

Oakland Post staff writer Jim Vergelt reflects on recent trip to NYC. Read part two in next week's Post.

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War against anthrax could get ugly unless America wises up. Threat of biological terrorism may not be as severe as other attacks.



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## NEWS on the EDGE

•The Center for Student Activities will focus on "Religion and Terrorism: are they compatible?" noon, tomorrow, in the Fireside Lounge, OC. The forum will feature religious leaders from surrounding communities.

•Graham Health Center is offering confidential STD testing for students. Stop by and get checked out.

•Theta Chi and Gamma Phi Beta host "Safe Sex Week" through Friday. Stop by their table in the OC and pick up some information and contraceptives. Also, there will be a special discussion on the topic of contraception noon, Thursday, Heritage Room, OC.

•Golden Key International honor Society will have informational tables in the OC on Oct. 23 and Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Stop by and check it out or for more information, call 364.8749.

•Lech Walesa, 1983 Nobel Peace Prize Winner and former President of Poland, will be speaking at 3 p.m. on Oct. 26, in Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets are available at the CSA window and are free to all staff and students. For more information call CSA at 370.2400.

•There is a correction from last week's "Edge": The Pride Forum meets every Tuesday at noon. All are welcome to attend, regardless of sexual orientation.

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## Auditors put school under microscope

By Marc Hankins  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The word audit for many taxpayers is a taboo topic, but for OU it could be a positive experience. Auditors Scot Hazel and Pam Huffman from the State Office of the Auditor General are currently on campus evaluating

the university for its first performance audit in 10 years.

The audit is designed to show state officials not only how OU spends its dollars, but also what improvements can be made to help the university reach its goals.

The exact focus of the audit, however, has yet to be determined, although auditors have

been on campus more than a month conducting a preliminary survey.

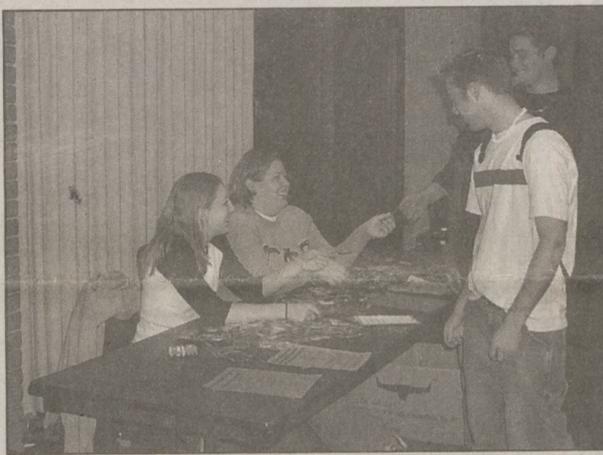
Hazel worked on the last audit at OU and is now assistant auditor general and supervisor of the current OU audit. He said things are going according to schedule but estimates that a focus for the investigation won't be found for a

few weeks.

"The preliminary survey can take a period of time to do. It's a big university, and there's a lot of different things. So at this point, we're still in the preliminary stage," said Hazel.

A preliminary survey may focus on anything from inter-

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NO GLOVE, NO LOVE: Sorority sisters Cristina Desrochers and Jennifer Janowski help Gamma Phi Beta pass out condoms and information packets.

## Safe Sex Week explores contraceptives, diseases

By Rachel Rybicki  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

One in every five people under the age of 25 in the United States has a sexually transmitted disease. Hepatitis B is one of the top two STDs. AIDS takes six months to show up after the infection has been transferred from one partner to the other.

These are only a couple of reasons that Theta Chi and Gamma Phi Beta are hosting "Safe Sex Week" this week.

Yesterday, Amanda Mack a registered nurse at Graham Health Center, spoke to a group of students in the Heritage Room about the dangers of not practicing monogamous sex and the plethora of STDs that are well known to many students.

"We are having (speeches here) to inform people because a speaker is a fun way of doing things instead of just passing out information," said Jennifer Janowski, junior,



RUBBER WAR: Gamma Phi Beta estimates that it gave away close to 700 condoms so far this week.

physical therapy, and member of Gamma Phi Beta.

In past years, the majority of the condoms were donated, however, this year it was a little different.

"Very few of the condoms and stuff were donated this year, but we did get many condoms through

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## New law imposes taxes on Internet commerce

By Jeremy Sarnovsky  
THE OAKLAND POST

As Internet-based commerce grows, many states are anticipating huge increases in remote selling. But because of their inability to collect sales taxes from these remote sellers, they fear mounting revenue losses.

Michigan has joined a consortium of states to implement taxes on Internet sales and Governor

John Engler is leading the effort.

Coupled with the Oct. 21 expiration of the "Internet Tax Freedom Act," which calls for a moratorium on all Internet taxes for three years, this has given many state governors a chance to urge that Internet sales be taxed.

According to the current law, state and local governments could impose sales taxes on all online

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## Congress throws around idea of voting online next election

### Committee formed to review proposed system

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

Student Body President Derek Dickow addressed OU Student Congress at its Monday meeting about the possibility of switching to an online voting system in the near future. Congress then approved an ad-hoc committee to begin researching the issue and present a report to OUSC.

Dickow outlined some of the past major accomplishments of OUSC, including OU Day at the Capitol, the bookswap, online course evaluations and the raise in the Student Activity Fee and library base budget, and said that he hopes building an online voting system could be the next

on the list.

The student elections, held every spring, have traditionally been done with a paper ballot system. However, many universities and colleges are upgrading to online ballots and experiencing a larger voter turnout.

The University of Oklahoma at Norman recently switched to an online voting system and jumped from a 15 percent to 35 percent voter turnout in a single year.

OU's voter turnout has been

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Vesna Saveski  
Student Body  
Vice President

on the rise, but the percentage of students voting is still only about six percent. In the 2000 student elections, total voter turnout was 543 students, and last year about 925 students voted.

"This is a great time to take our Congress to another level, and I hope we

can take the opportunity to move forward," Dickow said. "But whatever the conclusion of the ad-hoc committee is, I will

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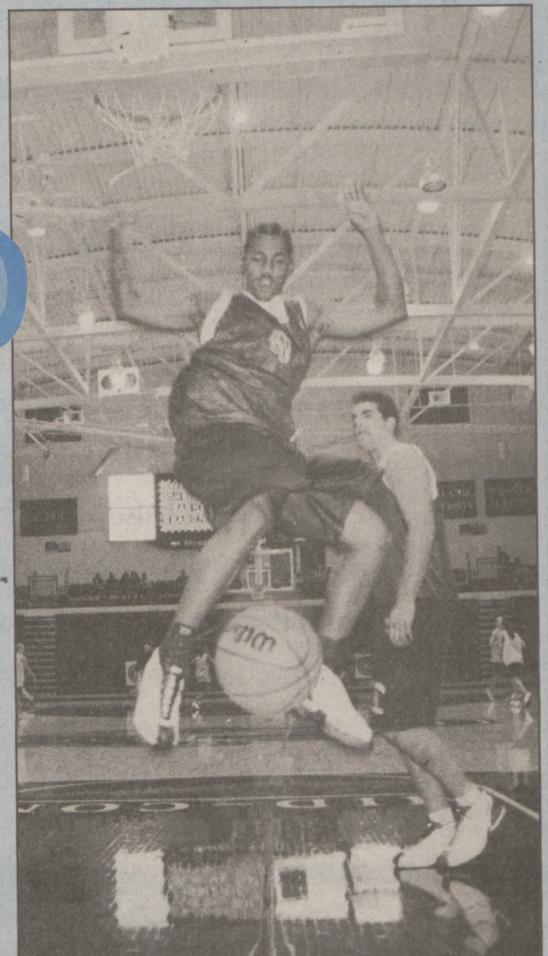
## OU goes MAD

### Midnight Madness jump starts b-ball season

The men and women's basketball teams officially tipped off their seasons with the third annual Midnight Madness celebration last Friday night.

The O-rena was packed with more than 2,000 screaming students and fans of the two Golden Grizzly squads as they awaited the midnight hour.

...read the entire story on B5



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support it. We need this body to decide as a collective effort if we should implement it."

Some of the things the ad-hoc committee will research are privacy and security issues, first year bugs and kinks and technology support. Some of the pros that Dickow out-

lined in his presentation will also be looked into for assurance that the pros will outweigh the cons.

"The committee will meet with IT officials, experts on student laws and rights and other administrators and faculty members who are instrumental in making this work,"

Student Body Vice President Vesna Saveski said.

OUSC is especially concerned with students' faith in the system, since if the majority of the student population doesn't trust an online ballot, voter turnout won't prosper.

"My main concerns are security and validation," Saveski said. "We don't want people voting twice and we don't want the system to be broken into and have student numbers stolen."

After the ad-hoc committee gathers information about online voting, the report will be presented to Congress and a decision about whether or not OU wants to implement online voting will be made. The committee is currently being comprised and will return a report in approximately two weeks.

"I think online voting is a great way to keep up with technology," OUSC Elections Chair and Administrative Assistant Kelly Lee said. "It's where we'll eventually end up being so why shouldn't we be the administration to start it?"

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## Slam poet draws enthusiastic crowd

### Innovative performer crashes onto campus

By Rachel Rybicki  
THE OAKLAND POST

Poetry slammed its way on to OU's campus yesterday when national and award winning slam poet Beau Sia performed in the OC. "Slam poetry is more perform-poetry," said Angela Jones, senior, communication.

"You use your whole body, your legs, your arms. It is like you are physically pushing your poem out of your body and are possessed by a surge of energy as if you are in the poem."

Jones is part of the Student Program Board committee that put on the slam poetry perform-

ance.

"It's raw and edgy. I know they sound like trendy words, but it is in your face and completely emotional," she said.

With lyrics like, "The cast of 'Friends' will be exiled to hell... I'm going to kill the Back Street Boys so they can quit playing games with my heart... Money can't buy you love but love can't buy you shit," Sia said.

"We wanted to do it because it always brings a big crowd," said Jones.

"It is more interactive, almost like he is performing it just for you."

SPB is also looking into bring-

ing Jessica Carmore, another nationally known slam poet to OU to perform.

"She was in a poetry competition with Beau Sia in '96," Jones said. "She has done her share of competitions and performed at the DIA."

Sia drew a large crowd of enthusiastic students and professors during his performance.

"The best part was seeing him do 'Chasing Bruce Lee,'" Jones said.

"It was serious but at the same time he is never boring or alluding. It was cool too that he compares himself with an amazing icon."



SLAMMIN': Poet Beau Sia performed at OU in the OC yesterday. Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

#### NEWS COLUMN

## President highlights goals

Student Body President Derek Dickow's column was cut off in last week's edition of *The Post*. We apologize for the inconvenience. Here it is updated.

Student Congress has had great opportunities to serve the student body this year, and I can



DEREK DICKOW

attest to the commitment our Legislators and Executive Board have for its constituents, the students. We are the clients, customers and consumers of everything that is OU, and we are here to ensure our interests.

Our biggest goal as a collective Legislative Body this year has been to help allocate \$200,000 into Kresge Library's base budget. This was the first budget increase for the library since 1994.

Last year, OUSC representative Michael Ginger reported to Student Congress the lack of funding the library was receiving. Vesna Saveski, Student Body Vice-President, and I looked into the matter over the summer with OU President Gary Russi and associate professor of history Karen Miller, who is also a member of the library senate committee.

The meeting was a success as Dean of the Library Elaine Didier reported to Congress last week.

Her message was specific; she thanked congress and reminded us to continue to keep proper funding of the library a priority. Well, Didier, I will guarantee you that Student Congress will continue to press this issue with the administration, the Office of the President and the Board of Trustees. Kresge Library, in my opinion, is the heart and soul of this university, and proper funding is of utmost importance.

Rochelle Black, OU Government Affairs Director, Matthew Hudson, Student Congress Legislative Affairs Director and I have made significant trips to Lansing lobbying for OU with our Michigan Representatives. Our motive, along with those of 15 Michigan public universities and their leaders, is to lobby for the officials to approve the repeal of the Michigan tuition tax credit.

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## Rolling around in the mud



**BRAWLIN' BABES:** Car loads of people braved the chilly weather Saturday morning to support some of OU's Greek organizations in the 2001 Mud Bowl. Sororities Alpha Delta Pi and Gamma Phi Beta teamed up to squash Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Tau 21-0 in the early game. Shortly afterward, fraternities Theta Chi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon had their roll in the mud in an overtime game. Theta Chi defended last year's title with a 7-0 victory.

Cara Plowman/The Oakland Post

## OU teams up with Providence Hospital

By Jennifer Decker  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's School of Nursing and Providence Hospital, a member of the St. John Health System, signed a cooperative agreement on Sept. 21.

The agreement is designed to assist in providing scholarships, mentorships, recruitment of student nurses and educational opportunities for OU students and research for OU faculty and the Providence staff.

"At Providence, we are constantly exploring opportunities to attract quality nursing candidates in order to support our high quality of care," Kathryn Ryan, Providence Vice President of Operations-Acute Services and Chief Nursing Officer said.

"This agreement, with a respected institution such as Oakland University, will strengthen our recruitment and training endeavors and directly benefit our patients. Attracting and placing quality candidates in to the nursing field is a very important issue across the nation. The actions of each local hospital will eventually benefit all communities. We are looking forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Oakland University."

OU's Dean of Nursing Kathleen Emrich said Providence's leaders are forward thinking and responsive in addressing health care needs and boast an exemplary nursing staff that OU nursing students will greatly benefit from placements there.

"One of the things I am investing much effort in is to expand the pool of available nurses to meet the critical shortages of registered nurses. This agreement helps with that effort by allowing us to partner with Providence to recruit and support students interested in nursing studies," Emrich said.

Someone who recognizes the pressing necessity of such an agreement in preparing future nurses is Cathy Corrión Schroeder, OU alumna and registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland.

"There's such a huge shortage of nurses. This will help with recruitment," said Schroeder.

Heather Dolan, junior, English, said about the agreement, "I think it's a wonderful idea. It's important to have hands-on. If you only know theory, you're toast."

Under the agreement, OU nursing seniors will be paired with Providence practicing nurses in a partnership to smooth the transition into professional roles in caring for a typical caseload of patients.

"If the student is studying pediatric nursing, the clinical placement would be on a pediatric unit," Emrich said. "The innovative senior clinical placement we are initiating does allow students to express a preference for nursing area and we make an attempt to match the student with the preferred nursing specialty."

"Patients benefit indirectly by care delivered by competent nurses. The chance for our students to gain clinical experience at Providence will help to make them competent," she added.

Another part of the partnership allows for research opportunities for OU students, faculty and Providence staff.

"Currently, we have an opportunity for OU graduate nursing students to participate in a research study having to do with supportive care for the dying patient," Emrich said.

"This is an area of health care that is receiving considerable attention and we are pleased that our students will have the chance to work with experienced researchers on this topic," she said.

## Crime WATCH

The Oakland Post apologizes to readers that last week's Crime Watch was not published. We could not obtain the reports from the police by our deadline and have run last week's Crime Watch along with this week's.

In separate incidents on Oct. 12 in the P5 parking lot two cars were broken into and items were reportedly stolen. A student parked his car in the lot and when he returned, reportedly, he saw that his CD case containing 48 CDs and a CD player was taken. The loss totaled an estimated \$824. The drivers side door was pried open with a screwdriver. Some damage was also

found on the door lock and the dashboard from where the CD player was removed.

Another student's car was also forced open and 13 cds, an equalizer, a ten disk cd changer, a subwoofer box with two 12" speakers, a cd player and an amplifier were reportedly

taken. The loss totaled an estimated \$1,143. Anyone with any information, should contact the OUPD at 370.3331.

Some time between Oct. 8 and Oct. 10, an engineering professor's name plate was removed from the outside of the door in Dodge Hall. A swastika was also scratched into the door. The OUPD has a possible suspect.

# AUDIT

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collegiate athletics, to OU's efforts to help students successfully complete their classes and programs, he said.

The audit process usually takes three to

four months from start to finish, but due to what Hazel called a "staffing crunch," he anticipates the audit may take longer than normal. However, Hazel and Huffman expected a third auditor to join them this week to help with the workload.

So far, the auditors have been speaking

with faculty and staff in various academic units on campus, as well as the various student services directors and others in administration and finance.

"We've been trying to identify those areas where we think there's room for improvement," said Hazel. "We are focusing on what things the university

has in place to set its own efficiency and effectiveness measures."

Besides interviews, the auditors have also collected data online.

"There's lots of data out there. Going on the university's website, there's just tons of statistical data that we look at," said Hazel.

In addition to campus statistics, the audit team also looks at records containing student information. The data includes individual student records but is subject to strict procedures, according to Hazel. Only certain officials can access the files during the course of the audit.

Hazel addressed OU's assistance during the past month. "Everyone has been very helpful."

Typically, a minimum of three universities are chosen to be audited by the state each year. Selection can occur by the state

anticipating where the most good can be accomplished from an audit, or how long it has been since an institution's last audit.

Recent universities that have been audited include Lake Superior State University, University of Michigan at Dearborn and Wayne County Community College.

Other state agencies like the Community Mental Health board are also eligible for audits, with an occasional audit performed by special legislative requests. Detroit Metro airport is one recent example of this type of audit.

After the audits are completed, the information collected becomes a public record. Those interested in reading the OU audit when it's finished should go to the Michigan website, [www.state.mi.us/audgen/](http://www.state.mi.us/audgen/).

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# TAX

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sales, as long as the tax rate is the same as it would be at a traditional retail store.

Unfortunately for many states, the Internet has taken tax-free shopping to a new level. The obligation to pay sales tax is determined by the locale of the buyer and not the seller. Therefore, if a business does not have a physical presence in a particular state, it is not required to collect sales tax from customers residing in that state.

Under the 1998 moratorium, there could not be any new sales or other taxes applied to Internet purchases. That does not mean, however, that some states are not currently taxing Internet sales. Michigan is one of the states that are not currently conducting Internet sales taxation.

Engler told the Senate Budget Committee in 2000 that the Congress should not actively determine whether states can collect online taxes. Currently, Michigan imposes a tax on an individual who purchases an item through the Internet when an item is shipped to any address within the state. Many other

states have the same variety of Internet tax laws in place.

However, enforcement is difficult because, according to the National Governors Association (NGA), most people do not know that they are required to pay these taxes at the end of the year, and states lack an effective enforcement system to make sure they are paid. Therefore online sellers have a significant advantage over physical business locations that must collect a sales tax on transactions.

In a letter sent to all members of Congress in August, 44 governors, including Engler, said, "If you care about a level playing field for Main Street retail businesses and local control of states, local governments, and schools, extend the moratorium on taxing Internet access only with the authorization for the states to streamline and simplify the existing sales tax system. To do otherwise perpetuates a fundamental inequity and ignores a growing problem."

Nineteen states have already said 'no' to Internet taxes, including California, New York, Georgia, Illinois and Washington, while still others are making a push to enforce the collection of taxes that are already in place.

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Condom Mania," said Janowski. "They really wanted to help out and we really need all of the help that we can get with the production."

Bringing in Mack from the health center also shows students that there is a place on campus for them to go.

The health center has literature and pamphlets about STDs and testing and also offers screenings at low costs.

Mack stressed that it is important to take a proactive stand and that "you need to know where you stand before you get in the situation and position where sex is an option."

"It's hard to do but it is very important to make it known, just be real about it," Mack said. "It is fun too. Enjoy it. But just be safe about it. That's what this week is all about, right?"

## CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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<p><b>Attack on America: The Aftermath</b></p> <p>Religion and Terrorism: Are They Compatible? Thursday, October 18 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge, OC</p> <p>The Economic Impact - Locally and Globally Tuesday, October 30 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge, OC</p> <p> <b>American Red Cross</b></p> <p><b>Oakland University Fall Blood Drive</b> Wednesday, October 17 Walk-ins accepted until 8:45 p.m. tonight (October 17) in the Gold Rooms, OC.</p> <p>Interested in International Travel?</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oakland University Alcohol Awareness Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Grizzlies are Health SMART!"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Students Managing Alcohol Responsibly Together)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 19 - 27, 2001</p> <p><b>Friday, October 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>OU Happy Hour featuring Free food, games, and prizes</b> 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall</li> <li>◆ <b>Friday Night Live: "Beware of the Binge Comedy Tour"</b> 7:00 p.m. Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, October 22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>"Fall into Alcohol Awareness"</b> 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC, featuring: FREE cider and donuts; and literature of alcohol awareness</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, October 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Health and Fitness Fair</b> 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC</li> <li>◆ <b>Zeta Phi Beta: "Blue Paradise"</b> 7:20 - 9:00 p.m., Oakland Room, OC</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, October 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>"Nothing will Happen to Me...if I Drink and Drive"</b> Noon - 1:00 p.m. Exhibit Lounge, OC, featuring Sgt. Mark Gordon, OUPD</li> </ul> <p><b>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER</b></p> <p>OU Alcohol Awareness Week -- October 19-27</p> <p>"Make A Difference Day" -- October 27</p> <p>"Spirituality in Service" -- October 27</p> <p>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 Office, 49 OC, call her at (248) 370-4332, or email her at <a href="mailto:jam@oakland.edu">jam@oakland.edu</a>.</p>	<p>The next Student and Greek Organization Officers Training will be held Thursday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lake Huron Room, OC. Sign-up in the CSA Office to attend.</p> <p><b>Watch "Survivor" in Bumpers Games Room, OC Every Thursday Night! Weekly Contests and Prizes!</b></p>	<p><b>AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW</b></p> <p>✓Reservations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saturday Night Fever - Fiddler on the Roof</li> <li>- Mama Mia - The Rockettes</li> <li>- Contact</li> </ul> <p>✓Sign-up for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSA's Bowling Nights (Oct. 22 and Nov. 26)(FREE)</li> <li>- SPB's Road Trip to OU Mens' Basketball v U of I (Nov. 16)</li> </ul> <p>✓Tickets for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lech Walesa (Oct. 26)</li> <li>- SPB's Murder Mystery (Nov. 16)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The WOCOUC GAMES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to the Winner of the 3rd Annual WOCOUC 8-Ball Tournament!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tim Alverson</b></p>
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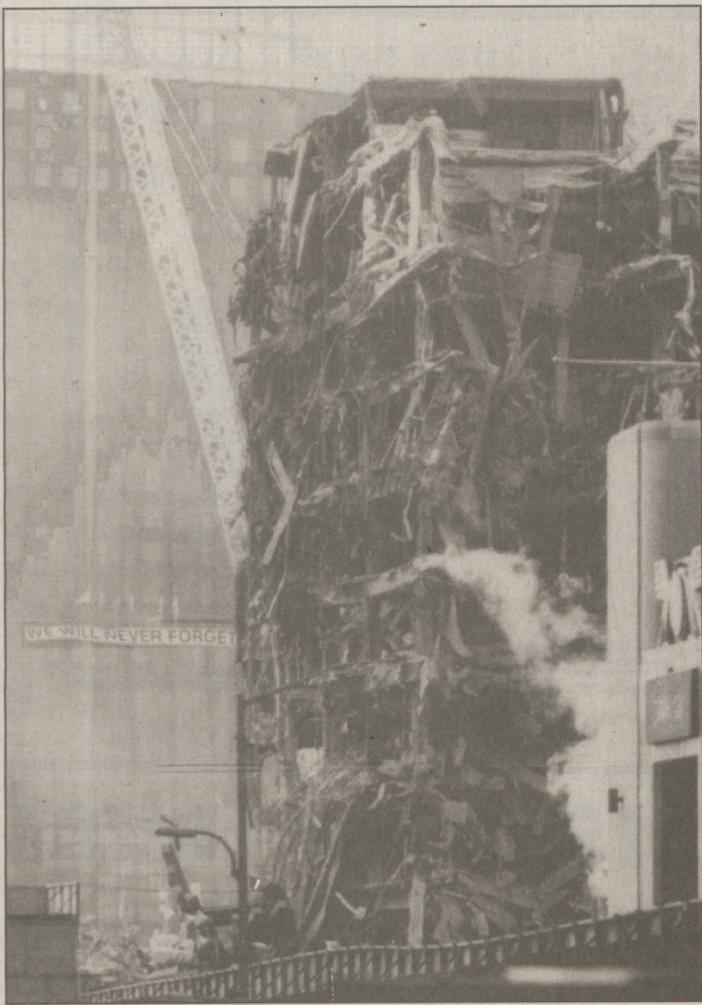
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**STANDING RUBBLE:** Remains of the World Trade Center stand tall in New York, the ruins still smoking a month after the attacks.

## Feelings of grief, terror still strong a month later

This is the first in a two part series by Jim Vergeldt, describing his visit to New York on Oct. 11, exactly one month following the terrorist attack on America.

I went to New York City last week for the College Music Journal's Music Marathon, but the people I met and bands I saw are not the most vivid memory I will have of that trip.

On the night of Thursday, Oct. 11, I visited "Ground Zero." I went to see it for myself, and I saw too much.

I saw the broken, twisted skeletons of what used to be the World Trade Center, virtually glowing in the powerful lights. I saw the cranes working through the night. I saw the smoke rising from the fires which are still burning deep beneath the wreckage.

Seeing it in person took it to a more human level in my mind. More human than anything you can get from TV or a newspaper.

Jim O'Brien, Neil Levin, Yosef Kahn, Tom Swift, Yelena Melnichenko and Jan S. Beatty.

I've never met these people, but I'll never forget them. They all lost their lives in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

Their names, and in some cases, their photographs are posted at memorial sites near "Ground Zero."

Blue tarps and pieces of bare plywood have been erected to discourage large crowds of curious people from gathering on the sidewalks of Broadway, one block east of Ground Zero, to gape at the wreckage.

The tarps, the plywood and even the windows and walls of nearby buildings have been turned into memorials for the dead, as well as an outlet for the grief of the living.

Taped up to the plywood on the corner of Broadway and Liberty is the program for the funeral service for Damian S. Meehan held on Oct. 8.

There are two pictures. One is of Damian with his two brothers, two aunts and two uncles. They are standing on the roof of a building, and the twin towers of the World Trade Center where Damian worked.

The other is a photograph of Damian and his wife lying on the grass in a park. Between them is their infant daughter. And visible over the plywood are the tireless cranes, slowly removing the debris which was at one time Damian's workplace.

The fence in front of St. Paul's Chapel on Broadway and Fulton is covered with banners, flags and flowers sent from schools and organizations across the country.

On the opposite corner two tremendous, hand-made flag banners hang on a makeshift fence. One is relatively proportional, complete with 13 stripes and 50 stars. Signatures and messages from the people that created the banner are visible in the white stripes.

The other flag is grossly out of proportion. The blue field is filled with uneven rows of stars, and it is just a tiny corner of the immense banner.

The red stripes are handprints, set end

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JIM VERGELDT

## Bioterrorism concerns infect American minds

*Anthrax anxiety spreads across U.S.*

By Michael Hoskins  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Government warnings issued daily, mysterious powders appearing everywhere, disease-carrying letters sent to prominent officials and rumors of plots launched through mail contamination may seem like the storyline of a sci-fi movie.

These days, however, America is living this reality and the story has never been more frightening.

With the recent rash of anthrax cases across the country, Americans are feeling a new sense of fear about bioterrorism, especially throughout Metro Detroit.

Public health officials report that nationwide 13 cases of the potentially deadly anthrax have surfaced in the past two weeks.

Scares about white powder have escalated around Michigan, closing the State Capitol building in Lansing Tuesday afternoon, shutting down four local post offices Monday and forcing many other businesses to be evacuated Monday.

"These cases have sent shivers down my spine," said Robert Crotty, sophomore, computer science. "It's scary to think of what could be happening right here under our noses."

Attorney General John Ashcroft has warned against anthrax hoaxes, saying that any will be dealt with severely.

Federal investigators are searching for possible links between the anthrax cases and the Sept. 11 attacks, although no connection to terrorism has been found.

"So far, we have found no direct link to organized crime," FBI Director Robert Mueller said Tuesday.

In New York, the 7-month-old son of an ABC producer tested positive for the skin type of anthrax Monday evening, a possible result of visiting the building with a parent on Sept. 28.

A letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle tested positive for anthrax on Monday, as well, adding Washington D.C. to the growing list of anthrax sites.

The return address on that piece of mail, in Trenton, NJ, matched a letter to Tom Brokaw at NBC last week.

Authorities have confirmed that both anthrax-contaminated letters contained a short note with threatening language toward the U.S. and

Israel.

Federal investigators are searching for possible links between the two letters.

The anthrax scare began nearly two weeks ago on Oct. 5 in Boca Raton, FL, when a photo editor with tabloid publisher American Media Inc. died of anthrax.

A second employee, who worked in the mailroom, was recently diagnosed with the inhalation anthrax, the most serious form of the disease. A third employee has also tested positive for exposure to the bacteria.

### FALSE ALARM

Contrary to a claim by a WRIF caller Tuesday morning, OU officials say the statement that anthrax is present on the university's campus is false.

### Biowarfare Weapons - chemical or biological:

Anthrax	Smallpox	Sarin
<b>What it is:</b> An acute infectious disease caused by a spore-forming bacterium.	<b>What it is:</b> A viral disease characterized by a skin rash and high rate of death.	<b>What it is:</b> A relatively easy to acquire nerve gas. Death occurs within 15 min.
<b>How it's transmitted:</b> Through the skin, inhalation or ingest.	<b>Vaccination:</b> No longer given because the virus has been eradicated. Only a few viruses exist in laboratories, which eliminated the need for vaccination years ago.	<b>History:</b> Although it's difficult to manufacture in large amounts, in 1995 a sarin attack on a Tokyo subway killed 12 people.
<b>Symptoms:</b> Breathing problems, shock, nausea, loss of appetite, abdominal pain and sometimes death.	<b>Symptoms:</b> Fever, rash.	<b>Information obtained at medlineplus.gov</b>

### What are your main concerns about biological and chemical terrorism attacks on America?



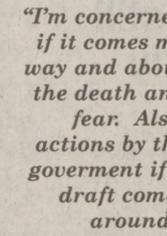
-Natasha Bennett, freshman, pre-law

"(One of them is) a biological (or chemical) getting over here and harming innocent civilians."



- Angela Dominka, freshman, psychology

"I'm concerned with the mass death and what effects it would have on our future and generations to come."



- Jesse Coolbroth, sophomore, marketing

"I'm concerned if it comes my way and about the death and fear. Also, actions by the government if a draft comes around."



- Rob Ray, junior, health sciences

"The fact that it can affect a lot of people with a little effort, and the impact on this country could be very devastating."

### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Special Forces gunship joins second week of airstrikes

The U.S. maintained an intense bombing campaign in Afghanistan this week, pounding the Afghan capital Kabul and major cities with more than 50 warplanes.

The AC-130 Spectre gunship, one of the most devastating ground attack aircrafts in the U.S. arsenal, struck the Taliban's religious headquarters in Kandahar Tuesday morning.

Warplanes are dropping information leaflets as well as bombs and food packages, hoping to win support of the Afghan people and get them the true message about the anti-terrorism campaign.

#### Congress debates broadening scope of federal powers

In the month after the Sept. 11 attacks on America, Congress has come together to expand the power of the federal government.

Broader surveillance authority has been adopted by the FBI and other agencies, and more federal air marshals have been assigned on domestic air flights.

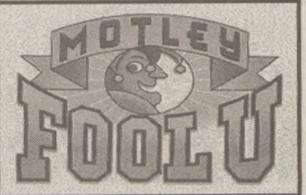
The Senate last week unanimously passed legislation calling for increased security on airlines, and the House is now considering a bill that would federalize airport security screeners.

The ACLU and other civil rights organizations have questioned the legality and perils of this power.



Photo courtesy of Associated Press

**BEST OF THE BEST:** The AC-130 Spectre, described by the Air Force as the most complex aircraft weapon system in the world, fires flares used to deflect heat-seeking missiles.



### How Secure Is Your Brokerage Account?

**Q.** I'm feeling insecure about my online stock purchase. If the brokerage firm I use goes out of business, how could I prove that I actually own the stock in my account? Is the statement I get each month enough proof that my shares exist? Should I get stock certificates? -- Bonnie

**A.** Everyone feels a little insecure these days, and it's good to ask questions about the security of your assets. But as long as you take a few reasonable precautions, there is no reason to worry.

A brokerage is like a bank in many respects. It holds assets for you in trust and those assets are insured. But don't take that analogy too far. In the case of a brokerage, "insured" means something different than it means at a bank. Bank accounts are insured for their value, but brokerage accounts are insured for their assets. So if you own 100 shares of Cisco (Nasdaq: CSCO) worth \$8,000 and your brokerage goes belly-up while the value of Cisco's stock falls from \$80 a share to \$12, you are insured for 100 shares of Cisco stock, not \$8,000.

Your question has more to do with making sure that the shares your broker is holding on his books for you would actually be returned to you in the event of a corporate failure.

As you probably know, these days most shares are held in "street name," meaning they are registered in the broker's name, and it's the broker who maintains the records that prove you are the owner.

Letting your broker keep the shares in street name is far, far more convenient than registering them in your own name. You don't have the responsibility of keeping track of the stock certificates, and you can sell them immediately should you wish to. That convenience would only be worthwhile, however, if there were no risk that your broker might go out of business taking your shares along with him.

In the case of a total corporate failure, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) steps in and appoints a trustee to oversee the liquidation of the company and the return of each investor's property. Worst case, you might have to wait a while before you could sell your stock.

The SIPC insures each account up to \$500,000, of which \$100,000 can be in cash.

So your first reasonable precaution is making sure that your broker is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of SIPC.

If you are really paranoid, you might also want to ask your broker about his computer systems. If those go, things could get very hairy. But any financial institution that expects to stay in business will have redundant computer systems with off-site backup.

Taking physical delivery of stock certificates is a drastic solution. Yes, that puts you in control of your shares and puts your name on the corporation's books so that the company communicates directly with you instead of going through a broker. But stock certificates can get lost or destroyed. Address changes can be mistyped, and stock certificates make dandy paper airplanes. It's more likely that your share certificates would be swept off to Oz than be irretrievably lost from a registered and insured brokerage account.

You've got enough to worry about. Lose sleep over something else.

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# PERSPECTIVES

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## Editorial

### What's next?

Just when we thought it couldn't get any worse, anthrax was found in letters in Florida, New York, Washington D.C., Nevada and other parts of the country. One of the cases was fatal and at least a dozen more are recovering, which has raised the level of fear in most Americans.

One anthrax poisoned letter in particular, found by an NBC employee, is thought to have been aimed at news anchor Tom Brokaw. That letter, which reportedly threatened further terrorist attacks, was opened by one of Brokaw's assistants.

More recently, eight floors of the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington were closed after it was discovered that a letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office contained the potentially deadly bacteria.

To amplify the problem, some reports have surfaced regarding baby powder-spiked letters, intended to resemble an anthrax-laced powder.

During this time of national unity, it's hard for us to believe that there are a few people who think it's funny to sprinkle white powder into a letter and send it off to someone else.

Last week, the threat of anthrax was mild and distant. This week, with so many real and false reports surfacing, the threat of biological terrorism in America is real.

Although the FBI has yet to confirm any links between the anthrax poisoning and the terrorism attacks of Sept. 11, much of America has already made up its mind.

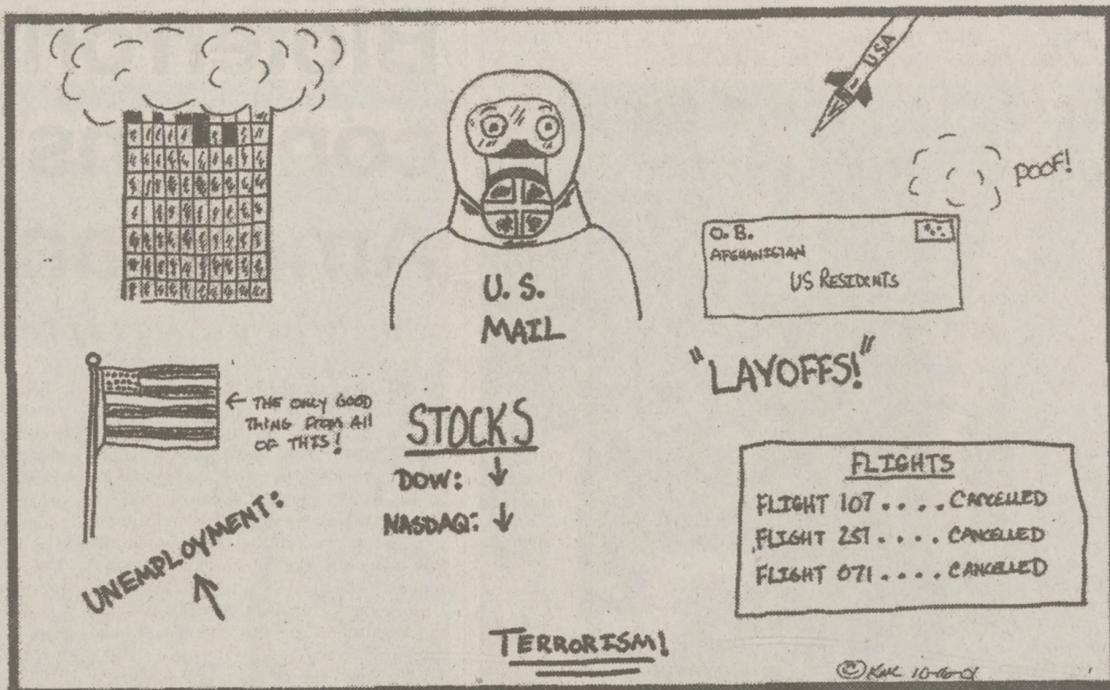
The reports have launched the nation into a fear-ridden frenzy.

Before last week's incidents, very few people knew what anthrax was, how it was transmitted and what it did to the human body.

Now, widespread paranoia has ensued.

Everyone should learn more about anthrax and other tools for biological warfare (yes, there's plenty more out there, much of it easier to obtain and use). Government websites such as [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.medline.gov](http://www.medline.gov) are great resources for those who want to learn more about biological terrorism. Also, this week's Local News in The Post addresses recent reports, explains what bioterrorism is and lets students' opinions be heard.

In this and many scenarios in our strange new world, ignorance is not bliss. The threat of anthrax is small compared to other possible attacks. If we aren't informed, we could all have our heads turned left as the enemy approaches from the right.



Marvin Gaye said it best, "What's goin' on?"

## Letters to the Editor

### Unhealthy dorm conditions may house mold

Dear Editor,

My daughter is a sophomore and resides in Hamlin hall. The concern is for the shower in their bathroom. It is in need of a new floor. The water will not drain because of the uneven floor. There is nothing wrong with the drain itself. The water can't get to the drain, therefore it creates a perennial puddle on the shower floor.

This puddle breeds bacteria and mold. This condition is not good for their health.

The university says the mold is their problem.

This might be true, but if there wasn't a standing water problem in the first place, there would be no mold. The three of them have and adhere to their cleaning schedule.

OU charges a housing fee in the area of \$1,000 - \$1,200 for that room on a monthly basis. The students are entitled to a safe/healthy environment.

The school is basically a landlord whom isn't concerned for its tenants at this point.

I intend to take this concern further (if need be).

I just wish the university had as much concern for the on-campus students as it should.

Eric Hubel  
concerned parent

### OU graduate still not afraid to fly

Dear Editor,

In the beginning of 2001 I took a job that requires a lot of travel. At the time of the attacks I was in Miami on a business trip. I would have flown the next day if I could have.

People need to look at it this way: it is safer to fly than to walk across the street. Now with the heightened security, it is even safer than before to fly.

Kim Lemaux  
Class of 2000

### Letter response:

Dear Editor,

I am grateful to my colleague Professor Howard Schwartz for taking the time to prepare a thoughtful response ("Letters to the Editor," Oct. 10) to the anti-American letter written by Professor Austin Murphy ("Letters to the Editor," Sept. 26).

As a psychologist, Professor Schwartz refrains from speculation about how someone can hate America, yet enjoy its freedoms and a generous government salary. Lacking this professional inhibition, I propose that loathing for one's nation is a form of self-loathing, similar to the feelings of young adults who accept their parents' bed and board, yet chafe under their parents' rules and imperfections. Expatriation is one way to reduce the inner conflict of living in a nation whose values you reject, just as children can leave their parents' homes.

Of course, as we mature and have families of our own, we learn that it is not easy to create and maintain a home life without contradictions. Have other nations done a better job of balancing economic security, freedom of dissent, diversity of values, and cooperation among all people?

Professor David P. Doane  
Decision and Information  
Sciences

\*Editor's Note: In last week's edition, there was a posting on the front page in "News on the Edge" stating that The Post would print all letters sent in regarding National Coming Out Day. Due to an email server failure, all of the letters sent were deleted. If you sent a letter and would like us to print it, please send it again to [oakpost@oakland.edu](mailto:oakpost@oakland.edu). Sorry for any inconvenience.

### Readers comment on Sept. 11 attacks

Dear Editor,

In a letter to members of the U.S. Congress and to the press in July 1998, I urged a ban on Indians coming to the U.S. for higher education and medical treatment. Such a ban on people from all non-white countries will be infinitely more effective in dealing with the current concerns than whatever is being planned (a letter to the Boston Globe, Sept. 20, stated, "I have no qualms about our government using any weapons necessary. It may be an opportunity to reduce our nuclear weapon stockpile").

It will also enthusiastically support America's plans to exterminate them, as does India's prime minister.

Satish Chandra  
via Internet

Dear Editor,

Providing "humanitarian" aid to our enemies is a moral outrage. The cowards in Washington D.C. need to take a lesson from the heroes of Flight 93. These men did not altruistically serve in-flight snacks to their hijackers. They did something much more humane; they selfishly fought 100 percent for the lives of innocent Americans.

Jennifer Kral  
via Internet

### Correction

The Post apologizes for not publishing "Crime Watch" in last week's issue. Tune to A3 for the last two weeks' crime reports.

All letters to the editor must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation. Please limit letters to 400 words. Letters may be edited for content and length. The Post uses discretion and may reject any letter for any reason. Letters become property of The Post.

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“Quote of the Week”  
We must learn to live together as brothers  
or perish together as fools.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

**Views**  
on the  
**Street**

**Do you think that Michigan should tax goods bought on the Internet?**



**"Yes. You have to think what taxes go for. There's taxes on everything. Additional revenue, especially in times like today, would be an advantage."**

**-Jamie Rosencrantz, sophomore, MIS**



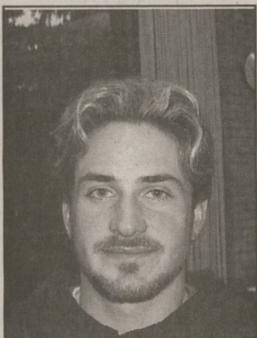
**"I would say no. If there's no tax now, that's the way they should keep it."**

**-Amy Galela, senior, communication**



**"Yes, if the money is put to good use like fixing traffic problems."**

**-Corey Agens, sophomore, psychology**



**"I think they should tax if the product comes from Michigan, because then it would be just like buying it from the store."**

**-Jason Nicosia, sophomore, biology**

**Reader shares solution ideas**

Dear Editor,

After the cowardly September attacks on our country, our first thoughts were to kill bin Laden and bomb Afghanistan off the map. Never before in the history of civi-

lization has such an opportunity presented itself for uniting the world in one grand goal of ridding ourselves of destructive forces and building a world of security and tranquility.

We must:  
-set right all the mistakes we have made (our restrictions on Pakistan and India for trying to protect themselves from the emerging power to their north).

-cancel all debts of poor nations.  
-build roads, schools, etc. for them, free of obligation.  
-offer help in any endeavor that betters the life of the individual.  
The time to bring the whole world to this final goal is now. Let us begin.

Charles E. Midlam  
via Internet

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To determine your insurance needs, make a list of all your personal belongings. If possible, note prices and dates of purchase. Take photographs or make a videotape of your more valued belongings. Keep your inventory and visual record in a safe place, outside your dorm room, apartment or house.

If you are attending college, check to see if you are covered under your parents' homeowners insurance. "Most standard homeowners policies will extend coverage to students living away from home," said Ric Phillips, director of Homeowner Claims for AAA Michigan. "At AAA Michigan, homeowners property and liability coverage under the parents' policy is extended to unmarried children attending school away from home, whether living in a dormitory or apartment, on campus or off."

If you are not covered by a parent's policy or are renting an apartment or house upon graduation from college, it is wise to purchase a renter's insurance policy. A standard policy will cover furniture, clothing and most other personal belongings for their actual cash value at

the time of loss. Cash value coverage takes into account the age and condition of items at the time of damage or loss. You would be reimbursed for the value of the item minus depreciation. In order to recover your losses at the price it will cost you to replace them, ask your insurance agent about replacement value coverage. The liability coverage and the renter's policy applies at home and elsewhere for ordinary acts of negligence or accidents caused by you or a family member and will cover legal costs if you are sued, as long as the persons involved were behaving in a legal and responsible manner. However, it does not include liability resulting from the use of an automobile.

When looking for an insurance company, talk to several different agents or companies and compare prices and services. Check the company out with your Better Business Bureau (BBB). Keep your inventory list handy, so you can find the amount of coverage that is most appropriate for you. Ask for a list of standard coverage limits so you know whether you'll need to get additional coverage for some of your more expensive belongings. Find out about the deductible or your out-of-pocket costs. Keep in mind that raising your deductible will usually lower your premium, but in the case of a claim will force you to spend more of your own money on replacement costs. Review your policy with your insurance agent or representative so that you clearly understand what is covered.

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What does this mean for the typical undergrad at OU? This, if approved by the House, would directly benefit each university by millions of dollars. Russi has also signed a tuition reduction initiative, along with members of the president's council, in which they have agreed to pass the money on directly to the students. It will then be up to the discretion of the Tuition and Fees Committee to decide how they will pass it on to the students. It may come in the form of a check, possibly a simple reduction or elimination of the General Service Fee.

There will be a full report on the decision of the Michigan House Subcommittee for Higher Education as soon as one is available.

This year the students of OU can look forward to many events held by the Student Congress, the Student Program Board and the other 100 student and Greek organizations

on campus.

I urge you to get involved with groups that peak your interest and accommodate your schedule. Many students on this campus have taken full advantage of the plethora of activities this campus has to offer. Obviously, they've found their niche. Isn't it time you found yours?

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## Life on the EDGE

### ON CAMPUS

•Get into the Halloween spirit with SPB. At 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, SPB will be showing "THE EXCORCIST" in 201 Dodge Hall. The event is free and will have an intermission with free refreshments.

•The Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will perform its production of "ON THE MOVE" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Varner Hall.

•Feeling the essence of Fall? Get into full swing with a picnic at Blake's CIDER MILL at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 23 when SPB sponsors a trip to the apple wonderland. Tickets are \$6.

### SHOWS

•BEENIE MAN is scheduled to perform at 9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Majestic Theatre. Tickets are \$20, and ages 18 and over are welcome.

•Nothing seems ordinary, but check it out anyway. O.A.R with Ordinary Peoples is performing at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Michigan Theatre. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$15.

•Tickets are on sale now for "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" due to come to the Fischer Theatre Nov. 16-25. For more information, call 313.872.1000.

### ODD INFO

•Cockroaches have two fully autonomous brains. One is located in the head. The other is in the abdomen.

•The Chinese ideogram for trouble depicts two women living under one roof.

•Rubberbands last longer when refrigerated.

•Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

•There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

# Sharing our Stories

## Listening to voices not often heard

By Sara McDowell  
THE OAKLAND POST

Even though it has been five weeks since the horrific attacks in New York City and Washington D.C., not to mention the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania, Americans are still feeling the anger and confusion caused by the events.

It seems as if people's initial reaction was to stay rooted in front of the T.V., hoping to learn more about the tragedies and what caused them. While we all waited to see if this was the end, or only the beginning, America as a whole was changing.

Some responded by pulling their flags out of hibernation, flying them high and proud. Some found red, white and blue ribbons to wear in remembrance. Some even decorated their cars with flags, ribbons, stickers, anything to show their patriotism.

Some donated money to organizations benefiting victim's families while others donated their blood.

But since that day in September, the one that seemed like a Hollywood film to some, Armageddon to others, we have all been asking one question. Why?

Many people tend to look for someone to blame, whether it be Osama bin Laden, the U.S. government or other religious parties as a whole. There is more than one side to every story.

Since America began bombing Afghanistan, the question "Is this right?" has been posed by some, while others are pleased at the revenge and think it is long overdue. There is no right answer. However, ignorance toward groups of people and other religious faiths will only break America's spirit, which is exactly what the terrorists wanted.

The Oakland Post felt it important to share what it is like to be a member of the Muslim faith, or an Arab-American, in the hope that it will raise people's consciousness and awareness of what may not be their own way of every day living.

By beginning to try to understand why this all happened, or what we can do to prevent this from happening again, Americans need to begin to look at all people as just that, people, not Arabs, Muslims, Jews, Christians, Caucasians, Asians, African-Americans, etc.

Through this rebuilding of the American spirit, we must all unite in harmony to create peace. We must all begin to see each other as equals. We must be there for one another. We have to be willing to understand others in order to begin this process.

The Oakland Post invited a few students to write personal narratives on their thoughts and views of Sept. 11.

Again, there is more than one side to every story. These are their stories.

The Oakland Post encourages students to email stories to oakpost@oakland.edu.

## Arabs, Muslims tell their experiences, thoughts since Sept. 11

When a tragedy of such proportions occurs, people look for a scapegoat.

In this case it is Arabs, Muslims and Afghans. Although having someone to blame is a quick fix, it is not the most effective approach. Many Americans' initial reaction was that we had to launch a counterattack on whoever was responsible.

Media sources cited an overwhelming three out of four Americans supported military action. What would this accomplish? The people behind the attacks and other followers of Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect, knew very well they were putting their lives on the line, and it was obviously a sacrifice they were willing to make. When you are dealing with people willing to die for their cause, brute force will probably not be the most effective way of resolving the conflict.

In the last week we've taken military action and started bombing Afghanistan. We may be able to kill some of bin Laden's followers but they are in countries all over the world. More importantly, we will also kill more innocent people, further fueling the hatred against America.

If you are a child, a mother, a friend of someone killed in this attack, who will you side with? Right now the United States can't afford to make more enemies.



Nadiya Ahmed

Ultimately, we don't even know if bin Laden was involved directly. We also have to be careful about how receptive we are of all the facts portrayed on our televisions and in our newspapers. We have yet to see any hard evidence linking bin Laden specifically, to the attacks. And that belief has been the basis for the bombings that have gone down in Afghanistan.

One of the founding principles upon which America was formed on is that the individual is innocent until proven guilty. We do not have proof; where does that leave bin Laden and the people of Afghanistan? By having a nation that blindly believes everything the media feeds it, the American government has free rein in the world of foreign policy.

Nadiya Ahmed is a senior majoring in accounting. She is the President of the Muslim Students Association at OU.

"Why don't we just go there and blow all those f--in' Arabs up?" are the words I heard on Sept. 11. I just ignored them. I knew people were angry, and besides that was only the beginning of it.

My mother said she was at the grocery store and a guy had only one item, so she told him he could in front of her. He said, "I don't need charity from an Arab."

Now the question I ask is why? Why is it that I was born here, and I grew up hearing statements like, "Go back to your country, you camel?" The fact is, this is my country and just because I may not look like an American, (whatever that looks like) I am one!

Even if people know me as an American, I still know the way they see another part of who I am and where many of my generations came from - as terrorists!

Movies have always portrayed Mid-Easterners as terrorists. With this tragedy in our hands, as soon as someone knows I have a Mid-Eastern background, I feel obligated to almost scream out, "I'm

not a terrorist!" Why does my mother have to be afraid to step out of her house and go out into a country she now only knows? All I want people to understand is that my parents came here for the same reason the "white" people's ancestors, for freedom, peace and equality.

What took place on Sept. 11 affects us all. I felt the same sadness, the same anger, the same fear, and most importantly the same pride about my country as any other American. We're all in this together; we all need to fight terrorism as one.

Peggy Kulato is a senior majoring in psychology.



Peggy Kulato

**We're all in this together. We all need to fight terrorism as one.**

## Media coverage stereotypes events

At times like this the media plays an imperative part in mainstream reaction. Depending on how it presents a story it can cause hysteria. They can report the story in an unbiased fashion, or they can report it in a way that will get the most reaction and boost ratings.

Unfortunately, the media often opts for the former. I talked to countless people who said that they were not able to register the event as real, or they were glued to the TV in the days following the attacks, that it was almost like an addiction. Various foreign media outlets have openly criticized American media for how it portrayed these acts of terrorism. Despite warning that we should not jump to conclusions, the media flashed pictures on Osama bin Laden just hours after the attacks.

Where was the media when a gun-

man attacked a mosque in the name of Judaism, when a Catholic IRA guerrilla set off a bomb in an urban area, or Serbian Orthodox militiamen raped and killed innocent Muslim civilians?

These acts were not used to stereotype an entire faith. Never were these acts attributed to the religion of the perpetrators. Yet how many times have we heard the words "Islamic, Muslim fundamentalist, Muslim radical," etc. linked

with violence. In the last week there were hundreds of times where the word "senseless" was used to depict these acts of terrorism. Senseless by definition means something that is without meaning or without sound mental capacity. Revenge, hatred, self-interest may have motivated the terrorists.

They may not be just reasons, but

senseless is not an adequate word to use. It would be easy to imagine these individuals as crazy extremists who were just out for blood. It would be nice to believe that our government did absolutely nothing to bring this upon us. It might even make us feel safe because it would be unsettling to put faces on these terrorists and admit that they indeed were human beings. But the truth is that these people were highly educated and successful.

There were reasons behind these attacks, and as long as the government focuses only on retaliation and not on understanding what drove these people to take such drastic actions, we will remain a target for terrorists. The people who died Sept. 11 were innocent victims, but not just the victims of terrorists; they were also the victims of a government whose actions finally caught up with it.

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Sumeera Younis

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to end to form the stripes. Some of them are smeared. Some are larger than others. It is apparently the project of a grade school art class, but the most obvi-

ous characteristic of this flag is the pride which the children produced their work of art and message of love.

This is no isolated incident, no light-

ning strike from one elementary school. There are thousands of banners, flags and posters from children across the country. From their childish innocence comes extraordinary eloquence. The gems are innumerable.

One of the most touching is a little, hand-colored flag. There is no name or

place of origin and no message of hope and encouragement. Just a little piece of paper, colored with red and blue marker and stapled to a thin, white piece of paper that serves as the flagpole. It is proudly taped to a grimy store window, and silently offers more comfort than any carefully constructed poem or prayer.

Eight-year-old Emily Stollmeyer from San Louis Obispo, Calif. drew a picture of an American flag in crayon and next to it is a little pencil drawing of one of the towers engulfed by smoke.

In the stripes of the flag she wrote, "Life will go on! We stand united! Bless the ones who died! We do not deserve this!" The exclamation points are drawn emphatically onto the paper. She meant every word and she wants everyone who sees her drawing to know it.

Beside the flag, in the top right corner is a picture of a little brown and white bird, which Emily has labeled as a "bald eagle." The eagle is crying.

Tears are not uncommon on the sidewalks surrounding Ground Zero. In my visits to the scene, I stood uncomfortably nearby and watched people grieving. Some shed silent, lonely tears. Others were fortunate enough to have a friend to cry with.

I learned a lesson in the way that people deal with grief and catastrophe. Some try to encourage with prayers. Some respond with anger. One person wrote "Bin Laden, WE are coming," in blue permanent marker on a store window. For some, a simple "God Bless America" will suffice.

Indeed, that is the most common sentiment. It is written on banners, on the plastic that covers damaged ATM machines, on the plywood and even in the dust and ash that still coats the surrounding buildings.

There is a memorial site at the corner of Avenue A and 14th Street. On the side of a building is a mural painted by a local artist identified only as "Chico." It depicts the Twin Towers, black smoke streaming from them and hovering over the downtown area. To the right of the towers is the dedication, "In memory of families and friends."

The sidewalk in front of the mural is covered with candles, flowers and even some rosaries. There are missing posters placed on the wall by families still looking for answers. Two large pieces of poster board are attached to a piece of wood, and on it are messages from people from the neighborhood.

There are messages of peace and of vengeance, but the most true and honest is the one in the middle. Three letters, deeply scratched into the white paper with a black pen. One person, simply asking, "Why?"

Even after visiting the scene, I don't understand why.

I saw the white banner hanging from a building facing Ground Zero. It reads, "We will never forget."

I won't ever forget the spectral image of the one, partially remaining wall, looming up in the lights like a giant tombstone. And that's exactly what it is.

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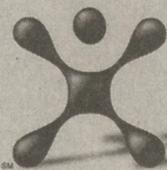
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# The Book of Love

## OU student writes about dealing with women, strategies for success

By Nicole L. Dubiel  
THE OAKLAND POST

It's a rough place out there in the dating world. To be in a successful relationship requires every now and then having to start all over and pursue another.

The path toward success is often filled with experiences, from the comical to the horribly painful, from which valuable lessons are to be learned.

Mark Vest, senior, human resource development, made it a point to learn from his many mistakes and to assist other men in doing just the same. His self-published book, "The Art of Dealing with Women: Strategies for Success," is based on his experiences as a single male trying to meet women and achieve that successful relationship.

"The singles' life can be frustrating and confusing and so



Mark Vest

through my own learning experiences, which involve both mistakes and positive experiences, I believe that I have written of strategies and suggestions that could improve the lives of single people," said Vest.

Frustrated by his own experiences, Vest began compiling them and documented tactics that seemed to work and those that didn't when it came to meeting women.

One night while discussing dating and women with his male friends, he shared his strategies and was encouraged by them to turn his research into a book.

In addition to his male friends, he showed the book to females, including his then girlfriend, now wife, Kimberly, to get feedback on the accuracy of his ideas. In a very precise manner he asked them how they responded to men who used the strategies, and they believed that the strategies outlined would be a successful tool for men.

The strategies presented in Vest's book are dedicated to helping the single male overcome common relationship problems including: worrying too much, appearing desperate, not taking risks and overcoming the fear of rejection.

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"The most important thing that a man can do to be successful with women is not to worry so much about what she thinks about him. He should be himself and realize that this should be good enough for the right woman," he said.

The book also offers advice on how to make the telephone work favorably, how to control jealousy, bragging and offers suggestions about gift giving and paying a woman compliments.

According to the book, Vest states that compliments should be sincere and touch more on the good points of a person's personality and character, not necessarily looks. He believes that compliments should be used sparingly, in order to carry a bigger impact, and make it more exciting for both individuals.

Vest does his best to analyze the female psyche in response to commonly utilized dating techniques. Each technique is discussed in detail, the right and wrongs discussed and applied to the female mind.

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### LIFE COLUMN

## 'Survivor' never looked so good

If you had told me a year ago that I would be addicted to the third season of the CBS show "Survivor," I never would have believed you.

This year they're in



CARA PLOWMAN

Africa, out in the middle of nowhere. At first I thought the show would be boring. It all seemed too voyeuristic. I would never want to be dropped off in Africa, but it's interesting watching others try to get by there.

The water they're forced to drink is mucky, the food scarce and the animals ferocious. If it was me in that situation, I'd be asking, 'Where's the nearest Motel 6?'

Before last Thursday, I had resisted watching the show. In truth, I was adamantly against it because of the sensationalistic manner in which it handles conflict between contestants and the exploitation factor involved. The only reason I tuned into the season premiere last Thursday was to watch a good friend of mine, Clarence Black, from Detroit.

I met Black while working at Boathouse, a Lake Orion restaurant, a few years ago. He started as a server and was one of the most considerate people I've met.

Besides being cute and sincere, Black was always ready to engage in an intelligent conversation or talk about life in general. His openness was a quality which drew me to him almost immediately. If there was an argument between anyone on staff, he was able to calm the tension and work on a solution. Overall, he was a good person and friend.

Black eventually left the restaurant to work at an accounting firm and pursue other interests. And even though we did lose touch, stories about some of his experiences always seemed to filter back to us at work. When we found out he made it onto the show, we were excited.

For me, "Survivor" always seemed distant, not apart of my life in any way. But now I know someone on the show. Last week, I found myself unable to concentrate during my Thursday night class, wondering what the show would be like and who would get kicked off. Being the good student I am, I recorded the show and watched when I got home from class. After watching Black almost get kicked off (for those who didn't watch, he and one other cast member ate a can of beans while the tribe was out gathering water. She got kicked off, but Clarence received two

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## Lucas strikes back with 'Phantom Menace' on DVD

By Brian Urreta  
THE OAKLAND POST

It has begun.

For years, rumors and speculations about their release spread like wildfire. The true fans waited ever so patiently for any sign of hope.

Finally, the rumors are no more. Their wait is over.

In the summer of 1999, acclaimed director George Lucas ("American Graffiti") returned to his roots with the release of "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace." Now Lucas embarks on a whole new realm of entertainment with the DVD release of the first chapter in the "Star Wars" saga.

Set 32 years before "Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope," "The Phantom Menace" centers around the beginning tale of young Anakin Skywalker, well known in later episodes as the father of Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, or as the classic villain Darth Vader. Around Anakin, Lucas introduces a slew of new characters in "Episode I" to add to some of the old favorites. Some of these include; Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn, played by Liam Neeson ("Schindler's List"), his protégé Obi-Wan Kenobi, played by Ewan McGregor ("Trainspotting"), Queen Amidala, played by Natalie Portman ("The Professional"), and much to delight of the true "Star Wars" fans, Yoda.

Unfortunately for many of those true "Star Wars" fans, "The Phantom Menace"



SITH LORD: Darth Maul, apprentice to the evil Emperor, plays one of the villains in "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace," now available on DVD.

just did not offer what the original trilogy did. One element that was sorely missed was that feeling of fear spread throughout the original trilogy by Vader himself. "Episode I" has a potentially equal dark character in Darth Maul, played by Ray Park ("X-Men," "Sleepy Hollow") who steals nearly every scene he is in. The problem is that Lucas underused the sinister Maul, aiming the film towards a more children oriented audience. Lucas proves this by investing so much screen-time to the

obnoxious character of Jar-Jar Binks.

Overall, "Episode I" is a fairly good movie. The big strike that "The Phantom Menace" has against it is that it trails three highly successful films, roughly 20 years after their final release. Many expected to see a type of "The Empire Strikes Back," and they were sorely disappointed.

Regardless, "The Phantom Menace" is a worthy first chapter to an exciting fairly tale. Without it, the original "Star Wars Trilogy" would be incomplete.

While the movie may not have lived up to fans' expectations, the new DVD sure has. It's bound to put a smile on many faces.

With the new DVD format, Lucas takes full advantage in offering special features, that make the two disc set a gem for any fan of the "Star Wars" movies.

The DVD offers a whole new perspective into the making of "The Phantom Menace," with hours of documentaries, posters and print campaigns, as well as a never before seen production photo gallery.

Lucas even went as far as completing unfinished footage to add to the DVD in an exclusive deleted scene documentary. The seven deleted scenes are fun, some more than others. Fans will enjoy a certain deleted scene involving the introduction of a character who later meets his fate with Han Solo.

One feature that is sure to please the viewing audience is Lucas's feature-length audio commentary. This is the first time that the viewing audience has the opportunity to get Lucas' insight on his cherished films.

Lucas is notorious for re-releasing his films over and over so expect this on DVD again. Nonetheless, this highly recommended DVD will be sure to satisfy the appetite of the "Star Wars" fan until the May 2002 release of "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones."

This is only the beginning.

## LISTEN UP: CDS FOR SALE

By Jim Vergeldt  
THE OAKLAND POST

North Mississippi All Stars  
"51 Phantom"

When a band releases a debut album that is met with tremendous critical acclaim, lands it on NPR, The Craig Kilborn Show and Conan O'Brien and garners the band a Grammy nomination, the tendency on the sophomore release is to try to perfectly duplicate the magic of the first.

The North Mississippi All Stars is not that kind of band. Its debut, "Shake Hands with Shorty" was beyond impressive, but instead of attempting to clone "Shorty" it pushed its distinctive sound even further.

The result is "51 Phantom," a hard-driving combination of funk, boogie and hard rock.

The sound of "51 Phantom" is reminiscent of the deep, distinctive music that north Mississippi musicians have been producing for decades. The boys, Cody and Luther Dickinson and Chris Chew, paid tribute to these influences on their first album. All 10 tracks were covers of songs by Furry Lewis, Junior Kimbrough, and several by Mississippi Fred McDowell and R. L. Burnside.

This time around the band recorded nine originals and only two cover songs. It also added some personnel to the band. What made "Shake Hands With Shorty" so remarkable was the deep, thick sound created by only three people. On "51 Phantom" they've beefed up the band, adding some piano, omnichord, dolceola, extra bass and even an electric washboard. As a result they've pumped up their sound as well.

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SOUTHERN STARS: (L-R) Luther Dickinson, Chris Chew and Cody Dickinson of North Mississippi All Stars released its album "51 Phantom" now available on Tone-Cool Records.

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## YOU CAN 'QUOTE' ME ON THAT

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

- "Hey, nice bulbs, Emily. Oh, and I don't mean that metaphorically."
- "You know, Antoine's got a really bad temper. One time, I dropped a cigar ash on his carpet, and he made me pick it up with my anus."
- "Everybody's got 'Frampton Comes Alive.' If you lived in the suburbs you were issued it. It came in the mail with samples of 'Tide.'"
- "Is it possible? Is it possible to improve on perfection?"

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The fall Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF) will be held on Friday, November 9 at Burton Manor in Livonia. More than 160 employers are expected, including Ameritech/SBC Global Network, City of Detroit, Comerica, Michigan State Police, Pitney Bowes, Starr Commonwealth, TAC Automotive Group, and U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command. Visit Placement and Career Services at 275 West Vandenberg Hall to obtain information and a registration form or visit the MCJF web site @ [www.mcjf.org](http://www.mcjf.org).

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Friday, October 19  
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# Horoscopes

Working with others is paramount right now, but it won't always be easy to express our needs. Finding nonverbal ways to communicate, such as through actions or the written word, is essential to keeping the peace. Try to find the patience to say how you feel.

## Aries

You might not have the words to express how you feel, maybe because your feelings are too raw at this point. Listening to others may give you the insight you need, so be open to suggestions.

## Taurus

Being honest about how things really are in your life will save you heartache in the future. Use your optimism to come up with ambitious, yet attainable goals.

## Gemini

It's better to wait than to take action and change your mind. Stay humble in regards to the positive things happening in your life.

## Cancer

You may feel like thinking about past decisions, but try not to regret situations where you did the best you could. Trust your instinct when it comes to love.

## Leo

Your ideas may be ahead of their time, so don't be afraid to put some of your goals on the backburner. Try not to lose faith in yourself when others disagree with you, but also be open to criticism.

## Virgo

This may not be the best week for getting things done, but it is a great time to reflect on your life and where you want to go from here. A close friend may be more important to you than you think.

## Libra

You may be tongue-tied at the moment, but you'll be able to express yourself when you need to. It may seem like an unproductive week, but the results of your actions will become apparent very soon.

## Scorpio

You definitely want to think about things before you say them, but make sure that you do express your feelings in some form. Taking a different approach to a problem will be successful.

## Sagittarius

Keeping your ego in check is a challenge but well worth it, especially when you need other people's help. A good partner can virtually move all the barriers between you and your goals.

## Capricorn

Taking your time in explaining your position will get you plenty of allies. This week may be better for planning as opposed to acting.

## Aquarius

Right now you have the ability to focus on a project, so use this week to take care of business. Colleagues may not understand where you are coming from, but don't let that prevent you from taking action.

## Pisces

A romance may be coming into bloom, but you probably do not realize it yet. You have a partner's attention, so say how you feel while you still have the opportunity.

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## Sports on the EDGE

### SCORE BOARD

#### MEN'S SOCCER

Oct. 10  
MSU 4  
Oakland 1

Oct. 13  
Oakland 3  
IUPUI 1

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oct. 12  
Oakland 3  
Oral Roberts 0

Oct. 14  
Oakland 1  
Valparaiso 0

#### VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 12  
Oral Roberts 3  
Oakland 0

Oct. 13  
UMKC 3  
Oakland 1

Oct. 16  
Toledo 3  
Oakland 0

#### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 13  
Oakland 28th

#### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 13  
Oakland 33rd

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

Oct. 12-13  
Oakland 10th

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### MEN'S SOCCER

•7 p.m., Oct. 17 - at Ohio State  
•2:30 p.m., Oct. 20 - ORAL ROBERTS

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

•4 p.m., Oct. 18 - MICHIGAN STATE  
•1 p.m., Oct. 21 - UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

#### VOLLEYBALL

•7 p.m., Oct. 23 - at Central Michigan

#### MEN'S GOLF

•Time TBA, Oct. 22-23 at Bowling Green Invitational

#### SWIMMING AND DIVING

•Diving 11 a.m., Swimming 5p.m., Oct. 19 at Bowling Green Relays

# Midnight Madness strikes campus

By Chad Mack  
SPORTS EDITOR

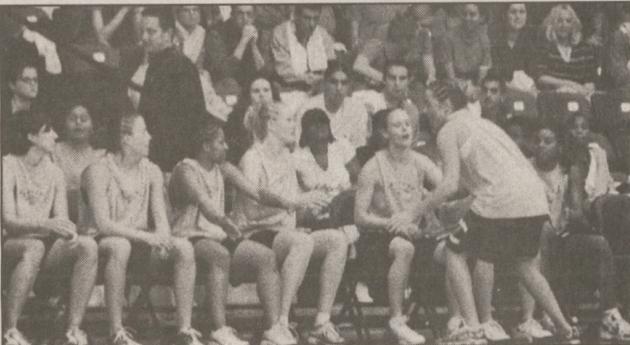
The men and women's basketball teams officially tipped off their seasons with the third annual Midnight Madness celebration last Friday night.

The O-rena was packed with more than 2,000 screaming students and fans of the two Golden Grizzly squads as they awaited the midnight hour.

The night was one, huge party culminating with the arrival of both basketball teams charging on to the floor in complete darkness dribbling glow in the dark basketballs.

The crowd enjoyed performances by various students that were picked out of the crowd randomly by the M.C. that included dribbling, shooting and running around in circles. The Athletics department gave away prizes ranging from season tickets to tee shirts to duffel bags. Before the teams made their way on to the floor each coach addressed the crowd.

Coach Becky Francis of the women's team praised the women's soccer team, which had won its third straight Mid-Con title. She spoke to the crowd and predicted another



championship season for the women. "What I love about being a head coach is getting out and speaking in front of 2,000 people. We're going to put another banner on the wall in 2001-2002," said Francis.

"If we can get loud, hopefully, we can win another conference championship," she said.

Men's coach Greg Kampe was excited for the team's chances this season at winning the division.

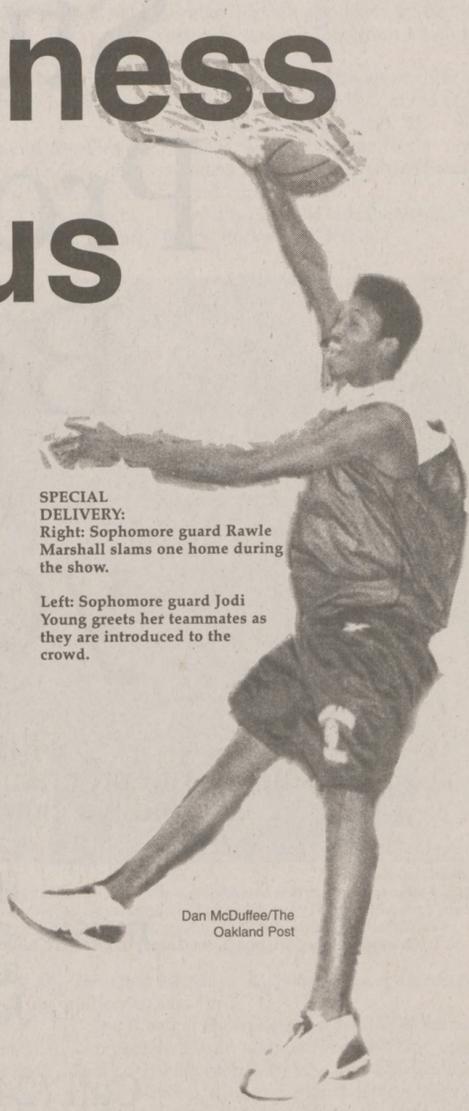
"I'm very excited. We have a veteran team. This is the first year we will be eligible for the Mid-Con tournament. Everything we have done the last four years points to this season," said Kampe.

Kampe put OU basketball on the map with the victory over U-M at home last year. This year he promised to do even more for the school.

"I guaranteed we would win against Michigan. That was the finest night in OU history," he said. Kampe then went on to petition students to keep their calendars open for another milestone in OU athletics.

"Please do not take any Tuesday night classes. The second Tuesday in March we're going to the NCAA tournament, and when we win I want every one to come on to the floor and celebrate," said Kampe.

The crowd exploded and then the players were introduced.



SPECIAL DELIVERY: Right: Sophomore guard Rawle Marshall slams one home during the show.

Left: Sophomore guard Jodi Young greets her teammates as they are introduced to the crowd.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post



PACKS A WALLUP: Ashley McGee kicks the ball between two defenders in route to her record breaking goal for the Golden Grizzlies. OU won its third straight Mid-Con regular season title.

Bob Koska/The Oakland Post

# Women clinch Mid-Con title

By Scott Anderson  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU Golden Grizzlies are undefeated in the Mid-Con Conference with four games left on the schedule. The 12-2 record, 5-0 in the conference, gives the Golden Grizzlies its third straight regular season title.

OU clinched the title with a 1-0 win Sunday at Valparaiso in a defensive struggle. The game was a scoreless tie until sophomore Shelly Piccirillo booted one in from the box at the 84:44 mark.

Head coach Nick O'Shea said that his team was aware of what was at stake going into the game.

"We just talked about the importance of the game," he said.

"If we'd tied, we would have won, but we might have shared it down the road. We kind of talked to them about how it was a difficult game to get up for."

O'Shea was happy with the victory, but he said that the team

could have played better. "We didn't play all that well. The wet rainy field makes for a bad game. A lot of things made it difficult to get up for the game."

Sophomore goaltender Sarah Buckland was strong for the Grizzlies. She earned her third consecutive shutout, bringing her total for the year to five. She improved her record to 9-2.

The Grizzlies also watched a record fall this week as Senior Ashley McGee scored her 47th career goal, surpassing former Grizzly Kristen Luoma's year old mark of 46.

O'Shea was happy for McGee, but he stressed that a team effort helped her accomplish the record.

"Individual records are great, but the team is more important. It's good when lots of goals are scored because it helps the overall team," he said. "She got a lot of help throughout her four years here."

McGee's record-breaking goal

came at the 8-minute mark of the Grizzlies' Friday home victory over the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles. The 3-0 win brought the Grizzlies to an 11-2 record, 4-0 in the Mid-Con. While the victory over Valpo gave the Grizzlies the title, O'Shea says the victory over the Golden Eagles was the better game.

"I'm extremely excited that this team could dominate Oral Roberts like that. We've never done that in the past, to limit them to two shots in the game," he said. "This team has done a tremendous job."

McGee wasn't the only Grizzly to score in the winning effort against the Golden Eagles. Senior Gail Wilson and Piccirillo both notched goals in the game.

The Grizzlies host both MSU and U-M this week. On Sunday there will be a youth skills clinic, autograph session and a raffle to give away Anita Rapp's jersey.

During intermission OU will have a shoot out contest.

# Yankees win one for America

For the past ten seasons it's seemed to be relatively easy to hate the New York Yankees.

I, like so many Detroiters have hated the Yankees my entire life. Yet this season I find myself on the horns of a dilemma. Should I continue to hate the Yankees, or should I put my petty grudge aside for the good of a community that has been so horribly devastated?

My hate for the Yankees started after their second world championship in the 90s. That's about the time when Yankee Owner George Steinbrenner started buying the best team that money could buy. It seems like every year, just when you think that the Yankees aren't going to do it, they pick up some amazing free-agent or make some blockbuster trade and end up winning the World Series in a four game sweep.

But this year is so very different. The Yankees just did the improbable by coming back in a five-game series against the Oakland Athletics. The A's won the first two games of the series and headed back to Oakland up 2-0. Nobody has ever comeback from that kind of deficit to win a series in the history of baseball. That is until now. Leave

it to the Yankees to pull off one of the most incredible comebacks in all of sports. So now that brings us back to my dilemma. It is hard for me, strangely enough, not to pull for the Bronx bombers this year. The Yankees

will be going for their fourth consecutive world championship if they can get past the Seattle Mariners in the American League Championship Series.

What is wonderful is seeing the city of New York and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani smiling and truly enjoying themselves for an evening. Somehow it did my heart good not to see those people under the extraordinary circumstances that we have been accustomed to.

Monday evening when the Yankees clinched the series all you saw were smiles on the faces of these people whose foundations have been shook to the very core.

So it will be hard for me to accept, but maybe just maybe it'll be a good thing if the Yankees win the World Series again this year. It might help the whole country as well as all of New York.

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**COLUMN**

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votes against him), I realized how impressive the show was. I found myself discussing "Survivor" politics at home, asking co-workers who they thought would get booted next and proclaiming "Hey, I know that guy" to almost anyone I've met.

I apologize in advance to my political science professor, because I probably won't be the most attentive student this semester. How was I to know that I'd change my mind about reality television? When the craze started two years ago, I washed my hands of all of it (except MTV's "Real World," the original reality TV show).

Now, don't think you'll ever catch me watching "Big Brother," "Boot Camp" or "Murder in Small Town X," but I will watch "Survivor" this season. Or at least until Black gets voted off. Good luck Clarence!

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**VEST**

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Though his attempts to enter the female mind and the interpretations and conclusions he comes to could be highly debatable, Vest never claims to be an expert, just a regular observant guy, who's using experience as his guide.

"Women are complex in a very fascinating way, so I don't believe that any man could claim to have 100 percent expertise of the opposite sex," he said. "I believe that women would be both flattered and overwhelmed at the same time if they knew how much time men spent attempting to figure out ways to be successful with them."

To obtain a copy of "The Art of Dealing with Women: Strategies for Success" for \$14.95, call 1-877-935-LOVE. All orders will be shipped with accompanying wallet-sized Confidence Reference Cards, which contain several techniques to reinforce Vest's ideas and motivate the individual.

Ladies, there is no need to feel left out. Vest is currently working on a book designed for women, tentatively titled, "The Art of Dealing with Men: Strategies for Success from a Male Perspective" ready for publication by Thanksgiving.

**ALLSTARS**

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Guitarist and vocalist Luther Dickinson relied heavily on the high, soaring sound of the slide guitar and lapsteel to drive the tunes on "Shake Hands With Shorty." On the new disc, Luther plays less with the slide. The result is a sound that is less bluesy than the previous record and more straight-ahead, southern rock 'n' roll.

This is an album of transitions. The band has transitioned, adding more funk and hard rock into the new record. These guys are going further to blur the lines between genres. On the first album, they were crossing the line between the blues and rock 'n' roll. On the new album they obliterate that border.

The song "Sugartown" is a perfect example. They cross back and forth, from blues to rock and back to the blues in the middle of the song. It sounds like it would be a jolt to the listener, but the band accomplishes the transition so deftly and elegantly, that it seems perfectly natural.

"Ship" is another song that incorporates two vastly different influences into a single tune. It starts out as a simple, harmonic song with a distinct gospel feel. In the middle of the song the boys break out into a good old jam that could be taken right out of a Widespread Panic or Medeski Martin & Wood concert.

The real kicker on this disc is the 11th and final track, "Mud." Like the Primus song of the same name, this track features a powerful bass line, and it rocks hard. "Mud" is just a peek at the new direction this critically acclaimed band is taking. It is bringing the sound of northern Mississippi to the world, and every musical convention is fair game.

"51 Phantom" is now available on Tone-Cool Records.

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# No surprise, volleyball loses again

By Scott Anderson  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU Golden Grizzlies fell to the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles and the University of Missouri Kansas City Kangaroos on the road to go 1-5 in the mid-con conference, 5-13 overall. The Golden Grizzlies lost to the Golden Eagles in three straight games 12-30, 16-30, and 16-30 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Head

coach Ed Tolentino was disappointed with the loss, but said that the Golden Eagles just played better. "Oral Roberts played extremely well. They played better than their last couple of outings," he said.

"Our play wasn't exceptional and that widened the gap, we just didn't execute our game plan."

Sophomore Kaili Klieman led the way with seven kills and a 23.5 percent attack

percentage. Sophomore Courtney Varterasian and senior Cloretta Porter followed with six kills apiece. Varterasian led the Grizzlies defensively with nine digs.

The Grizzlies fell in the first two games, in Kansas City, 26-30 and 25-30 before taking the third game 30-19. Unfortunately the Grizzlies could not hold the rally as they fell 16-30 in the fourth game to lose the match 3-1.

Tolentino said that the Grizzlies fell behind early.

"We've got to stick to our discipline defense. We can't be down six points and win a game, we have to get our points early."

Seniors Cloretta Porter and Tess Pierce each had big games for the Grizzlies. Porter recorded 12 kills, while Pierce tallied 11. Pierce also had a 34.6 percent attack percentage for the match. Senior

Carmen Trippett also came up big with nine kills and a 27.3 percent attack percentage.

"I was happy about the effort, there was a lot of points that UMKC scored on the intangibles," Tolentino said, "The thing we need is for everyone to fire on all cylinders. Our outsides need to produce, not just our middles."

Tuesday night the Grizzlies took on the Toledo Rockets and lost 3-0.

# Swimmers prepare for upcoming season

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

The men and women's swimming and diving teams are rapidly approaching the beginning of their season, and according to coaches Pete Hovland and Jon Teal, the excitement level is at a new high.

Coming off of last year's season of Mid-Con Championship titles, high rankings at the National Independent Conference Championships, breaking multiple school records and constantly improving personal best times, the returning swimmers are pumped to compete in the upcoming meets. In addition, the roster has expanded to fill the holes left by recent graduates.

On the women's side, Hovland said that returning swimmers Oksana Strelets, Tatyana Korniyenko, Danielle Ward and Tamara Swaby will be the team's top competitors.

"Those are the four young ladies right there that we expect to carry the load for us this year," Hovland said. "All of those girls set school records last year or were part of a relay that set school records."

The women's team also signed three high school state champions including Tara Berringer from Oregon, who will swim backstroke and individual medley. Renie Green from Dearborn was the Class A State Champion in the 100 backstroke, and Lindsay Unrath from Dexter, Michigan was the Class B State Champion in the 100 breaststroke.

Other new team members include Holly Miller from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Karoline Freytag from Kronach, Germany who will both swim mid-distance and distance freestyle.

The diving team is currently comprised of three returning divers, Devon Cunningham, Katie Livingston and Leslie Purucker.

On the men's side, Hovland considers this year's roster as having "a pretty experienced upper class."

Top returning competitors for the men are Dave Hartzel, Mark Quinn, Marc Gray, Andy Schmit and Joel Wallace.

"As far as the returning people, those are going to be the keys to our success this year," Hovland said. "Those are the guys who will be shouldering the majority of the burden and hopefully will provide leadership both in and out of the pool."

Additions to the men's team include high school Class A State Champion Chris Sullivan from Rockford, Michigan. Sullivan is the state champion in the 50 and 100 freestyle and was ranked second in the nation in the 50 freestyle.

Tim Johnson from Windsor, Mike Parrish from Birmingham, Spencer Haskins, also from Rockford, Andy Munoz from El Paso, Texas and Blaine Dolcetti from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario were also signed to the men's team, and according to Hovland, will be strong assets to the team.

Chris Gawronski is the only returning diver from last year, and will be representing OU along with newcomer Chris Rosseau.

"This is probably the most highly acclaimed recruiting class in our school history," said Hovland.

The swimmers and divers have been training since the beginning of the school year, their only meets so far being the 17th Annual Alumni Meet and the Intrasquad Black vs. Gold Meet, which were held the last weekend of September. These meets give the



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AMERICAN SPIRIT: At the 17th Annual Alumni Meet, OU's foreign swimmers showed their support for the U.S. by donning temporary tattoos of the American Flag. From left to right: Haitham Hassan (Egypt), Tamara Swaby (Jamaica), Sean Broadbent (Canada), Karoline Freytag (Germany), Colin Dolcetti (Canada), Tony Smucler (Canada), Tatyana Korniyenko (Kazakhstan), Tim Johnson (Canada), Oksana Strelets (Kazakhstan) and Mark Quinn (England).

teams a chance to race against each other, as well as some of their alumni and get into the spirit of the upcoming season.

This year the teams stressed representing the U.S. as well as OU, in light of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. The swimmers and divers all wore temporary tattoos of the American Flag on their arms.

"I thought it was kind of nice because we have 13 kids from other countries on our teams and they all posed for a picture together with their American tattoos on their shoulders," said Hovland.

The next step for the team is this weekend at the Bowling Green Relays.

"The kids are really eager to go swim in an actual

meet and the relays will give them a chance to race a little bit," said Teal.

The Bowling Green Relays will kick off the team's competitive season and get them working on their first goal of the year, to win the Mid-Con Conference Championship. The championship meet takes place the last weekend of November, so the team will prepare for that meet for the next six weeks. Dual meets between now and then will mainly be practice and training time for the Mid-Con meet.

"Every meet is competitive but our ultimate goal is to win the Mid-Con Championship," said Teal. "It's going to be an exciting season. We're all ready to go out there and swim some meets."

# Grizzlies tied for first in conference, lose to MSU

By Svonko Blazeovski  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU men's soccer team scored twice in the first 20 minutes on their way to defeating Mid-Con opponent IUPUI 3-1, in a physical encounter on Saturday.

The victory improves the Golden Grizzlies' record to 5-3-2 overall and keeps them in a tie for first place in the Mid-Con with UMKC.

The Golden Grizzlies drew first blood in the 10th minute of the first half.

Senior midfielder Chris King made a pass to freshman forward Philip Braathen, who split two IUPUI defenders and scored.

The Jaguars' goalkeeper, Armando Femia, came out of his net to cut off the shot but Braathen's blast from 18 yards beat Femia.

OU doubled their lead 10 minutes later on a goal from freshman forward Marcus Halland.

Braathen passed to Halland, who beat the suspect IUPUI defense to make the score 2-0.

OU outshot IUPUI, 6-2 in the first half.

IUPUI woke up in the second half and started to put pressure on OU, outshoot-



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JUDO KICK: Freshman Doug Rice scores the only goal for OU in a 4-1 loss to MSU.

ing them 4-3.

The Jaguars' effort paid off in the 56th minute as forward Jason Noyan scored to cut OU's lead in half on a free kick. Ben Higginbotham was credited with an assist.

IUPUI's Higginbotham received a yellow card in the 65th minute with a slide tackle from behind on sophomore mid-

fielder Anders Vollen, who suffered a broken wrist on the tackle.

Braathen scored his second goal of the game in the 77th minute on assists from Halland and junior forward Rob Maxwell to put the game out of reach for the Jaguars.

Two minutes later, Braathen was disqualified after being tangled up with

IUPUI's Mike Sullivan.

Braathen retaliated after being stepped on by Sullivan's cleats with the referee watching.

OU had to play the final 11 minutes with only 10 players but were able to keep the Jaguars from capitalizing on the man advantage.

"It is certainly good to get a conference win," said head coach Gary Parsons.

"Every conference game is important. The win gets us to 2-0 in the conference and gives us a little breathing room, not a lot but a little."

Senior goalkeeper Mike Skolnik made three saves for the victory.

The Golden Grizzlies were defeated by MSU, 4-1, last Wednesday at East Lansing after allowing the game's first three goals.

Both sides played an even first half but it was the Spartans that scored first in the 35th minute off a Jeffrey Krass goal. Craig Hearn was credited with the assist.

In the second half, things got worse for OU as they were outshot 12-4.

The Spartans doubled their lead five minutes after the restart on a Ryan McMahan header off a Anders Kelto corner kick.

MSU made the game 3-0 two minutes later, with Brett Konley's goal on an assist from Paul Vance.

Sophomore midfielder Doug Rice cut the Spartan lead to two, with his unassisted effort in the 72nd minute but that goal was canceled out in the 74th minute on a goal from substitute Jordan Gruber. Steve Arce tallied an assist on the play.

"Nothing happened offensively for us," said Maxwell.

"Nothing worked. They just shut us down. It just came down to a few mistakes defensively that we made and they just capitalized on them."

Skolnik made four saves for the Golden Grizzlies in the loss.

OU travels to Columbus, Ohio today to play the Ohio State University Buckeyes.

OU will be without Braathen, tied for the team lead in goals with three, who will miss two games following his red card against IUPUI on Saturday.

The Golden Grizzlies will also be without freshman midfielder Shahar Ktovim, who is out indefinitely with a broken leg.

After OU's game against Ohio State, they will return home on Saturday to host Mid-Con conference rival Oral Roberts University at 2:30 p.m.

## MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### MEN'S SOCCER

UMKC	IUPUI
2-0-0	1-2-0
7-3-0	6-5-1
Oakland	Oral Roberts
2-0-0	1-2-0
5-3-2	2-10-0
Western Illinois	Valparaiso
1-1-0	0-2-0
5-6-1	4-7-0

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oakland	Southern Utah
5-0-0	1-2-0
12-2-0	2-11-0
Valparaiso	Oral Roberts
3-1-0	0-1-0
7-7-0	7-5-1
IUPUI	Western Illinois
1-2-0	0-4-0
2-10-0	3-9-0

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

## GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

### ASHLEY MCGHEE

Senior forward Ashley McGhee took over the career goal record with her first half goal against Oral Roberts. McGhee helped lead OU to a 12-2 record and helped the Golden Grizzlies win a third straight Mid-Con championship. McGhee was also named Mid-Con player of the week.

-Chad Mack



# GET OUT

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## GAME TIME

Local bars provide next best way to watch the game: multiple television screens, company, food and drinks



KICKING INTO THE SEASON: Michigan University Stadium (above) erupts with fans, students and alumni this time of year. If a ticket isn't possible to attain, go preview the game in the next best way. Local bars provide entertainment to take the viewer another step closer to the field. Join in on the fun and the ongoing rival between UofM and MSU, on Saturday, Nov. 3. JD's Key Club is hosting a special event in which blue and maize will take on green and white.

Photo courtesy of Mike Smith

By Nicole L. Dubiel  
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Watching a football game on television is enjoyable.

Watching a football game on a choice of 30 televisions, in an unlimited atmosphere of food, drink, friends and crazed fans, is more than just enjoyable, it's exhilarating.

Many local bars and restaurants are making sure college football fans will have a plethora of hot-spots to choose from this year when deciding where to watch the Spartans square off against the Wolverines on Saturday, November 3.

The Spectadium in Troy, voted "Best Sports Bar" by Metro Times readers in 2001, draws sports fans inside with its 35 large TVs and its stadium-styled tiered seating. The main room has three large side-by-side screens and views are never obstructed even when the bar is at its busiest. There are even television screens located in the bathrooms making it impossible for fans to miss any game action.

"I love it here. It's a great

place to hang out with friends, grab great food and a couple drinks," said patron Bryan McCormack. "If there is a big game on, I know they'll be airing it, and there will be a fun crowd. It's just a good time."

Hoop's Food Sport Spirits, located five minutes from the Palace in Auburn Hills, is also a great place to catch the game. Hoop's not only has the customary big screen TV, but each booth has an individual color television which can be tuned to the game of your choice.

Aside from the 30 televisions at Hoop's, sports memorabilia from all of the local sports teams cover the walls. The bar also offers billiards, darts, an extensive beer selection and delicious food.

For those looking for a different route, there are always great crowds watching games inside any of the local T.G.I. Fridays. Special game events vary by location, but each is sure to assist fans in having a good time. The wait staffs are friendly, and the selection of food, beer and countless drinks, make for a satisfying time.

"Fridays is a fun place to be during games, or anytime really," said Lora Pilarski, senior,

education major. "It's great sitting around the bar with all the fans and just waiting for something exciting to happen and for everyone to cheer. They have really good drinks too, which always makes things a little more fun."

For those experiencing difficulty waiting for game day as well as the fun that comes along with it, JD's Key Club in Pontiac is hosting a UofM vs. MSU Night, Thursday, Nov. 1. For the first time, the dueling piano bar, host to various themed events throughout the year, will transform itself into a dueling college football haven.

"There will be everything from trivia to drinking contests to dance contests, and prizes will range from t-shirts to mugs," said owner John DelCampo. "Specials will run throughout the night on various types of drinks, beer and shooter shots."

Individuals, who show team spirit by wearing either green and white or blue and maize, will enter free to the event. During the club will divide in two, and fans, will compete in contests to decide who is best. The doors will open at 7 p.m. with contests beginning at 8 p.m.

## 'L.I.E.' pushes edge of entertainment standards; good morals prove not enough

By Patrick Labadie  
THE OAKLAND POST

"L.I.E." (an acronym for Long Island Expressway) is an unsettling look at life in the Long Island suburbs in the same vein as "Happiness" and "Kids" to which this film will inevitably be compared. It a coming of age story, and at the same time, a cautionary tale.

Directed by Michael Cuesta, the film stars Paul Franklin Dano as Howie Blitzer, a 15-year-old boy who recently lost his mother and is struggling with his closet homosexuality. He is trying to deal with an aloof father who cares more about banging his new girlfriend in interesting positions than being a good dad.

**L.I.E.**  
out of four movie cameras  
Starring: Paul Franklin Dano, Billy Kay  
Director: Michael Cuesta

Howie falls into a group of delinquents who burglarize houses in their posh suburban neighborhood. One of the delinquents, Gary (Billy Kay) and Howie begin to become friends and share more than a few moments that could be considered homoerotic. Their thievery exploits bring them into contact with Big John (Brian Cox, "Rushmore," "Manhunter"), an ex-marine who could be considered a stand up guy except that he's more than a card carrying member of

NAMBLA.

Big John, whose orange Cutlass sports the double vanity plate "BJ," takes a liking to Howie and becomes the father figure that Howie so badly needs after he is abandoned by Gary and later his father.

It is in these scenes that Cox truly shines bringing an astounding amount of complexity to a character who in any other movie would simply be the villain. No, Big John is not the pedophile with the heart of

gold, but Cox is able to find whatever humanity this man has creating a truly three dimensional character.

Big John's motivation here is unclear. Does he want sex, or does he want to nurture Howie? He is able to embody the paternal and the carnal in the same breath. That is the brilliance of his performance. In one extraordinary scene, Big John teaches Howie how to shave, so creepy and repulsive, yet also so caring and fatherly.

At one point, Big John is told he should be ashamed of what he is doing. To which he responds, "I am. I always am."

The film has been slapped with an NC-17 rating by the MPAA, which usually means it contains at least one of two things: graphic brains-on-the-floor violence or explicit "Showgirls"-style coitus.

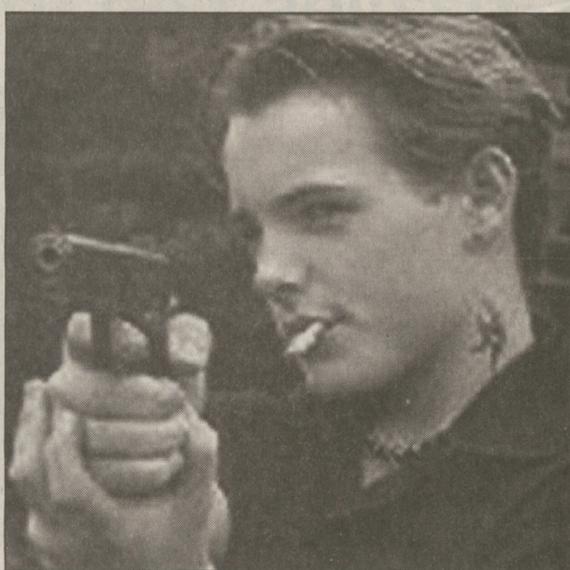
"L.I.E." has neither making it the first film of all time to garner an NC-17 based upon its moral ambiguity. It's offense to the MPAA mainly lies in its refusal to judge Big John for what he is doing and the homosexual nature of their relationship (which is only implied never shown). Also, the fact that the most admirable influence in Howie's life is a pedophile probably came into play at some point.

It really is a shame that most teens won't get to see this because this film boils down to parents learning to love their better.

However, for all its successes, the film stumbles in the third act wrapping things up with an overly moralistic conclusion that feels like it was tacked on in order to say "you've got away with it this long, time for some consequences."

Another subplot involving Howie's father's fraudulent dealings feels out of place here. In addition, Director Michael Cuesta's roots in TV commercials become evident in portions of the film that are self consciously arty.

But the film is able to outshine its pimples and blemishes, revealing this to be an accomplished debut, from a filmmaker with a daringly original voice.



BOLD STATEMENT: Paul Franklin Dano plays 15-year-old Howie Blitzer in the film, "L.I.E." A powerful statement is conveyed through this unique film, one which alerts the MPAA into giving a possibly unnecessary, rating of NC-17. Decode if the MPAA is on target, or just overprotective of a realistic portrayal of today's society.

Photo courtesy Lot 47 Films

# For Your

# ENTERTAINMENT

PHOTOS

### Environmental Photo Contest

"Picture the Solution," a photo essay contest, hopes to raise public awareness of the positive solutions that have been and can be adopted for environmental problems. The deadline is Friday Oct. 26. Winners will receive the Barbara Stanton Environmental Award of Excellence. For more information call 248.557.2510.

SPORTS

### Pre-season Basketball

Pre-season basketball continues when the Detroit Pistons take on the New Jersey Nets. Tip-off begins at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$45, and are on sale now. For more information call 248.377.0100 or visit [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com).

CONCERT

### Tori Amos Graces Stage

Tori Amos is scheduled to perform at the Fox Theatre at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. Talented singer and songwriter Rufus Wainwright will open for Amos. Tickets are \$29.50 and \$36.50, and are on sale now at the Fox Theatre Box office and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information call 313.471.6611.

POETRY

### "Poets Tribute"

The WSU/YMCA Bernard Firestone Annual Labor Poets Tribute will be held at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19 at the Scarab Club. Nationally recognized award winning poets such as Minnie Bruce Pratt, Judith Roche and Charles Potts will be present. For more information call 313.831.1250.