And I am the same as every other student out there.

Why not get involved? That's the question I'm posing to each and every student out there.... WHY NOT? Too scared to meet new people? Let me personally tell you that there is only one thing that comes out of meeting new people and that is the good feeling you get knowing that you're no different than them and that they are no different than you.

We are all working towards the same goal: to make ourselves better people, more educated people and there is no reason that any student on this campus cannot expand their horizons and join a group. ANY GROUP AT ALL. Just join, or at least ask questions. Find out what organizations are all about. Talk to a representative and get your foot in the door. If you don't like one org, pick another. Little harm comes from meeting other people or becoming more diverse in life. So commuters and dormers alike, I urge you, and I even make this challenge to you: GET INVOLVED! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Matthew Hudson
Legislative Affairs Director
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Views on the STREET

How do you think the parking situation is after almost a month of school? Is there still a problem?

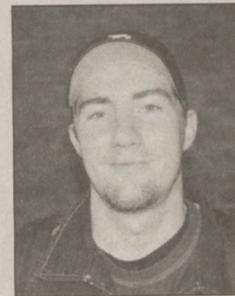


"I really think there is still a problem. There's not enough spaces, and they should have thought about that before letting so many students in."

-Amy VanThomme
senior elementary education

"I think it's terrible. They need to take care of it soon, because I don't want a ticket for something I can't avoid."

-Stan Chelsea
senior psychology/East Asian studies



"Yeah, I think there's still a problem. I was driving around for a half hour trying to find a spot by Hannah Hall today."

-Rob Pazdro
sophomore pre-med

"It seems to have lessened, which has made it easier on me. But there's still a problem, and it's frustrating because I have to leave 45 minutes before class so I can find a parking space."

-Suzanne Siegel
senior elementary education



"Yes, there is. I know I have to come early just to find a parking spot. I leave at 9:30 for my 10:00 class. I love school, but I hate parking!"

-Shereen Mekhael
freshman undecided

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The Career Prep Weeks began seven years ago with 27 businesses coming to OU but has grown in numbers every year since. More than 600 students attended the fall recruiting day last year, visiting the 95 employers that were present. For both groups it was the largest turnout ever.

"It's not just a me situation anymore, it's a we situation," said Thomas referring to the state of employment that Americans now face. "We, as a country, as an educational institution, and as graduates from this institution, have to support the economy and support the United States to continue to grow, and to continue to put talented people in the right places. It's even more important today than a month ago."

If students want more information about any of the events taking place in Career Prep Week, or have any questions, they can stop by the Placement and Career Services office located at 275 Vandenberg Hall West, or phone at 248.370.3250.

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V.I.P. Pancake Breakfast of Champions * 8:30-10:30 a.m. Pioneer Food Court, OC * cost	10% Off One OU Clothing Item (except Golden Grizzlies apparel) OU Bookstore, OC	10% Off One OU Clothing Item (except Golden Grizzlies apparel) OU Bookstore, OC	Movie Matinee: "Spaceballs" FREE Popcorn 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Pioneer Food Court, OC	Women's Soccer: OU vs Oral Roberts 4:00 p.m. Lower Soccer Fields
OU Pep Rally & "Battle of the OU Stars" Noon-1:00 p.m. Outdoors, The Lake (Rainsite: Fireside Lounge, OC)	OU Faculty and Staff Doodling Display and Contest All Day Exhibit Lounge, OC	Student & Greek Organizations Fair 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge, Main Hallway, OC	FREE Ice Cream Sundae Space Tower Noon-1:00 p.m. Pioneer Food Court, OC	2001 All Class Orientation Group Leader (OGL) Reunion 5:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
"Blast-Off" Lecture & Reception with NASA Speaker: Kevin Grazier 4:00-6:00 p.m. Gold Rooms, OC	SPB: Tune-In Game Show Noon-1:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge, OC	"Make A Difference Day" Kick-Off 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Exhibit Lounge, OC	"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Coming Out Day Festivities 1:00-4:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge, OC	University Appreciation Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m. Pioneer Food Court OC
Monday Night Football Party: Detroit Lions vs St. Louis Rams 9:00 p.m. TV Lounge, OC	Inauguration of Coffee & Conversation Noon-1:00 p.m. Heritage Room, OC	"Dip & Dots" Giveaway Exhibit Lounge, OC 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	OU Chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society Open House 5:00-7:00 p.m. Rooms 126-127, OC	"Play Center for All Ages" 5:00-7:00 p.m. Between OC & NFH
HONORARY WOCOU VII CHAIRPERSON Kevin Grazier OU Graduate, CAS '87. Science System Engineer for the Cassini Mission to Saturn at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.	OU's Funniest Videos Contest 8:00 p.m. Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall	SPB: Maxine Maxwell: One Woman Performance 8:00 p.m. Gold Rooms, OC	OU Chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society Open House 5:00-7:00 p.m. Rooms 126-127, OC	MTD: OU Steel Drums 5:15-6:15 p.m. Pioneer Food Court OC
10% OFF ANY ONE ITEM OF MERCHANDISE WITH THIS COUPON AT "THE GRIZZ" IN THE ATHLETICS CENTER Coupon Valid for October 8-12	HOW TO GET TICKETS FOR THE UNIVERSITY APPRECIATION DINNER > OU faculty and staff contact the Office of the President > OU students through the CSA Service Window, 49 OC (One per student.) > Tickets available until October 5	For more information, contact the Center for Student Activities Office, 49 Oakland Center, (248) 370-2400.	ABS & SPB: OU Talent Show 8:00 p.m. Pioneer Food Court, OC	Friday Night Live: Ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger 7:00-8:00 p.m. Food Court, OC
		WOCOU Week of Champions at Oakland University	Friday October 12 Wear "OU" Day WOCOU VII Games Tournament * Noon-5:00 p.m. Bumpers Games Room, OC * cost	OU Home of the Golden Grizzlies

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Friday, October 12
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Monday, October 8
"Battle of the OU Stars" Team Competition
First Place Team: \$150; Second Place Team: \$100; Third Place Team: \$50

Tuesday, October 9
OU Faculty and Staff Doodling Contest
Grand Prize: \$150 (Gift Certificate)

OU's Funniest Videos Contest
First Place: \$100; Second Place: \$50

Wednesday, October 10
"To Infinity and Beyond" Student & Greek Organizations Fair
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For more information on how to enter these contests, contact the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center, (248) 370-2400. Entry forms now available at the CSA Service Window for the OU's Funniest Videos Contest and the OU Talent Show.

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Life on the EDGE

ON CAMPUS

•SPB is bringing the Outback to OU. Playing off the hit show **SURVIVOR**, OU will be selecting 12 students to be contestants in its own version. There will be immunity, reward challenges and tribal counsel. It will take place on Friday, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. until Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. on OU's campus. First prize is \$500.

•OU will bring talks of peace to the campus when **LECH WALES**, the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner and former President of Poland speaks at 3 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the Meadow Brook Theatre.

SHOWS

•Come and break in with **CROWBAR** at 8 p.m. on Oct. 2 at The Shelter in Detroit. The performance will begin with special guests Trickywo & End It. Tickets are on sale and are available at Ticketmaster.

•Fold into the groove with **BEN FOLDS**. Folds is scheduled to come at 8 p.m. on Sept. 30 to Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac. Tickets are on sale now.

•To sum it up, come and jam with **SUM 41**. 89X will sponsor this performance and Unwritten Law & GOB will open. Both are scheduled to appear at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at Clutch Cargo's.

•It's looking pretty tricky for **ZEN TRICKSTERS** who are coming to perform at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

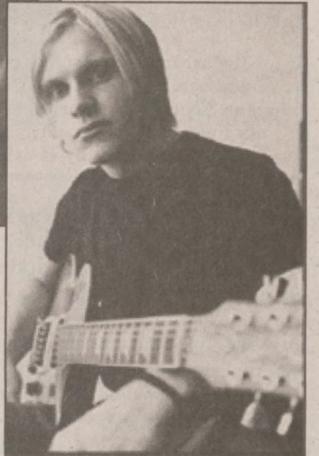
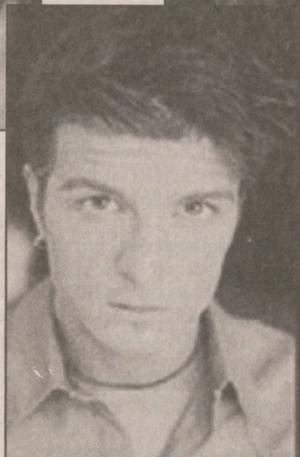
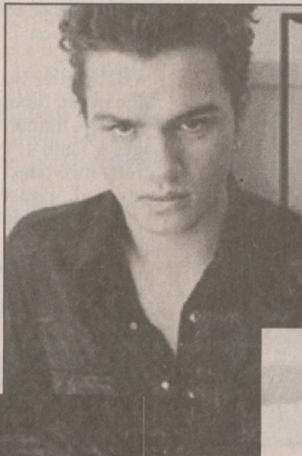
ODD INFO

•You're more likely to get stung by a bee on a windy day than in any other weather.

•When he was nine, Einstein couldn't speak fluently. His parents thought he might be retarded.

•In Kentucky, 50 percent of the people who get married for the first time are teenagers.

STUMBLING INTO BLISS



FACES OF FAME: (L-R) Don Patty, Aaron Schossau, Jordan Barnett, Cheyenne Goff, Bob Cook and Rob Harbin make up the rock band Bliss 66 which hails from Taylor, MI.

This or That?

Lead singer of Bliss 66, Cheyenne Goff, shares his likes and dislikes with The Oakland Post.

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK:

Detroit acts Kid Rock and Eminem have made the metro area a place to be recognized when it comes to making music. Bliss 66, composed of six men from Taylor, is hitting the airwaves with its hit "Sooner or Later." The band is made up of (back row) Jordan Barnett on keyboards and vocals, Aaron Schossau on rhythm guitar, Bob Cook on drums, and (front row) Rob Harbin on lead guitar and vocals, Don Patty on bass and Cheyenne Goff on lead vocals. The band will play tomorrow night at the Emerald Theatre in Mt. Clemens. It's first album, "Trip to the 13th" is now in stores.

Photos courtesy of Bliss 66

Band takes trip toward stardom

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

With just the right amount of sex appeal, great vocals, strong beats and deadly drums, Bliss 66 takes listeners on an euphoric journey.

Exploding onto the music scene with its hit, "Sooner or Later," the six guys from Taylor, MI climbed the charts and are sure to "Do it Again" with their debut CD "Trip to the 13th."

"We play for our fans because we want to connect to them," 20-year-old lead vocalist Cheyenne Goff said. "We don't just go on stage for ourselves, it's for them too. It's for them to feel. We have learned that we will play for five or 500 people, and will still love every moment of it."

Goff's influences include Fleetwood Mac, Axl Rose and Richard Ashcroft, helped to write some of the tracks on "Trip."

The band's album was produced by Glen Ballard, who has also produced chart-topping artists such as Alanis Morissette, Dave Matthews Band and No Doubt. Bliss 66 is sure to exceed all of them and be one of the most promising bands to come out of the Detroit area.

"We sent him a 19 song demo, the cream of the crop, and he just really liked it and decided to sign us," Goff said.

It's all because of the solidity of the band's music. The band members aren't all about themselves either, making them a great candidate for real stardom.

Behind Goff's crooning, powerful vocals is Aaron Schossau's melodic rhythm guitar. Schossau, whose influences include Def Leppard, Bon Jovi and Bryan Adams, primarily wrote the 11 tracks on "Trip."

Jordan Barnett is the man behind the keyboards who solidifies the package with help from Bob Cook drumming away. Rob Harbin's lead guitar stirs up the mix along with Don Patty's bass lines dancing on music notes in the songs.

"The benefits of being in this band are amazing. Seeing people after the show and playing music that connects with people takes precedence," Goff said. "But sleeping in our Excursion doesn't do much for anyone's social life, but then again, I am not much for social intercourse."

Even if Bliss 66 looks a little rough on the outside to some, look deeper into the lyrics and see the soul.

"Crazy world" was written about the tragedy in Colorado when the Columbine High shootings took place. Goff came home from school and reacted to the images he saw on CNN and then wrote the song.

"I remember being so moved that I just grabbed my guitar," Goff said. "I wanted to be a voice of comfort. I felt like I could really sympathize with the tragedy, I saw some chaotic things when I lived in the barrio."

His words seem like cries for the people that had no voice of their own in their time of need.

"I didn't want to be the one to tell ya, didn't want to see you cry. I think we both know why, but baby it's not right, hold your head up high, dry your crying eyes, take my hand, I'll help you stand," Goff sings.

Goff said that his favorite song on the album "varies from show to show. It depends on what the crowd feels." But one of his definite favorites is "Defence," the last track on the album.

"It is raw emotion, it is something that wasn't filtered or tainted or anything. It is just pure emotion. I love it," Goff said.

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We play for our fans because we want to connect to them. We don't just go on stage for ourselves, it's for them too.

Cheyenne Goff
Lead vocalist

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Uttering lyrics like, "You knew all too well that I am nothing without you" and "I am full of remorse, you don't even have to hurt my pride," bring the sad love song to life, remembering when those sentiments were expressed.

The first song on the album, "Paramont" is painted with harmonizing vocals and strong guitar. The lyrics are even catchier with the perfect combination that has been mastered by the band.

"I know we are not the same, and I know that people change and, I know that you're gonna find out what life is all about...I've never felt like this before. This time I feel it so much more. I think I'm drowning in your flood, I just can't live without your love."

Their mature and poetic lyrics surpass their baby-blue eyes and boyish good looks, making them more than just passing faces.

"This record is strong in the song department, and I think that there may be something that we sacrificed for that, but I put a lot of weight on the lyrics," said Goff. "But I have learned that pillows are good on the road. I definitely like pillows."

Bliss 66 will be at the Emerald Theatre tomorrow. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$12.50 at the door or \$10 in advance.

Check out the band's website at www.bliss66.com in order to view pictures, send fan mail or to learn more about the band.

Student Affairs

Updating OU

Campus Rec News

* The Ultimate Sports Challenge - Deadline for sign up teams is Oct. 1st. The challenge will consist of events including bench press, 3-point shot, football throw, sit-ups, push-ups, a mini-triathlon and more. The more teams the more fun and competitive the challenge will be. Each team will consist of four people and each person has to compete in at least one event. Sign up at the Rec Center today!

* Personal Training - The new personal training program has not started. To set up sessions and for student rates call Mila at 370-4910. The sessions are one-hour long. The first package purchased must be a minimum of three sessions.

* Reflexology - Focuses on tense muscles in the foot and/or hands. The foot is said to have a connection to organs, glands and other parts of the body. To set up an appointment for reflexology call Mila at ext. 4910 or Kelly at ext. 4911.

Graham Health Center

Are you up-to-date on your immunizations? The hepatitis B series, tetanus, and meningitis vaccines are available at GHC. TB tests can also be administered to all students, and are especially recommended for any student who traveled abroad over the summer. It is important that you learn about these diseases and decide if the vaccine is right for you. Call ext. 2341 or email health@oakland.edu for further information.

Depression Screening Day

Feeling sad, unable to get going, concentrate and to experience pleasure in your life? Sign up or just come and participate in the Depression Screening Day Program sponsored by the Counseling Center on Thursday, October 11 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. The Counseling Center is located in the Graham Health Center building. For more information and/or registration, contact the Counseling Center at 370-3465. The program is free.

Disability Support Services

Volunteers are needed for Disability Awareness Week to work simulation tables on October 8th. The whole month of October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact the Disability Support Services office at ext. 3266.

This Week

All-Star Basketball Season Starts
Campus Recreation all-star basketball season 2001-02 starts this week. Games will be played on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. All games take place on court 1 and 2 downstairs in the Rec Center.

September 22-September 28

Surf's up at Placement & Career Services! Career Prep Week is happening September 22-September 28. Events include Seniors: Set your Sails!, workshops, and the Fall Career Fair. All events are FREE! Surf our website at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> for details or call 370-3250.

Wednesday, September 26

Placement & Career Service's Career Fair is happening from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Student Athletic and Recreation Center. Surfing the net only gets you so far, so meet face to face with employers and catch the wave to your successful future! For further details call (248) 370-3250 or stop by 275 West Vandenberg.

Wednesday, September 26

Office of Equity Graduate Prep Workshop presented by Professor Barbara Hamilton, Director for Test Preparation Program, College of Arts and Sciences, noon-1 p.m., Lake Superior Room A, Oakland Center.

Thursday, September 27

Professional/Graduate School Forum, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center.

Thursday, September 27

Kick-off meeting for DAGIS (Disability Awareness Group Integrating Students), 12 noon-1 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center. If you are interesting in joining or helping out DAGIS plan fall events, stop by for the first meeting. For further information contact Fuhrman@home.msen.com.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 5

7:00 p.m. RHP's Friday Night Live Comedy Series presents Greg Hahn, one of the most absurdly energetic fun comics on the scene today. With his unique style of physical humor, one liners, and crowd work, Greg is known by almost every club owner in the country. Seen on Comedy Central's "Make Me Laugh," and Louis CK's "Pulp Comics," he is not to be taken seriously. FREE admission, Vandenberg Cafeteria. See you there.

Wednesday, October 24

Health Careers Job Fair, time yet to be announced, in the Oakland Center.

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Horoscopes

This week there is a strong urge to get things done and pile on more and more activities, and, remarkably, most of us might get a whole lot of it done. Ironically, those who will be most productive will be the people who use their insights to work smarter, not harder.

Aries

You might not have a whole lot of power in your relationships this week, but on the positive side you can relax while someone else runs the show. Try not to argue with decisions for the sake of disagreeing.

Taurus

Don't be afraid to take action in a romantic situation; if your motives are pure, the results will probably be for the best. Be open to new ideas that come from out of the blue.

Gemini

A major conflict is done, if not almost to a close; now is the time to take a breather. Your romantic life might have been neglected for a while, so go out and have fun if you can.

Cancer

You'll probably feel like staying at home this week, which might not be a bad thing. Make it a priority to unwind by the end of the week, as regular stresses may be more annoying than usual.

Leo

First, the bad news: you might be a little cranky this week. On the positive side, your moods are probably just you being more sensitive than usual, which will make you more aware of things, both good and bad, that are happening in your life.

Virgo

Now is the time to rest a bit, if you haven't already. Work on balancing your life between playtime and work time, even though, for you, they sometimes overlap.

Libra

Figure out what you want, lay out a plan and, surprisingly, you may get the support you need. What you do may not change things at this very moment, but it will have an impact later.

Scorpio

Peace and quiet can be rejuvenating this week, though it may be hard to find. You've got the right idea about a difficult situation, but all parties may not be ready to move forward; try to have patience.

Sagittarius

Contacting old friends and relatives turns out to be a learning experience. Putting in more effort at work this week has a higher chance of giving you a financial payoff.

Capricorn

It's easy to get carried away with things at work, so make sure you aren't taking things too seriously. A fun date or some type of light activity may be the best thing for you this week.

Aquarius

You might not be as sharp as usual this week, but your perspective will reveal things you missed before. A situation may require a little more patience than you originally thought.

Pisces

Your general goals are clear this week; go after what you want. A friend or even a foe may help you with your cause if you have the patience to explain your actions.

Chicago-based freelance writer Damon Brown has been studying the occult for 10 years. He contributes to many publications, including Playboy.com and The Source, and can be reached through his website at <http://www.geocities.com/nomadgames/>.

Read The Oakland Post online at www.oakpostonline.com

Default's sound soothes listeners

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Listeners won't be wasting their time with Default's new CD "The Fallout." The band's first single, "Wasting My Time," can be heard across radio stations, and the video is getting some airplay on MTV and VH1.

With 11 tracks that would please any audience, Default is sure to follow in the footsteps of many other great bands that have gone before.

The group's sound is comparable to that of Creed, Nickelback and 3 Doors Down. It is a little like Bush on speed.

The sweet sounds of lead vocalist Dallas Smith soothes listeners running emotions while the smooth guitar riffs of Jeremy Hora accompany the lyrics perfectly.

The drums, played by Danny Craig, are not too heavy, and Dave Benedict's bass lines are steady, providing the foundation of the songs.

"This is not for real, afraid to feel. I just hit the floor, don't ask for more. I'm wasting my time, wasting my time. You can stop the feeling, there is no

reason, just make the call and take it all," sings Smith on the track.

Smith doesn't feel as if he is wasting his time with the rock band.

"We're just four guys who like to rock," said Smith.

The band formed in the summer of 1999 when Hora and Craig decided it was time to start a serious band after kicking around the Vancouver music scene for four years. Smith and Benedict were soon added to the line up. The band played around Canada under the name The Fallout but changed its name to Default the next year.

Chad Kroeger, the guitarist and vocalist of Nickelback, produced the band's latest CD.

The only problem that can be foreseen with the band is its extreme resemblance to Creed's musical style. But Default, with its own personality, sets itself apart from the rest of the blur in the music business and captures some essential elements needed to make it big. It won't "Let You Down."

Check out the band's CD being released on Oct. 2. Visit its website at www.tvtrekrecords.com.



FALLING IN LINE: Vancouver based rock band, Default, will release its sophomore album on Oct. 2 titled "The Fallout." The band is made up of Dallas Smith on vocals, Jeremy Hora on guitar, Danny Craig on drums and Dave Benedict on bass. Its track "Deny" has already had major airplay around Canada. The band has also been seen on VH1 and MTV.

Photo courtesy of Default

Students engage in Hispanic Celebration

By Carmen Abrego
THE OAKLAND POST

Today from noon - 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge there will be a discussion on Latin Politics titled "Expanding Trade and Shrinking Democracy in the Americas." The lecture will be facilitated by Alan Epstein, Special Lecturer, Political Science.

Guest speaker Maria Spicer-Escalante will host a lecture entitled "Children Who Grow up in Bilingual Homes," from noon - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 in Gold Rooms B & C of the Oakland Center.

Latin Crafts Night will take place from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Oct. 4 in the Vandenberg Dining Center, of Vandenberg Hall.

The Hispanic Celebration 2001 Committee is offering everything from salsa dance lessons and lectures to lunch and crafts nights.

The sounds of DJ Luis Mendoza kicked-off the celebration on Latin Rhythms Night on Sept. 13. Free salsa dance lessons were enjoyed by OU guests during the evening.

Keynote Speaker, Belda Garza, Michigan State Representative opened the ceremonies in the Fireside Lounge last Monday, Sept. 17.

Garza was the first of two Hispanic Democrats elected to the Michigan Legislature. She hopes more women will be elected in the

future. Garza is active in helping the Detroit Public Schools in the Hispanic community. She also emphasized her interest in higher education for Latinos.

"Bilingual education is very dear to me," said Garza. Boloria Sosa, Director of Office of Equity, introduced Garza at the ceremony.

"As we reflect on the horrible tragedy in New York and Washington D.C., we must also reflect on the importance of looking at all cultures to learn from and grow with," said Sosa.

"We must focus on the beauty and wonder that each of us brings to our interactions with others. We are a unique and wonderful nation, and our joy in celebrating other cultures transcends the continent of the world. I encourage you to participate in Hispanic Celebration. One of the greatest gifts of democracy is participation. Let's participate in celebrating each other."

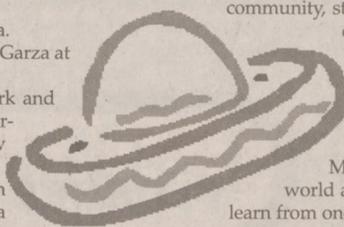
The ceremony included a buffet of Mexican dishes prepared by Aramark. Music from a Mariachi band from Detroit's Mexicantown and the intense energy of the "Folklorico" dance group from the Holy Redeemer Cultural Center entertained an appreciative audience.

As Jean Ann Miller, Director of the Center of Student Activities said, "In light of the time of crisis our nation is experiencing, how timely it is for OU to be recognizing the value of honoring the diversity of our community, starting with Hispanic people and their enriching culture. Little did any of us know how impacting the events of the few weeks would be on any of us, academically, professionally and appropriately."

Miranos! is the theme of the Hispanic Celebration which means look at us in the Hispanic. Miller pointed out how the theme ties in with the world around us. "It reflects how we can live, love and learn from one another," said Miller.

An essay contest for OU students is part of the Hispanic Celebration 2001. The first prize is \$500 and second prize \$100, to the person who writes the best essay on how they would recruit Latino students to OU.

The closing ceremonies of the Hispanic Celebration will take place from noon - 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 in Fireside Lounge of the OC. The Keynote Speaker will be OU President Gary Russi. Essay contest winners will be featured and free refreshments and music will be provided.



LISTEN UP: CDS FOR SALE

By Jim Vergeldt
THE OAKLAND POST

The Strokes
"Is This It"

The bidding war is over. RCA Records is the winner, and it'll be putting out the debut album by The Strokes. Eventually.

"Is This It" was scheduled for release on Tuesday, but is being delayed in order to replace the song "New York City Cops." Although it is one of the catchiest on an album that is filled with memorable hooks, it also has the greatest potential to offend.

Though the song is about a dysfunctional relationship, and not police officers, the lyric referring to New York City Cops as "not too smart" could be offensive in light of recent events.

"New York City Cops" isn't the only infectious song on this impressive debut. The album kicks off with the title track, a peppy tune that is deceptively mellow. "The Modern Age" follows it up. It slowly builds in pace and volume until you hear the guitars of Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond crank into a blazing fury, and lead singer Julian Casablancas howling "I want you right now, never let me go."

All eleven songs on "Is This It" are irresistibly infectious. "Last Night" is a poppy number that is reminiscent of The Pretenders. "Soma" brings to mind The Velvet Underground, and there are several songs that will instantly make listeners think of Weezer. But despite the obvious influences on The Strokes, "Is This It" is distinctively its own sound.

It's definitely worth your hard-earned money. RCA has not yet set a new release date, but it could be as soon as Oct. 9.

Ryan Adams
"Gold"

There have been songs and even entire albums that have told compelling stories, but the latest album from former Whiskeytown frontman Ryan Adams does more than just tell a story. It tells his story.

Few artists are as open and free in their songwriting as Adams is. His 2000 solo debut, "Heartbreaker," was a stark, introspective record that laid bare his own broken heart. Where "Heartbreaker" was his time of depression and mourning, "Gold" is his first tentative steps toward healing.

The entire album is an open letter to an unnamed person. Adams is coming to terms with his loss, and he's doing it publicly. The effect on the listener is one of complete empathy. One cannot help but feel for this man.

The title describes the way the streets and buildings look during sunset in Los Angeles. At the time that he recorded it, Adams had just moved from New York City to L.A.

The first song, "New York, New York," is about this move, but as you listen to the song you get the impression that he's giving up more than a home. He's giving up on his lost love, and on the memories the city holds.

"New York, New York" is the first single off of "Gold," and it's easy to see why. It's so catchy and

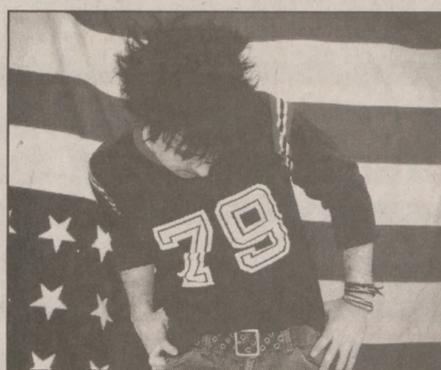


Photo courtesy of Lost Highway Records
BORN IN THE USA: Ryan Adams of Whiskeytown fame, released his sophomore effort, "Gold" on Tuesday.

touching it'll have you singing along before you even learn the words.

"Firecracker" is the second song on the album, and keeps the tempo up and the mood light.

The third track, "Answering Bell," is marked by Adams upbeat banjo and the backing vocals of Counting Crows lead singer Adam Duritz.

Then the mood changes. The lyrics are less hopeful, and even despairing. In "La Cienega Just Smiled" he sings, "And I hold you close in the back of my mind. Feels so good but damn it makes me hurt." You get the sense that depression has set in. It gets even worse on "The Rescue Mission" when he sings, "And everybody wants to see you suffer. They know that you need the pain so much."

Four more down tempo songs follow, but when the listener hears Adams sing, "It's too late baby. Baby it's too late. Learn how to change and maybe I could stay" on "Enemy Fire" they know he's going to be ok. And by this point in the album they really care.

The journey isn't over though. Just like in any healing process there are high points and low points, but people get through them.

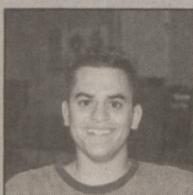
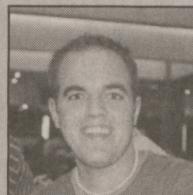
Adams also stretched musically to make this album. This isn't straight alt-country ala Whiskeytown. Blues, gospel, soul and R&B are mixed in with some country and a major dose of straight forward, classic rock 'n' roll.

For all the great songs Ryan wrote for this album, it would be nothing without the excellent backing musicians he has assembled. Duritz does backing vocals on several tracks. Chris Stills, son of Steven Stills, plays bass and electric guitar on numerous songs. Benmont Tench, of Tom Petty's band, plays the Hammond B-3 organ on a few tracks. But it is the contributions of producer Ethan Johns that have the most impact. He plays the B-3, electric guitar, 12-string guitar, cello, drums, congas and more. The varying performers help to make this a more diverse and just plain excellent album.

Adams had originally intended for the album to be a double CD set, but decided that it would be too much music. However, the first 75,000 copies include a 5-song bonus disc.

"Gold" was released Tuesday on the Lost Highway label.

What's in Your CD Player?

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- "Yeah! You ain't cool, unless you pee your pants!"
- "Are you the keymaster?"
- "You're gonna eat lightnin,' and you're gonna crap thunder."
- "I'm sure I don't do anything you would find exciting. I don't open beer bottles with my toes. I don't sit around and count what's left of my teeth. Hey, I don't even enjoy a good tractor pull."

4 SCORE

The top 4 movies at the box office this past weekend were:

1. Hardball
2. The Others
3. The Glass House
4. Rush Hour 2

TRUE OR FALSE?

25% OF PEOPLE SAY THEY CAN DETECT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOW EACH NOSTRIL PERCEIVES SMELL.

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Portland 3
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September 23
Oakland 1
New Mexico 0

WOMEN'S SOCCER

September 19
Oakland 1
Youngstown State 0

September 23
Southern Cal 3
Oakland 1

VOLLEYBALL

September 21
IUPUI 3
Oakland 1

September 22
Valparaiso 3
Oakland 0

September 25
Bowling Green 3
Oakland 0

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

September 22
Oakland NTC

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

September 21
Oakland 7th

UPCOMING GAMES

MEN'S SOCCER

•4 p.m., Sept. 28 - IPFW
•4 p.m., Oct. 3 - Michigan

WOMEN'S SOCCER

•1:30 p.m., Sept. 28 - Southern Utah
•12:30 p.m., Sept. 30 - IUPUI

VOLLEYBALL

•6 p.m., Sept. 28 - Western Illinois
•5 p.m., Sept. 29 - Chicago State

CROSS COUNTRY

•Time TBA, Sept. 29 Rambler Invitational at Loyola Chicago

WOMEN'S GOLF

•Time TBA, Oct. 12-13 at Eastern Kentucky Fall Invitational

MEN'S GOLF

•Time TBA, Sept. 29-30 at Bay Valley Intercollegiate (Saginaw Valley State)

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

•7 p.m., Sept. 28 Black and Gold Intrasquad

Kieffer leads Grizzlies, finishes sixth in meet

By Jim Vergeldt
THE OAKLAND POST

Kristie Kieffer finished sixth out of 118 runners at the 12th annual Spartan Invitational on Friday, leading her team to seventh place in the meet hosted by Michigan State University.

Kieffer posted her fastest time of the season on the soggy course at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing, finishing the 5K race in 18:06.6.

Kieffer's consistent improvement has not gone unnoticed. She was named Mid-Continent Conference Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week for the week of Sept. 10 after winning the first two meets of the sea-

son and improving her time by 16 seconds. Freshman Melissa Nassers finished 24th, and senior Jennifer Kunst was close behind in 27th.

Rounding out the scoring for OU was senior Theresa Derwinski in 54th and freshman Kara Coraci who took 73rd. Derwinski and Coraci both ran their fastest race of the season, improving their times by 16 and 11 seconds respectively.

"The times were pretty good," coach Paul Rice said. "Almost everybody on the team ran their fastest time of the year."

Junior Stephanie Colombe cut 10 seconds off her previous best time, and has knocked nearly three minutes off her time from the beginning of the season.

Running in only her second collegiate race, freshman Andrea Sutter showed the most dramatic improvement.

She cut 1:12 off her time from the first race of the season.

MSU senior Ann Somerville won the individual title with a time of 17:43.3. The Spartans placed four runners in the top five and won the meet easily with only 20 points. OU's 157 points placed it seventh out of nine teams.

The team was supposed to have the weekend off, but since they did not run in the Mel Brodt Invitational at Bowling Green on Sept. 15, the Spartan Invitational was added to the schedule.

"We just took a weekend off a week earlier," coach Rice said.

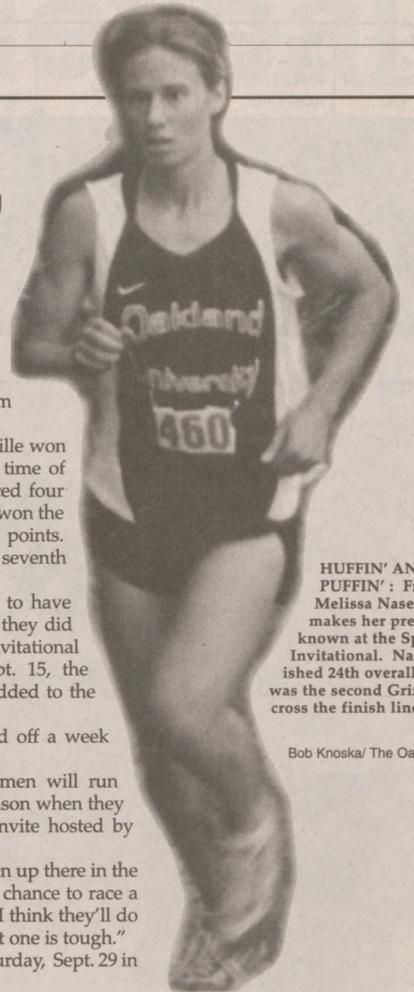
The Golden Grizzly women will run their first 6K race of the season when they compete in the Rambler Invite hosted by Loyola University.

"We've got some freshmen up there in the top five that haven't had a chance to race a 6K yet," coach Rice said. "I think they'll do fine, but sometimes the first one is tough."

The Rambler Invite is Saturday, Sept. 29 in Chicago.

Top 10 places at the Spartan Invitational:

1. Ann Somerville MSU
2. Michelle Carson MSU
3. Bobbie Hardbarger U of Akron
4. Jammie Krzyminski MSU
5. Katie Anderson MSU
6. Kristie Kieffer OU
7. Brook Creed CMU
8. Cindy Durocher MSU
9. Karen LeRoy CMU
10. Danielle Quisenberry CMU



HUFFIN' AND PUFFIN': Freshman Melissa Nassers makes her presence known at the Spartan Invitational. Nassers finished 24th overall and was the second Grizzly to cross the finish line.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

OU ousted by IPFW, falls to 0-2 in pre-season

By Allison Lingenfelter
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The OU tennis team lost to Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne, 4-3 Sunday at Wayne State University. Senior Theo Nae defeated Carrie in number one singles, 6-1, 6-1 and senior Kristy Sabat defeated Swanson, 6-2, 6-2 in the number two singles.

Number One doubles partners Nae and Sabat went on to capture another win from IPFW's Jill Carie and Karen Swanson, 8-3.

Junior Kelly Cole thought that Nae and Sabat showed great confidence and played well.

"After they both won singles they were confident for the doubles. They are the only returning doubles so they had the advantage of knowing the way each other plays," Cole said.

Senior Jennifer Herrera also recorded a win for the Grizzlies in the number five singles IPFW's Lindsay White, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

"Jennifer Herrera pulled off a great three set match. I was really proud

of her. She played really well," said Coach Heather Redshaw.

Cole agreed and spoke of the team being convinced she would be victorious.

"It was a tough match and we were all pulling for her. We knew she would come out strong," Cole said.

Redshaw is impressed with the way her team played.

"I thought the team played really well, even better than against the University of Detroit," Redshaw said.

This year there are four returning players - Nae, Sabat, Herrera and Sophomore Dawn Dillard, along with two new players Cole and Freshman Kelly O'Keefe.

The team is small but is working hard and looking forward to the spring matches. Between now and then the team will continue to practice and work on it's skills.

"I think that we did pretty good for starting off the season, but we still have a lot of work to do," Cole said. "With this being our pre-season it's a great view of things we need to

work on for spring."

Oakland falls to 0-2 this season with the loss. The tennis team's next match is October 6, where they travel to Cleveland, Ohio to play Cleveland State.

Spring tennis schedule

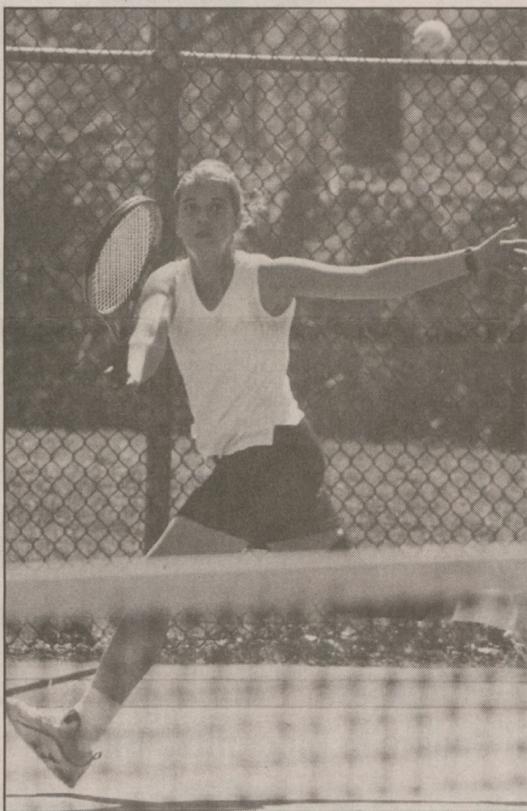
March 13 at Detroit

April 5 UMKC

April 6 Southern Utah
April 6 Oral Roberts

April 12 IUPUI
April 12 Chicago State

April 13 Valparaiso
April 13 Western Ill.



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RALLYING FOR A FOREHAND: Senior Theo Nae returns a volley during the IPFW match at Wayne State University on Sunday.

We'll be right back after these messages

Have you ever watched a television program that was interrupted by a breaking news story? Could you imagine this happening at a live sporting event?

Last Thursday the New York Rangers and the Philadelphia Flyers were playing an exhibition game which was interrupted.

During the second intermission the big screen became host to President George W. Bush.

Instead of the last period of play in the hockey game, the crowd demanded to watch the president address the nation. The fans gave a standing ovation to the presidential address, which prompted the players to voluntarily end the game with its score tied, 2-2.

I found this to be uncharacteristic of typical American society. But right now nothing is really that surprising.

We are in the height of sports

right now - college football, professional baseball, hockey, and football are all going on.

I usually spend my Sundays on the couch watching game after game. I just don't want to anymore.

Sure I tuned in to the terrible display of football that was the Lions' game Sunday, and yeah I actually witnessed the Tigers win a game this season, but it just seemed so trivial.

I am not alone in this thought either, as evidenced by the crowd of the Flyers' game. Two weeks after the terror's game place sports are still taking a back seat. The events of the nation are what Americans continue to talk about.

I could not imagine this country allowing government events to take precedence over sports before the tragedy occurred.

One of the biggest news stories a few weeks ago was Barry Bonds' chase after the Major League

Baseball homerun record. Now even though he is so close to breaking the record, it just isn't going to have the same effect. It seems almost insignificant.

Granted it's a phenomenal accomplishment, but compared to the disaster the homerun record is not as important.

Edward Norton' from Fight Club said it best, "After fighting, everything else in your life has got the volume turned down."

The petty complaints and problems of construction, school and work have gotten their volume turned down. What's going on in the country finally matters more to people than just the people who lead us.

It's great. We have come together and will get through this as a nation. We are starting to live life normally again but at the same time we are aware of the events that could and are likely to occur.

So my question now is how long will this last? When is everyone's sudden patriotism going to end?

When will society return to the way it was before the attacks?

Being the realist that I am, I know this feeling of camaraderie and helpfulness is temporary. Pretty soon most of us will go back into our little self-involved worlds forgetting to look at the bigger picture.

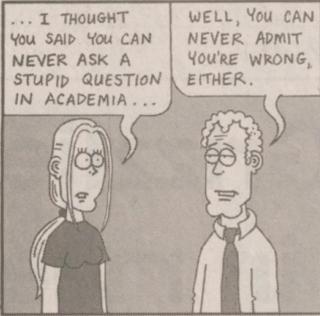
No one will be concerned with what the government is doing, unless of course they get taxed or if there is more construction on I-75.

Part of me wants to believe that Americans will continue to behave as they did Thursday and realize sports is entertainment, but war is real. The future of our country will eventually have a greater impact on us than the results of a game, big or small.

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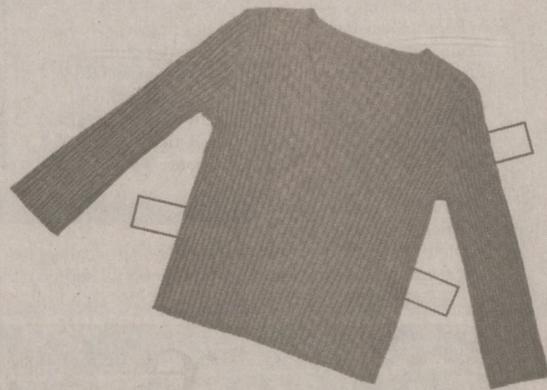
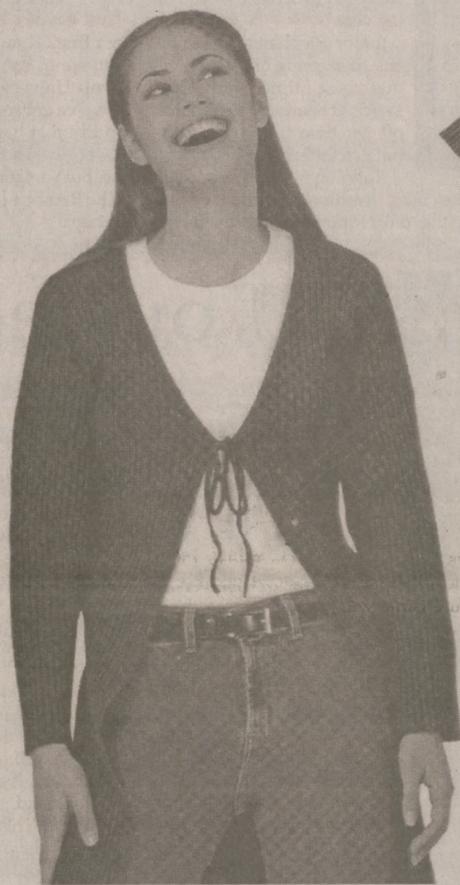
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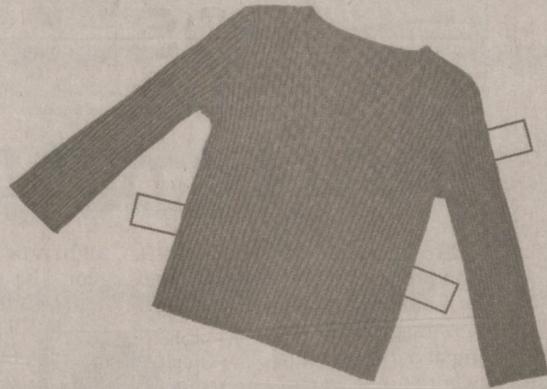
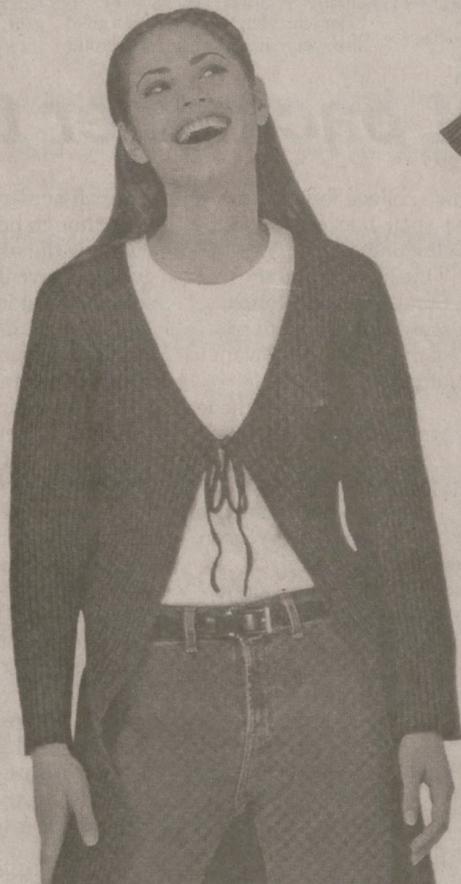
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Rocky start for volleyball

Team goes 0-2 to start Mid-con season

By Scott Anderson
THE OAKLAND POST

The Mid-Con season got off to a disappointing start for the Golden Grizzly Volleyball team as it fell to IUPUI and Valparaiso on the road.

The Grizzlies started off the Mid-Con campaign Friday night at IUPUI with a 3-1 loss. The only bright spot in an otherwise disappointing effort was the Grizzlies first game victory over the Jaguars.

"We played like a team in the first game, but IUPUI just wanted it more," said Senior Cloretta Porter.

Oakland posted a 30-21 win, but lost the next three games 30-19, 30-25 and 32-30 to lose the match.

The Grizzlies next opponent was Valparaiso Saturday night. The results at Valpo were not much better as the Grizzlies fell to the Crusaders 3-0. The Grizzlies fell in all three games by scores of 30-19, 30-21, and 30-20.

"I wasn't truly happy with the amount of effort we put in. We're still trying to grow into this level. I'm disappointed with the seniors and their leadership," said Coach Ed Tolentino.

For both games, the senior leaders played below average. In the two matches senior Tess Pierce was the only bright spot with a 35 percent attack percentage for the IUPUI game. However, her percentage dropped to 19 percent in the Valparaiso game.

Porter says that the team played well in the

first game of the IUPUI match before losing the last three.

"It was just due to IUPUI wanting it more, we should have put up a bigger fight," she says.

Seniors Carmen Trippett, Cheryl Briddell, and Porter also had rough games. Trippett had a five percent attack percentage versus Valparaiso, while Briddell and Porter combined for only three blocks in both contests. Blocking had been the Grizzlies strongest asset until these matches.

"We need to work with our blocking, it has to revitalize itself, our blocking has kept us in the game," Tolentino said.

"Offensively we need our go to players to put the ball down, we can't play passive and cautious, at this level you have to swing away," he said.

Porter expressed disbelief at how the team played at Valparaiso. "I can't even explain it. That game was very upsetting for all of us. There was no way that Valpo should have beat us," she said.

For that game, the Grizzlies finished with a five percent attack percentage for the game. Senior Tess Pierce was frustrated with the Grizzlies' performance.

"I know that we have it in us to win these games," Pierce said. "We'll do it in small spurts, but then it doesn't come back for the next six games."

The Grizzlies face tough competition in the Mid-Con, but Porter is confident that they can make a decent showing in the conference.

"We're one of the best teams next to Oral

Roberts, we just have to step up," she said.

Yesterday the Grizzlies took on Bowling Green. The Falcons were coming off a strong 3-0 win against Western Michigan in its conference opener. The Falcons only loss of the season came at the hands of Michigan State in East Lansing.

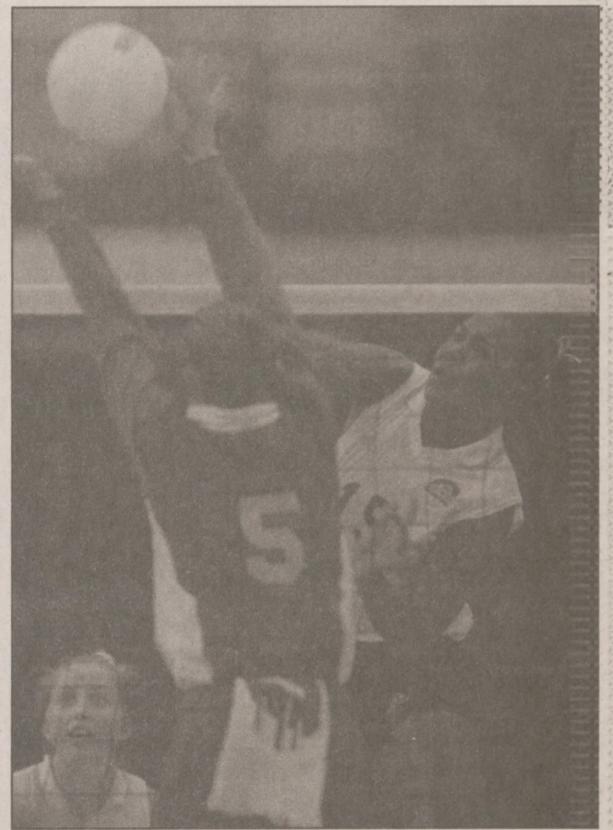
Coach Tolentino and his team were looking forward to facing Bowling Green because it will mark the return of two familiar faces. Bowling Green Stars Shyann Robinson and Katy Rommeck both transferred from OU.

"The team should be emotional about this game, Bowling is coming off a victory against Western, and they have a stellar record with their only loss against MSU," Tolentino said.

"I expect a victory. We are definitely ready to play. I expect us to play the best game we can. We've grown from this weekend," Porter said.

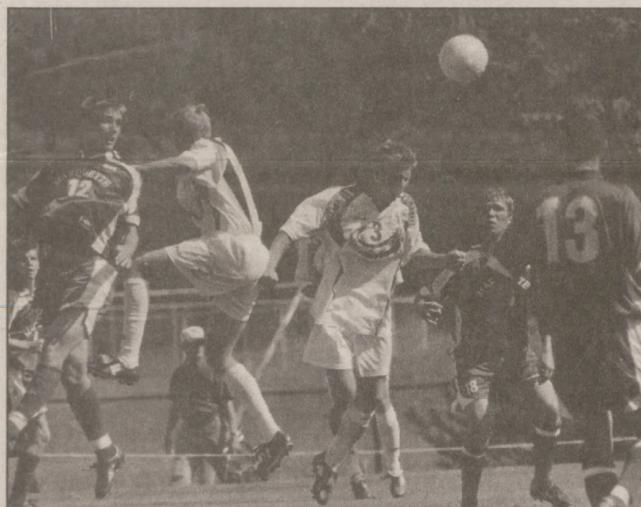
Pierce agreed with her teammate. "[Beating MSU] has nothing to do with playing. We're just going to try to beat them," she said. "It's going to be a little strange, but I am happy for them. It's just another game. We're going to go out there to win."

The Grizzlies continue with a homestand for the next three games. Western Illinois and Chicago State come in to continue conference play. Western Illinois is Friday at 6 p.m., Chicago State comes in Saturday, game time is 5 p.m. Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne completes the homestand with an October 6th appearance. Game time is 4 p.m.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
TAKE THAT: Senior Cloretta Porter attempts to spike a volleyball past the defender. Porter has 121 kills on the season and is averaging 3.36 a game.

Men salvage split in tournament



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
THAT'S USING YOUR HEAD: Freshman Ryan Rzepka attempts to keep the ball away from the defenders during the victory over Marquette. The Grizzlies defeated New Mexico then lost to Portland during the Evansville Tournament.

By Zvonko Blazevski
THE OAKLAND POST

The men's soccer team defeated the University of New Mexico 1-0, when freshman midfielder Marcus Halland lifted his team to victory by scoring the only goal of the game with two minutes left.

The Golden Grizzlies and the Lobos remained deadlocked for almost 90 minutes, until Halland broke the tie with his game winning strike in the 88th minute.

Halland beat goalkeeper Andrew Weber when he knocked in the rebound from freshman forward Philip Braathen. Braathen blasted a shot off of Weber and Halland was there to seal the Lobos' fate. Sophomore forward Anders Vollen also recorded an assist on the goal.

The Golden Grizzlies' defense

played well, only allowing one shot on goal. Senior goalkeeper Mike Skolnik recorded his third shutout of the season.

The win improved the Golden Grizzlies to 2-2-1.

On Friday, OU lost to Top 20 ranked University of Portland, 3-0.

OU and Portland played an even first half with both sides each having six shots.

The Pilots struck first when Simpson blasted one past Skolnik from ten yards out in the eighth minute.

"Portland scored on their first shot on goal," said head coach Gary Parsons.

"We made a major mistake in the first 10 minutes, and they capitalized."

"We let him (Josh Simpson) run free with the ball in the 18-yard box," said senior midfielder Chris King. "It was an easy goal

for him. It was a disappointing goal because it was so early in the game."

With OU playing more aggressive and only being down a goal, it moved defender Inge Pedersen to midfield to try to improve the scoring punch.

"Possession was going back and forth," said King. "We had a few chances. Our chances were just as dangerous as theirs but unfortunately we couldn't capitalize."

Portland doubled its lead in the 78th minute. Forward Kelly Gray scored his first goal of the game off a header. Forward Jarrod Weis and defender Brandon McNeil tallied assists on the goal.

Gray scored his second goal two minutes later when he broke free on the right side making the score 3-0 and putting the game out of reach for the Golden

Grizzlies.

OU played in state rival the University of Detroit to a 0-0 draw on Sept. 18. The game marked the first meeting since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Two games were cancelled, the Sept. 11 game at Western Michigan and the Sept. 16 game against Cincinnati.

The Golden Grizzlies were out-shot 3-0 in the first half at Detroit.

In the second half, OU came out and dominated the Titans, out-shooting 8-2 but were unable to get a goal.

After two overtimes, the game ended scoreless despite the Golden Grizzlies out-shooting the Titans, 11-6. Skolnik made three saves for the shutout.

The Golden Grizzlies will host IPFW on Friday at 4 p.m.

Grizzlies almost perfect at Grand Valley

By Jim Vergeldt
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's cross country team wasn't perfect at the Tower Trail Classic on Saturday, but 12 out of 13 isn't too bad.

Junior Jason Bruscha finished first out of 46 runners as the Grizzlies seized the first eight places and 12 of the top 13 spots at the meet hosted by Grand Valley State University.

"I was very happy because it was our first 8K race of the season," coach Paul Rice said.

Bruscha's time of 26:18.0 gave him his first victory of the season. Senior Kurt Brinker claimed second

with a time of 26:32.3, and freshman John Cook finished just a half a second behind Brinker to take third place.

Sophomore Brandon Fisk, junior Mike Withee, freshman Pat Klein, senior Kevin Donovan and sophomore Luke Williams completed OU's sweep of the top eight places finishing fourth through eighth respectively.

Freshman Paul Kulisek took 10th place for the Grizzlies, while junior Gabe Wordell, freshman Adam Frezza and sophomore Dave Renne finished in 11th, 12th and 13th place respectively.

The Golden Grizzlies would have easily won the

meet, but no team scores were kept.

The event, which was not on OU's schedule at the beginning of the season, was added to replace the Mel Brodt Invitational at Bowling Green on Sept. 15 which was cancelled. OU did not compete at Bowling Green in the wake of the World Trade Center disaster.

Coach Rice agreed with the decision not to run at Bowling Green and gave the team the weekend off.

"I think it was better for everyone to take some time off and have some family time."

OU will compete again this Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Rambler Invite, hosted by Loyola University.

OU took the top eight spots at the GVSU invitational. Here's how they placed:

1. Jason Bruscha (junior)
2. Kurt Brinker (senior)
3. John Cook (freshman)
4. Brandon Fisk (sophomore)
5. Mike Withee (junior)
6. Pat Klein (freshman)
7. Kevin Donovan (senior)
8. Luke Williams (sophomore)

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

MEN'S SOCCER

Valparaiso	0-0-0
UMKC	3-3-0
0-0-0	Western Ill.
4-1-0	0-0-0
IUPUI	1-4-1
0-0-0	Oral Roberts
4-2-0	0-0-0
Oakland	0-6-0
0-0-0	
2-2-1	

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oral Roberts	0-0-0
Valparaiso	3-3-0
1-0-0	Southern Utah
3-4-0	0-0-0
IUPUI	0-7
1-1-0	Western Ill.
1-7-0	0-1-0
Oakland	2-5
0-0-0	
5-2	

First stat represents the team's conference rank. The second is the overall rank.

GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

SARAH BUCKLAND

In her last two starts Buckland has made 13 saves. In the game against Southern California she held the Trojans scoreless for more than 40 minutes. Buckland has started six games on the season and has a 1.3 goals against average and a save percentage of .800. She's earned a record of 4-2 on the season.

-Chad Mack



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'Our Lady' Explores Dark Depths Of Drugworld

By Kelly Roland
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Barbet Schroeder ("Barfly," "Reversal of Fortune," "Single White Female," "Kiss of Death"), a director and a native of Columbia had been looking for a reason to make a movie in his homeland. After reading many books written by Fernando Vallejo, Schroeder had found that reason. Schroeder and Vallejo worked together to adapt Vallejo's book, "Our Lady of the Assassins" into a workable screenplay.

"Our Lady of the Assassins" is an incredibly dark and disturbing semi-autobiographical look at Vallejo's life. German Jaramillo stars as Fernando. Fernando is returning to Medellin, Columbia to die. He is disillusioned and sad to see the Columbia of his youth is no more. Upon Fernando's arrival to his homeland he is introduced to a young man named Alexis.

In case of art imitating life, Anderson Jaramillo plays Alexis. Jaramillo has no previous screen attributes to date, although he has a prison record. Jaramillo is an actual gang member that has spent time in Columbia's prison system.

Alexis and Fernando form a quick bond. They begin a love affair with war torn Columbia as the backdrop. The city around them is not the city of Fernando's youth, it is corrupt and has become a battleground for gangs and drug rings.

Fernando and Alexis face many challenges in their relationship. The considerable number of years between them is an occasional sore spot. The fact that there is a hired hit man after Alexis also poses a threat to their happiness. Alexis is forced to kill numerous men that are sent after him.

The major problem they face is Alexis' disregard for human life. In an almost comical sequence the pair moves about the city killing anyone that crosses them. Alexis' does the killing with Fernando as his



ADMIRING OUR LADY: Director Barbet Schroeder, brings viewers a dark, truthfully glimpse of the drugworld in Colombia. The film follows the ever changing times of Colombia, good and bad, to smear an accurate and eye capturing reality into the viewers world. Photo courtesy of Paramount Classics.

accomplice; together they leave a total of eight bodies.

The pair spends their time between the mall (a former monastery) buying whatever Alexis wants and visiting all the churches around Medellin. Fernando is sad to see the state of the churches. The churches have now become a haven for drug users.

Fernando's obsession with churches is a bizarre twist, seeing as he does not believe in God, stating "he told him to F off a long time ago."

The two continually come upon a nameless drug addict that tells Alexis that the assassins are coming for him. The lovers go about their daily routine killing the assassins one by one as they come after Alexis. As with most tragic love stories, the relationship comes to a wonderful crescendo. The audience is certain that Alexis' death is drawing near.

Of course after a most wonderful evening of food, music and dance the two profess their undying love for one another. In a predictable turn of events the next day brings about Alexis' death.

Fernando, stricken with grief takes to the streets. He travels to Alexis' family home to give the family money. It is then that he finds out that a young man by the name of "blue lagoon" killed Alexis.

Fernando now living a lonely and pathetic existence, thinks that he sees Alexis on the street. Fernando's eyes are playing tricks on him. He happens to come across a young man on the street that resembles Alexis in many ways. Fernando of course befriends the young man, whose name is Wilmar.

Juan David Restrepo plays Wilmar. Restrepo is another young man that is, in reality, deeply involved in the drug wars in Columbia. Restrepo did not have to study the part of an assassin, as he attempted to avenge a murder of a friend during the filming of "Our Lady of the Assassins."

Fernando begins to focus all of his attentions on Wilmar. The two now move about life as Fernando and his first love did. Fernando

shows Wilmar with gifts and his affection.

In a gut wrenching moment Fernando is informed that Wilmar is in fact "blue lagoon," the man that killed his first lover Alexis. Fernando attempts to kill Wilmar, yet cannot bring himself to do it. In an emotional moment Fernando questions Wilmar as to why he killed Alexis. Wilmar shares with Fernando that he was avenging his brother's murder that was carried out by Alexis.

Fernando comes to grips with this information, as he does not want to lose another lover. The pair makes plans to leave Medellin and find a peaceful place to explore their love.

Of course in a twisted turn of fate, Wilmar is murdered, before the pair can realize their dream of happiness. Upon his return home to bid his mother farewell, he is killed to avenge a prior crime he had committed. Fernando feeling doomed realizes that his fate is to live out the rest of his life alone.

"Our Lady of the Assassins," was a hit at all of the major film festivals. It takes the viewer into the underbelly of a society and navigates the viewer through many tortured romances. Although it has its artistic attributes, it is far too dark for the mainstream public. If viewers are looking for a feel good movie this is not the film for them.

"Our Lady of the Assassins" is showing at the Detroit Film Theatre. The DFT is located in the DIA in downtown Detroit. Showtimes are Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Sept. 29 at 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and again on Sept. 30 at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The DFT will continue to show unique films throughout the year and the Alloy Orchestra will be a guest in October.

Tickets, sold for \$6, are available at the theatre box office which opens one hour before the first performance. Tickets for full time students, DIA members (with membership card) and senior citizens are \$5. For more information on show times and films call 313.833.3237.

Our Lady of the Assassins



out of four movie cameras

Starring: German Jaramillo, Anderson Jaramillo

Director: Barbet Schroeder

St. John Fisher offers scholarships, book studies, retreats

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Getting involved in organizations for the new school year can often be intimidating and one may be hesitant to search out for one that fits them. St. John Fisher not only welcomes all those interested, but does so in a manner that makes new comers welcome.

St. John Fisher, a Catholic, Christian Community which provides campus ministry for OU, has a variety of new activities in store for the school year. One of them is "Coffee and Conversation." It meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. This laid-back event is an opportunity for young adult Catholic students in their 20's and 30's to discuss topics concerning their faith in a non-judgmental atmosphere. The discussions are held at Caribou Coffee on Walton and Adams roads.

"I think that this is a good idea," said John Meldrum, junior, history. "I have been involved over at the church, and it has always been a wonderful

experience. They really are all great people to work with."

There will also be a book club starting that will meet before "Coffee and Conversation" at Caribou Coffee at 6:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 10. The first book that participants will be reading is, "The Return of the Prodigal Son," written by Henri Nouwen.

The book, "The Return of the Prodigal Son," explores Henri Nouwen's close examination and inner emotions of the image Rembrandt did a reproduction of. "The Return of the Prodigal Son," upon which Nouwen came to view, drove him to share a deeply personal and resonant meditation. This realization led him to discover the place within himself where God has chosen to dwell. Throughout the book he examines the several movements of the following parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion.

This book will give insight to one's self, and participating in a discussion group, would not only be insightful, but give an opportunity to learn different points of view.

Something new that is being added to the lineup of events this year is "First Friday Fellowship." The organization is a planning and leadership team that meets on the first Friday of each month at TGI Friday's across from OU. It is for young adults and college students from all over the area to attend. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and is something that anyone in the area is able to attend.

St. John Fisher Center offers a \$500 scholarship to anyone who attends 12 Sunday classes. Some people say that there is not enough time for the classes and had to drop them.

"I never got to finish them, it was just too much I think," said Robert Boulanger, senior, computer science. "It was a good idea, just needs to be re-worked a little bit is all. But the people are great, I would go

just for the people, honestly."

Retreats are offered in the fall and winter. The winter retreat will take place at the Subiaco Retreat House in Oxford from Friday, Jan. 25 to Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002. The registration deadline is Jan. 15 and the total cost for the retreat is \$65.

The church also presents an OU Campus Ministry Spirituality in Service organization. The program is designed to create opportunities for college students to develop awareness of diversity through volunteer efforts in communities of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.

From past participants, the groups formed by St. John Fisher are not only open to new people, but are friendly and not easily forgotten. One should not hesitate any longer; take the plunge and dive into a world where conversation with others comes naturally and everyone is accepted to come and join in on the fun.

For more information on St. John Fisher, check out the web site at www.oucampusministry.com.

For Your

ENTERTAINMENT

"Burn the Floor"

Dancing has always been a cherished art by most who have done it. "Burn the Floor," a dance production created by Harley Medcalf, features 32 world-champion dancers from 10 countries. It has reinvented Ballroom for the new millennium. Tickets, \$15 to \$60, are on sale now. For more information call 313.471.6611.

Pledge of Allegiance Tour

The Pledge of Allegiance tour was originally meant to honor such bands as Slipknot and System of Down. Yet, due to the recent events to the country, the tour has taken on a deeper significance. Now dedicated to the victims and their families, the tour goes on. For more information call 313.471.6616.

Cranbrook Science/Music

Science and music come together at the Cranbrook Institute of Science beginning Sept. 29. The relationship between science and music will be explored with the new exhibit "Mostly Music." The exhibit will let show how music enriches our history and affects our daily lives. For more information call 877.462.7262.

"Sam the Cat"

Matthew Klam's hilarious debut collection "Sam the Cat and Other Stories" exposes the modern man's lust, loneliness and confusion. The New Yorker has called Klam one of the twenty best young writers. Visit your local bookstore to pick up a copy.

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