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OUSC's budget woes continue

BY JULIE SWIDWINSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

As the 2004-05 OUSC met for the last time, issues surrounding budget spending plagued discussions as questions lingered around presidential spending, and what some found to be an extremely high payroll for the executive board.

Forty percent of student funding is paying for services of the OUSC president and the executive board, Congress confirmed Monday.

"Last year we allocated \$87,000 to executive board pay, and that's a lot when we have about a \$220,000 budget," said Legislator Doug Merriam.

"It's pretty significant having 35 to 40 percent going for internal operating expenses."

Other university Student Congresses give free parking passes, credits toward tuition or a stipend of \$1,500 a year as compensation for student board members, Merriam said.

He finds that OUSC should look into other forms of payment and a better handling of executive board responsibilities.

"We're paying somebody 9,000 bucks this year to be our publicity director, and I get 15 flyers in my mailbox to hang up around campus," he said.

"So you want me to take an hour and a half of my time to post flyers? That's what we have a publicity director for."

But not all of the \$87,000 is being spent on office hours, said President Jonathan Parks, adding that a search for other forms of compensation was exhausted.

"We tried to go through free tuition, but it's not happening, we don't have the resources or proper foundation of alumni to go that route," he said.

"I think that we need to stop talking about cutting the e-board's pay and start upping the e-boards responsibilities," said Legislator Madalyn Miller.

Student Services Director Sarah Cook said that e-board members have enough duties, and that legislators need to examine their work ethics.

"You can change the pay system, but there is no way you can increase board accountability," she said, referring to the weekly reports that e-board members present at the Congress meetings.

"Some legislators come in the office, they stand around, and they stamp scantrons. Maybe they don't help as much as they could," she added.

Legislator George Nahas stood by the current payroll method, saying that not only is he in favor of continuing the current pay, but he is also in favor of increasing it.

Nahas said that payment is a form of attraction, and that better pay would equal better candidates.

Parks pointed out that being a part of Congress consumes all of his time, and that he has given up a lot to be a part of the organization.

"I have not had an off-campus job in two years. I have missed out on so many opportunities, I have turned down salary jobs because of Congress, and this is the thanks we get," he said.

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YOU LIKE MIKE

Michael McGuinness and Kori Lynn Caver are voted student body president and vice president

BY LIBBY BAKER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

One thousand two hundred and seventy-five ballots were cast during last week's election, and Michael McGuinness and Kori Lynn Caver won the presidential and vice presidential seats with 520 votes.

"It's a happy day," McGuinness said to students upon hearing the results.

Both McGuinness and Caver thanked students for their support and consideration.

"(Your) support has been a great help," Caver said.

Bryan Austin and Danny Johnston

finished second behind McGuinness and Caver with 381 votes.

Austin said he was upset with the final results, in part due to events that took place during the campaigning period.

"Justice was not done," Austin said.

He said ethics and morals were

thrown to the wayside during the campaigning and election period.

Charity Jones and Brendan Stevens finished behind Austin and Johnston with 197 votes.

"Brendan and I ran a very spirited campaign," Jones said. "I'm happy for Mike and Kori and wish them the

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The Oakland Post

Michael McGuinness and Kori Lynn Caver

After hours of discussion, election results are officially validated

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The OUSC election is over, but the reverberations continue. Elections Validation Committee members met again yesterday morning.

They gathered to address two additional issues that were not presented to them in the initial meeting that was held on Thursday to hear complaints filed by candidates and validate the election.

"It was an honest mistake," said Krupa Ujla, Elections Commission chair, on why the two complaints were not presented at the first meeting. "There was no malicious intent behind it."

The complaints were dismissed. Thursday, after approximately five hours of deliberation in an open session over concerns that the election may not be valid, the committee met in a closed session, in possible violation of the Open Meetings Act, and returned with the verdict: The elections were valid.

"You can have confidence in the election results as announced," the committee said in a prepared statement.

The committee delivered several congressional reprimands, but did not feel the actions justified invalidating the election.

Committee members moved into closed session to "take some of the heat out of the room and to have a calmer body making decisions about such an important issue," said Elections Validation Committee Chair David Dulio.

Despite the Michigan Open Meetings Act that requires public bodies "to conduct nearly all business at open meetings" in an

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The search begins

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Last Saturday, the world lost Pope John Paul II, and the process of electing the next pope began immediately.

In the simplest of terms, the process of electing a new Pope involves five steps.

First, the Roman Catholic Electing Cardinals go to Rome upon the Pope's death. Next, a secret conclave is held, followed by a series of special voting rituals. The cardinals agree on a decision, and the new Pope is then announced.

The process is much more involved, though, then it may appear.

Currently there are 183 cardinals, but only 117 Electing Cardinals will be entering the conclave.

This is because Pope Paul VI made a rule only allowing cardinals who have not yet reached their eightieth birthday to enter.

The conclave commences 15-20 days after the Pope's death, so the cardinals can be summoned and journey to Rome. It is a closed-door meeting that takes places in the Sistine Chapel. The cardinals are now in charge of running the Vatican.

There is no set time limit on the election process.

It can be anywhere from a few days to weeks or even months.

The only people allowed in the conclave are doctors, priests and the housekeeping staff, who have all sworn an oath promising to retain secrecy.

The cardinals all swear an oath of secrecy and elections commence.

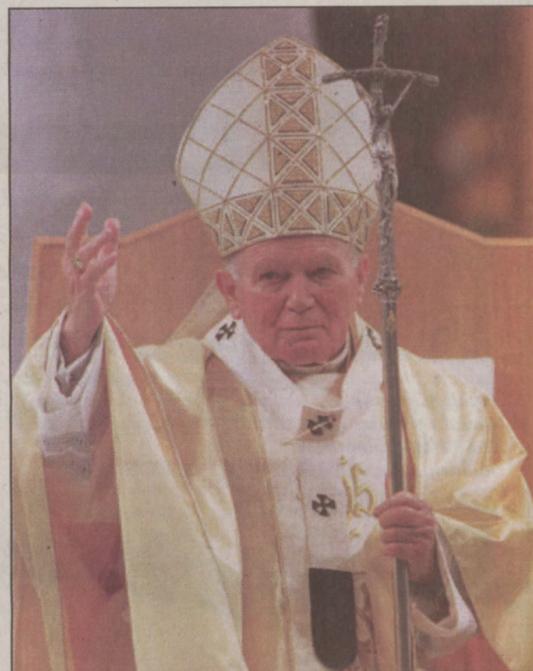
If the first election doesn't have a winner by majority, two ballots are filled out every day, one in the morning and one in the evening. All the cardinals write the name of their preferred candidate.

Ballots are collected, mixed, counted and opened. As they are read off, each piece of paper is strung on a thread with the other ballots and burned.

This process is repeated until one candidate receives at least two-thirds of the votes by cardinals present. However, if an agreement is not reached after 30 rounds, the cardinals can agree to accept a majority.

After each voting session, ballots are burned in a stove. The color of the smoke has great significance. Black means no one has been elected, white means the new Pope has been elected.

Following the smoke signals, the dean of the College of Cardinals makes an official announcement to the world.



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Pope John Paul II is shown during a Mass in February of 1999.

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Committee validates elections

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effort to "strengthen the right of all Michigan citizens to know what goes on in government," it is unclear whether this applies to Student Congress, according to the Student Press Law Center.

Concerns over the integrity of the election were voiced when Elections Commission member Sumeera Younis was asked to testify regarding a complaint that she had advised students on how to vote.

Younis said when asked how to vote, she informed students she could not tell them, but then went on to state the candidates' platforms, adding that McGuinness made a "good vice-president."

Shay Binion, student at large on the committee, said Younis should have directed students to the online candidate platforms, rather than describing them herself.

She further pointed out that Younis mentioned the McGuinness/Caver campaign first, saying she has "issue with some of the practices of some of the commission members."

Matthew Edwards, who was representing write-in candidates James Brown and Fallon Bojanowski, agreed.

The committee cannot just sanction Younis, he

said, because her behavior tainted the entire election.

Ujla disagreed that Younis' behavior made the election questionable, saying Younis had informed voters about all three candidates.

Madalyn Miller, representing McGuinness and Caver, said it would be extreme to invalidate the election and that Younis' behavior probably did not have an effect on the results.

"It may not affect the outcome," Dulio said, "but the process needs to have integrity."

Crystal Allen, who was dismissed from the committee because she had joined a McGuinness/Caver support group online, agreed.

"This is a serious matter," she said. "My number one concern is if we don't invalidate the elections, everyone's affected."

The committee issued Younis a congressional reprimand.

But Edwards pointed out a congressional reprimand to an Elections Commission member means something wrong was done that affected the election.

The committee found, however, that the evidence brought to its attention did not justify invalidating the election.

The committee also recommended that "OUCS and its Elections Commissions revisit and revise the procedures for conducting future elections."

The results are in. . .

RESULTS

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best of luck next year."

One hundred twenty-eight votes went to write-in candidates.

Write-in candidate James Brown said he wasn't really surprised with the final results.

"I'm a little disappointed, because it was a very dirty race," he said.

In other election results, students passed Proposals A and B, which approved changes to the Student Activity Fee and a new OUCS constitution, respectively.

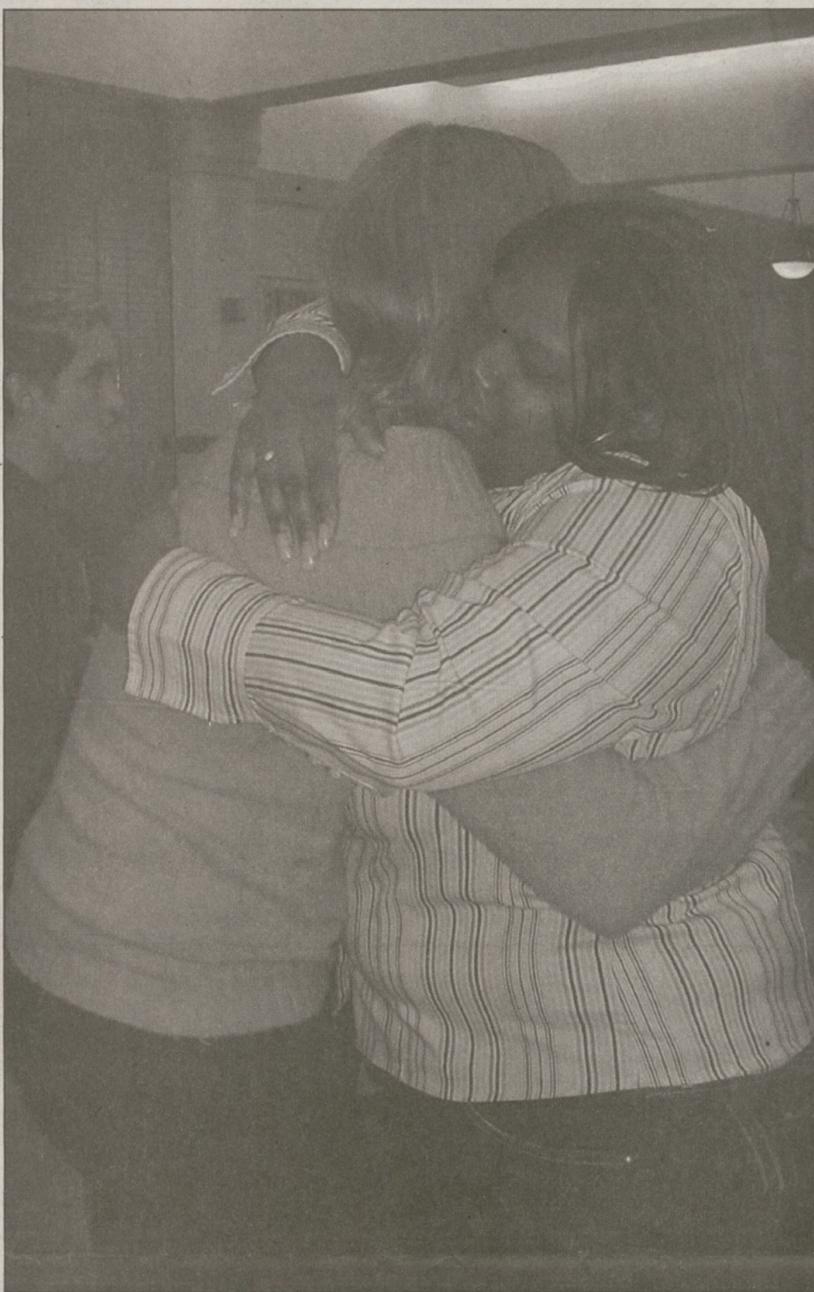
Fourteen students were also voted in as legislators for the new Congress.

McGuinness and Caver will officially assume their roles as president and vice president at Monday's meeting.



Roqaya Eshamawi/The Oakland Post

A student signs presidential candidate James Brown's petition for a re-vote.



Roqaya Eshamawi/The Oakland Post

Legislator Madalyn Miller, McGuinness/Caver campaign manager, hugs newly elected Vice President Kori Lynn Caver after the OUCS election results were announced.

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Sleep debt has to be paid

By JULIE SWIDWINSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

As the world turned its clock forward this past Sunday, OU students were robbed of yet another hour of sleep.

One simple hour may not seem like much, but for the many students who are sleep deprived, one hour can make a world of difference.

Compensating for daylight-saving time is not the only thing that students are losing sleep over.

"There are so many things that I have to get done throughout the day," said junior Kalee Iacoangeli. "It seems almost impossible in today's fast paced world to stay ahead of the game and maintain proper sleep habits. The two just don't mix."

Pamela Marsh, a licensed psychologist at OU's Graham Health Center, said sleep is no longer a priority for students.

"Studying, social obligations and work are occupying more and more of students' time," she said. It is recommended that adults

get seven to eight hours of sleep each night, although some may need more or less to function properly.

Experts find that running on little sleep can cause a variety of problems, including a loss in concentration and memory, an increase in stress and a drop in endurance and strength.

Sleep deprivation can also have more serious physical and mental effects on an individual.

"Sleep is the time when your brain and body are restoring themselves, so not getting enough sleep can lower your immunity and can cause anxiety problems," Marsh said.

As students skip more and more shuteye, a "sleep debt" begins to accumulate.

Sleeping in on the weekends may help pay off this debt; however, if too much sleep has been lost, the negative effects of sleep deprivation may not be reversed.

"People who don't get enough sleep are also more susceptible to having auto and work-related accidents," Marsh said.

The National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration estimates that more than 100,000 fatigue-related accidents occur each year; over 70,000 result in injury and 1,500 end in death.

Since OU is mainly a commuter school, students' driving may be more affected by sleep deprivation.

Studies show that driving without sleep for 17 to 19 hours can be as dangerous as driving with a blood alcohol limit of .05.

To avoid sleep deprivation, Marsh offers a few tips.

"Start having a routine an hour before you go to bed," she said. "Take a shower, listen to music, read a book or just relax."

She also emphasizes that keeping everyday activities, such as studying and watching TV, out of the bedroom can help create a soothing environment for sleeping.

For those who wake up during the middle of the night and have trouble falling back asleep, Marsh recommends, "Get up and go sleep on a couch. Sometimes a change in environment can help you get back to sleep."

"If you are tired all the time, falling asleep in classes, are more irritated and getting sick more often, then you want to look into receiving some help," Marsh said.

Students who experience sleep deprivation can contact the Graham Health Center to learn more about what they can do to control their sleeping patterns.

For those who need a few extra tips, the National Sleep Foundation recommends the following:

- Maintain a regular time to fall asleep and wake up during the week and weekends.
- Create an environment that is comfortable, cool, dark and quiet to sleep in.
- Try not to eat for at least two hours before you sleep.
- Exercise regularly and during the daytime. Do not exercise right before bedtime.
- Avoid caffeine, nicotine and alcohol as bedtime approaches.

The three can either keep you up longer or disrupt your sleep during the night.

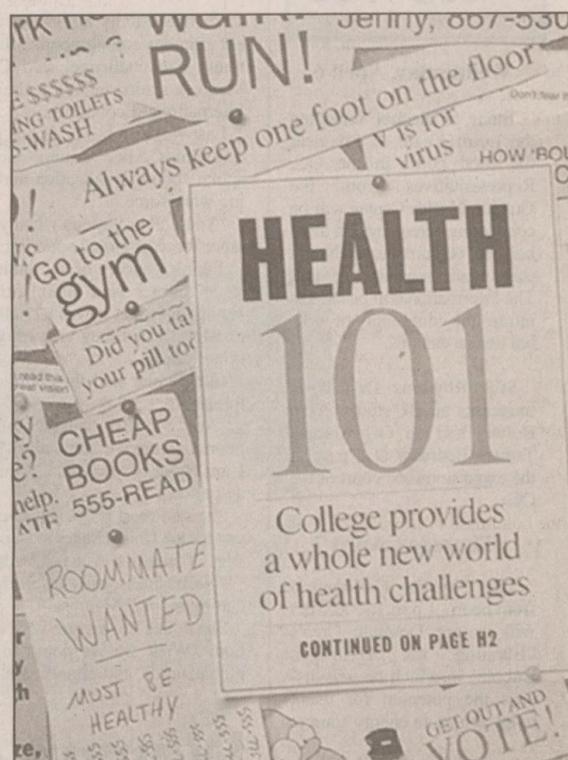


Photo courtesy of Knight Ridder Tribune
Among their numerous responsibilities, college students have put sleep as a last priority and seldom find enough time for it.

Ode to Oxford

Students study abroad at the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

By ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Actor Hugh Grant, comedian Rowan Atkinson, Baroness Margaret Thatcher and author J.R.R. Tolkien all have one thing in common.

The same association is also shared by poet T.S. Eliot, former President Bill Clinton and the inventor of the World Wide Web, Tim Berners Lee.

The link that connects all these famous yet uniquely different people is England's University of Oxford; they all obtained a degree from the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

Standing with nine centuries of history and tradition, Oxford is an internationally renowned center for teaching and research that attracts over 16,000 students annually that represent over 130 nationalities, according to its Web site.

People flock from all over the world to visit the university, including students choosing to study abroad there.

Filming for movies also takes place in Oxford, because of its beauty, including all the Harry Potter films.

Brasenose College, created in 1511, is one of the 39, separate, self-contained colleges at the university.

OU, partnered with the University of Detroit-Mercy, cooperates with Brasenose to offer the British Studies at Oxford Program for 33 years and counting.

It has been said Oxford could possibly hold the title of most famous "university town" in the world, and students find themselves immersed in an intellectual tradition, according to <http://www.studyabroad.com>

"It's a small city, but there is so much there, and I probably never would have made it there if I was just planning a trip to Europe or London on my own," said junior Michelle Forte, who is now rooming with two of the people she met on her 2004 trip to Oxford.

There is a major library in the center of the university called Bodleian Library that contains over five million books, including original documents and works, such as Shakespeare's authentic and original folios.

Margaret Pigott, director of interna-



Photo courtesy of Margaret Pigott

Students travel to Oxford University, where they gain exposure to the English culture as well as earn credits toward graduation.

tional education at OU, has gone every summer with the students as the program director.

Pigott said students from all over the world, including Canada, Korea, Mexico and Hong Kong, enroll in the program.

Men and women from American institutions such as Harvard and Princeton have participated as well.

The "good, solid program" has 50 available spaces, Pigott said, and they usually always fill completely.

Oxford is uniquely different, yet shares some similarities to American cities.

They have McDonald's, Starbucks and Little Ceasar's, Pigott said.

What makes the timing of the trip most exciting is that Oxford is the most international city in the world during the summer.

Pigott said individuals see Australians and Japanese, Spaniards and French. Individuals become aware of cultural differences, such as Italian women who walk arm in arm or Norwegians, who are more reserved and often walk with their arms to their sides.

Courses available to students in the program are fine arts, architecture, com-

munications, history, literature and political science.

Each combine lecture and tutorial, and some have course-related excursions. A minimum of ten hours a week is typical, and there are tests and essays.

Students only take one course so they learn the culture as well as the course. Because that is the most important thing, Pigott said. They also earn three or four transferable credits, depending on status.

Students attend classes Monday through Thursday, but Friday is dubbed "culture day," where all students take a field trip together. One trip is seeing a

play at Stratford. Another includes taking a tour of a six-century old medieval manor, Broughton Castle, where the film "Shakespeare in Love" was filmed.

Pigott said the deep exchange between students while at Oxford is rare to find on campus here. OU students just talk about if the professor was good or if the course was hard, but that is the extent to which it goes.

Students truly get a sense of who they are and what an American really is, Pigott said.

"I was scared and excited and in awe all at the same time," said junior Brenna

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police

files

A male student was in the Rec Center on Tuesday, March 29 playing basketball. He placed his cell phone on the bleachers, and when he completed his game, the phone was missing. There are no suspects at this time.

A fire alarm was activated in building 7000 of the University Student Apartments. The second floor hallway was filled with fumes from a fire extinguisher that discharged, and fans were used to clear the fumes.

OUPD found a female student sitting in a chair in the Hamlin South elevator at 1:20 a.m. While they were looking at

her information, she walked down the hall, laid down on the floor, vomited and fell unconscious. The student was breathing and had a pulse, but was unresponsive. She was transported to Crittenton Hospital.

A group of individuals in the hallway of building 6000 of the University Student Apartments were heard talking and then opening the power

supply box. A female student said she lost power and then saw the group running to the west doors of building 7000. OUPD turned the power box back on.

A series of incidents occurred in Dodge Hall on March 28 and 29. Someone had kicked open doors throughout the building just under the handle. Nothing was reported

missing or stolen from those rooms. The door handles of four doors were knocked off, and all doors were damaged. While at those rooms, a report came in that doors on another floor were also kicked in. Two laptops were stolen from those rooms. The only evidence taken from the scene was a shoe print measuring nine inches in length.

the **LOW** down

Wednesday, April 6

Today is alcohol screening day from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. near the food court in the OC. Representatives from the Graham Health Center will be conducting screenings on alcohol use on-campus, including status and frequency of use. The information will be used to inform the community of alcohol use on campus.

SPB Rhythms Den hosts musicians an OU student Tom Butwin and an OU Alumna Tamara Bedricky at 8 p.m. in the expansion food court of the OC.

Thursday, April 7

The Physics Colloquium from noon - 1 p.m. in 372 SEB will feature Dominic Crea's "Bursting the Hydrogen Bubble" in which he will discuss the potential for using hydrogen as an energy source.

Friday, April 8

"Checked Past: The Holocaust, Resistance and the Problem of Memory in Munich" is from noon - 1 p.m. in Gold Room C of the OC and is a lecture by assistant professor in the department of history, Derek Hastings.

Phi Sigma Sigma hosts Mr. Phisignificant, their annual male beauty pageant featuring the diverse, outstanding men of OU's campus from 7-10 p.m. in 201 Dodge Hall.

Multicultural student organizations present an evening highlighting the cultures of the student body. There will be displays, food, entertainment and music from around the world from 7 - 10 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Saturday, April 9

Meet at 10 a.m. in Fireside Lounge of the OC and help the Center for Student Activities, University Housing and various student organizations clean up campus and get it looking beautiful for spring.

Sunday, April 10

The Triathlon Club hosts the second annual indoor triathlon in the Recreation Center from 1 - 5 p.m.

Monday, April 11

The newly elected OUSC president, vice president and legislators will hold their first meeting at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

- Compiled by Allison Brunner
Senior News Writer

Expert speaks on changing workforce

By KARL BUCHMAN
THE OAKLAND POST

Change usually brings out three different attitudes among people: threat, opportunity and challenge, said Catherine L. Mann, a senior fellow at the Institute of International Economics.

Last week, in honor of late professor of economics Alice Connor Gorlin, Mann spoke about globalization and the changing work force.

"You will be experts when you enter the labor force of global sourcing," she said. Taking a survey of her audience, nearly three-fourths said their attitude about change was that it was a challenge, while one-fourth said they viewed change as an opportunity.

But no one said they saw change as a threat.

"Are we still 'westward-ho' type of people, or are we 'I'm happy just the way I am' type of people?" Mann asked the audience.

She said most people believe it is important for the United States to be on the cutting edge of progress, even if it leads to job loss.

"No business grows well through cost-cutting alone," Mann said.

She ended her lecture with a final question. "What are we doing to insure that globalization and change are enjoyed by

the maximum percentage of people?"

"It was very informative," said junior Eric Perich, an economics major, adding that Mann is "someone with a lot of experience and she gave a good perspective."

"It was a very generic topic," said graduate student Ben Largent. "She did a good job of dumbing down economics."

Mann has also taught at the Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt University and the Johns Hopkins Nitze School for Advanced International Studies.

Mann earned her Ph.D. in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her undergraduate degree from Harvard University.

Gorlin was an esteemed professor of economics at OU for 15 years, and received international recognition as a scholar of the Soviet Economy.



Illustration courtesy of Knight Ridder Tribune
A changing workforce can be perceived by individuals as either a threat, an opportunity or a challenge.

news **IN** short

OU to host 2006 NCAA Tournament games

OU will be hosting the first and second-round games of the 2006 NCAA Tournament at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"The Palace of Auburn Hills and 'March Madness' is an unbeatable combination," said OU Director of Athletics Jack Mehl, according to OU News.

"Now that Oakland University has learned how to 'crash the dance,' we're thrilled at the possibilities," he added.

The games will be played in three sessions, the first two of which will be played on March 17, 2006, and the third will be played on March 19, 2006.

If OU makes it to the Tournament, it will not be assigned to The Palace. Selection Sunday is scheduled for March 12, 2006.

Tickets are on sale for \$180 per person. For more information, please call (248) 377-0100 or e-mail tix2006@oakland.edu.

- Roqaya Eshawi,
Campus News Editor

The Teena Brandon Story

Teena Brandon was born female, but she always thought of herself as a male, as Brandon Teena. As part of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Question Week, a documentary on her life was shown in the OC.

It contrasted Teena's idea that her feelings determine her gender with rural Nebraska's feeling and that she was born female and will always be female.

A representative from the Triangle Foundation, Ciara Relyea, hosted the film and discussed transgender issues with a group of several students afterward.

Most concluded that how one feels inside determines sexual identity. The group also discussed acceptance and goals for the LGBTQ community.

Goals included allowing gay marriage, getting health benefits for same-sex partners and having insurance plans cover sex change operations.

- Nick Cotta,
The Oakland Post

OU invites students to Transfer Open House

Students from other universities or colleges transferring to OU are invited to attend an open house sponsored by the Office of Admissions. For more information, visit <http://www2.oakland.edu/oakland/ouportal/index.asp?site=21>.

- Roqaya Eshawi,
Campus News Editor

Women continue to fight for equality

By RENE EOVALDI
THE OAKLAND POST

Imagine that the concept of sexual harassment is not acknowledged or that you can't get birth control until after you are married.

Women were faced with struggles like these just 30 years ago. One of these women was Patricia Ireland, former president of the National Organization for Women, who spoke at OU last week.

Ireland finds that there are three points of progress that women need to remember.

"Progress is not inevitable, not irreversible and not equality," she said.

And because of this, women cannot become con-

tent with the progress they have already made and must continue to speak out, she said.

However, Ireland recognizes many events that have changed the lives of women. With time comes positive change for women, she said.

Throughout her time spent with the movement, Ireland has seen progress with the passing of the Voting Rights Act and the changing of language with words like 'postman' evolving to 'mail carrier' and 'fireman' to 'firefighter'.

"When we fight back, we move forward," she said, adding that when women come together, they gain support from each other and demand results.

Women have persuaded the

U.S. Supreme Court to recognize their rights to birth control, equal education and equal pay.

But she finds that the battle for equal rights is ongoing, despite the progress made.

In 1992, the year recognized as the year of the woman, five to 10 percent of the U.S. Congress was composed of women, Ireland said.

Since then, however, Congress has had fewer women holding seats.

In journalism, columnist positions at papers like The Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post are dominated by men, with approximately 10 percent held by women, she said.

Also, reproductive rights are being threatened, for example, with the introduc-

tion of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

"I want to change the face of power," Ireland said.

Females have different priorities in life, she said, and are more likely to support anti-discrimination laws and be pro-choice.

She finds that if women want these issues protected and represented, then they must find a way to make a difference.

Ireland urges women to run for office even if they are not qualified, because that isn't necessary. She quoted Eleanor Roosevelt, "You have to do something every day that scares you."

Ireland finds that when doing this, the benefits will always outweigh the costs.

OXFORD
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Elisabeth Lane about her first feelings in Oxford during her 2004 trip.

Lane also said the trip gave her a chance to grow personally.

Senior Ronald Grant attended the 2004 program under the British Business Management course.

"I gained so much from the program; mainly the sense that the world is such a large and amazing place, and the only way you can truly experience it is through your travels, not reading it out of a book," Grant said.

The entire trip in 2004 was memorable to junior Elizabeth Cox.

Her favorite part was punting on the river, which she describes as the flat boats you

push with a pole, similar to those in Venice.

The only complaint about the program is that four weeks are just not enough. Pigott said she feels that it is enough time, though, for students to adjust to another culture, and it prepares them for experiencing any other culture for any amount of time.

The scheduled start date for this year's program begins July 3, and students spend their first three weeks in morning classes.

During the final week, learning takes place outside of the classroom.

The cost of the entire program, including tuition, a private room, daily maid service, meals except on weekends, trips to London, Stratford and other places all come to around \$5,750.00

Cox said the cost of the program was a fair amount of money in exchange for a chance of a lifetime.

"Personally, I believe one should never let the cost of something stand between you and your dreams," she said.

Students can apply for financial aid or the two scholarships that are available through the study abroad department and the OU Alumni Association to offset the cost of the program.

Grant encourages anyone who has the opportunity to go to Oxford or on any other study abroad trip to take it, because opportunity only knocks so often.

Additional information about courses, fees and program background can also be found at <http://www.oakland.edu>

/oxford, by contacting program director Margaret Pigott at pigott@oakland.edu.

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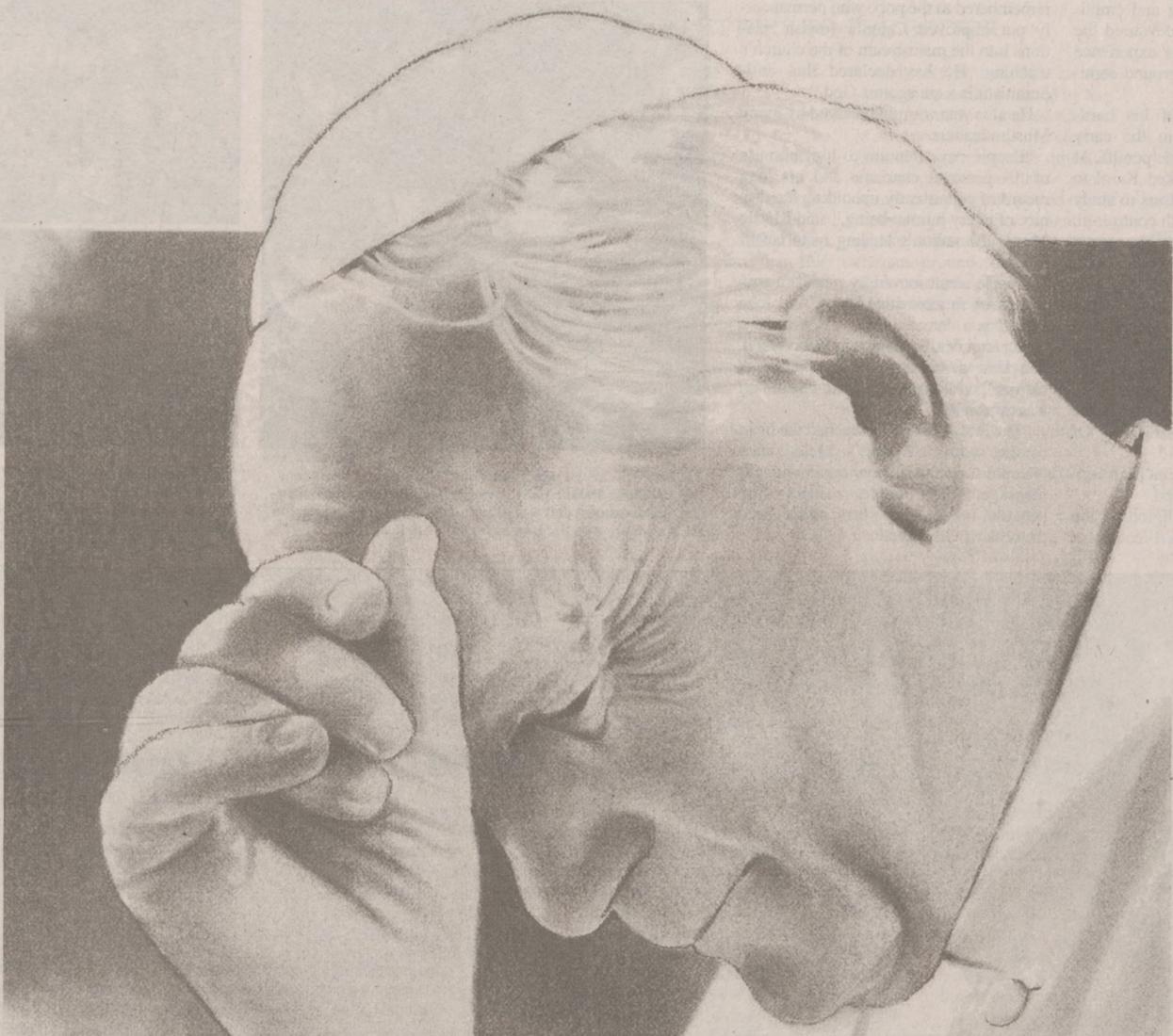
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Isaac's love for stand-up comedy started at a very young age while touring with his parents who made their living doing Christian sketch comedy in churches across the country. At age 16, Isaac performed his first stand-up set at a church talent show where he admittedly stole his entire act from Steve Odekirk. Four years later, he jumped headfirst into writing and performing his own unique material in his hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was soon named Winner of the Tulsa '96 Comedy Central Laugh Off. Isaac's material is obscurely clean, unique, and original. Where the term "original" pops up on many comedians' resumes, for Isaac, it's the real deal. After moving to Minneapolis, MN, Isaac enjoyed a two-year run hosting "The Big Bad Movie" while continuing to work over forty weeks a year in A-room comedy clubs across the country.



Doug Griswold/KRT Campus

Father of Faith

“
During the last months, God permitted me to experience suffering and the danger of losing my life. He also allowed me to understand clearly ... that this was one of His special graces for me as a man and at the same time ... for the church.”

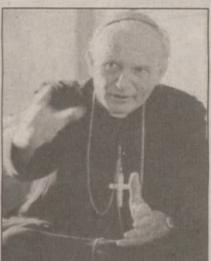
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— Pope John Paul II, addressing a crowd of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square after recuperating from the 1981 shooting.



Jay Clarke/KRT
St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City

“
Prayer, which in so many ways expresses our relationship to the living God, is the pope's first duty and his first message, the first condition of his service to the church and the world.”

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— John Paul, in the early days of his papacy.



Catholic University
Wojtyla as the Archbishop of Krakow in 1976

BY DAVID CRUMM
AND PATRICIA MONTEMURRI
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

For more than a quarter century, Karol Wojtyla was the world's spiritual superpower. As Pope John Paul II, his decisions shaped the lives of more than one billion Catholics around the world — by far, the largest organized religious group on Earth.

He used his personal charisma in a tireless campaign for a Catholic vision of human rights that helped to topple communism, defend the poor and build bridges to other faiths, especially Judaism.

His followers did not always agree with him, but their affection and respect were obvious in more than 100 tours, when vast crowds around the world were drawn to his outdoor Masses.

“He brought the human face of the Vatican to people of every culture in every part of the world,” said Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida. “He showed that the pope is not someone who is locked up in the Vatican, but is truly a man whose mission is bringing the gospel message to the people of the world.”

In more than 25 years of travels and Vatican public events, John Paul II spoke in person to more people than any other human in history.

“This is the greatest Christian witness of our time,” said papal biographer George Weigel.

Historians ranked John Paul as either the third or fourth longest-serving pope, depending on how many years they credited to St. Peter 2,000 years ago. His impact on the church will be felt for many years to come. He appointed nearly all of the church's top leaders, modernized and clarified the entire code of church laws and supervised a complete revision of the catechism, the official summary of Catholic doctrine.

Though raised in an era of horse-drawn carts, he ended his life recording messages on CD-ROM, hosting a vast Web site, www.vatican.va, and joining passionately in scientific debates on genetic engineering and cloning.

Elected at the relatively young age of 58, he was admired for his courage and vigor. It seemed that nothing could stop him. In his youth, he survived the Nazi invasion of his native Poland and, as a young priest and bishop, survived the communist oppression that settled over his homeland.

Against the odds, in 1978, he became the first non-Italian pontiff since 1523.

When Mehmet Ali Agca shot him in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, he survived and then turned the near-fatal incident into a moral lesson by visiting his attacker in prison and forgiving him.

As he aged, he was admired for his iron-

willed stamina. He kept traveling and celebrating Masses despite an abdominal tumor, removed by surgeons in 1992, followed by falls that dislocated an arm and broke a leg. Even when Parkinson's disease made speaking difficult and walking nearly impossible, he persevered.

Over the decades, John Paul II devoted much of his energy to challenging the world's political power brokers with his vision of morality and social justice.

Presidents and premiers often tried to ignore or take advantage of him, but he was resolutely clear about his vision of human rights, even when that vision collided with secular regimes.

In the spring of 2003 in the United States, the combined influence of 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations at the National Council of Churches couldn't get access to President George W. Bush to deliver an anti-war warning. But, when the pope wanted to weigh in, Bush welcomed Cardinal Pio Laghi at the White House, though Bush knew he was providing a stage for the Vatican's message.

“The president could not turn away the pope's emissary,” said Robert Edgar, head of the council in New York. “The pope understood that in this day and age, war is obsolete, and he took a leadership role in speaking out.”

The pope could not prevent a war in Iraq, but he is widely credited with playing a catalytic role in toppling the communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

John Paul II argued that the communist system collapsed on its own flaws. But former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev acknowledged the crucial influence of John Paul II's public support for the Solidarity labor movement in Poland — and his behind-the-scenes negotiations with communist bosses.

His spiritual legacy stretches far beyond the Catholic Church, said Rabbi James Rudin, coordinator of inter-religious affairs for the American Jewish Committee in New York. That's because John Paul II was a pioneer in improving Catholic relationships with the world's other faiths.

In 1986, he became the first pope to visit a synagogue. He embraced Jews as “our elder brothers” and bluntly condemned all forms of anti-Semitism.

Then, in 2001 in Damascus, Syria, he made the first pontifical visit to a mosque and tried to improve relations with Islam.

“He was able to put Catholic-Jewish relations into the mainstream of church life, precisely because he was born in Poland in 1920 and was 19 years old when the Germans occupied his village,” Rudin said. “It's precisely because he lived through the Holocaust on the ground in Poland.”

A passionate concern for the protection of

human life led John Paul II to speak out against policies that he believed were threats to life. Through the years, he opposed abortion, capital punishment, nuclear weapons, assisted suicide and the oppression of workers both by communism and uncontrolled capitalism.

Sometimes, his audiences listened; sometimes, they did not. Despite his staunch opposition to artificial birth control, for example, many polls of American Catholics have shown that couples almost unanimously ignored his teaching on that issue. And, though he forbade any discussion of the ordination of female priests, a majority of American Catholics tell pollsters that they think it's not a bad idea.

Richard McBrien, professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, said, “Catholics have learned to make up their own minds and consciences. They know that some of the pope's teaching has been too narrowly crafted. They know that some of his pronouncements are an Old-World vision that goes back to his history in Poland.”

Karol was born May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, a village 20 miles south of Krakow, and was given his father's first name, Karol. A month later, he was baptized in the 600-year-old, onion-domed St. Mary's Church, across the street from the family's small apartment.

His mother, Emilia, had been a schoolteacher, and his father was a retired army officer who approached his faith with the same strict discipline he had employed in military life.

While Emilia dreamed of seeing Karol enter the priesthood — and the boy certainly was successful at school — young Karol had visions of becoming an actor. He joined theatrical troupes at his school and in his community. Soon, he was acting and directing.

A handsome, athletic young man, he also loved sports: skiing, swimming, hiking, soccer and canoeing.

But there also was a somber side to his youth. Death haunted his family. Six years before he was born, his parents had a daughter who died at birth. When Karol was 8, his mother died. When he was 12, his brother Edmund, a doctor, died. When Karol was 20, his father died.

That was 1941, and Karol also was chafing under the loss of his homeland to the Nazis. He continued participating in underground theater, but he saw Jewish friends disappearing, and he knew that his clandestine theatrics could lead to his arrest.

To avoid deportation, Karol worked first in a limestone quarry and, later, in a chemical factory where his strength was taxed with heavy labor.

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I do not believe that a pope or anyone else can do everything by himself. (John Paul) obviously did extraordinary things. But he did them from within a church that was already beginning to reach out. He took the effort out of the basement and carried it into the sunlight. And for that, he will always be remembered.”

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— Rabbi Gerald I. Wolpe, retired pastor of Har Zion Synagogue in Penn Valley, Penn.



Catholic University
A young Karol Wojtyla

“
In some ways, I think he really suffered being elected pope. It took him away from the Polish land he loves so much. I remember what he said once: ‘Christ is writing his sentences on the heart of a living man, and sometimes they are painful sentences.’”

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— Dr. Krzysztof Rybicki, a Krakow physicist and longtime friend.

Pope John Paul II brought Catholicism to the masses

POPE

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In the midst of this despair, he discovered the writings of St. John of the Cross, the 16th-century poet who wrote "The Dark Night of the Soul." The spiritual classic describes faith as the only safe guide through the suffering and emptiness of human life. Karol devoured the works of this saint, and the experience led him to enter an underground seminary in 1942.

One famous example of his hard-edged pragmatism came in the early 1960s, long before he became pontiff. At the time, Pope Paul VI asked Karol to join a special group of advisers to study the morality of artificial birth control.

Eventually, a majority of the group voted to urge Paul to approve the practice. Karol found himself in the minority, so he privately sent Paul a long paper arguing against artificial contraception.

Not only did Karol's paper convince Paul to reject the majority report, the words were so eloquent that Paul excerpted sections of Karol's text in the encyclical "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life").

Karol had won, and artificial birth control was officially condemned.

Ultimately, John Paul's religious vision was so broad that he invited leaders of

non-Christian faiths to help him break down barriers and discuss shared moral teachings.

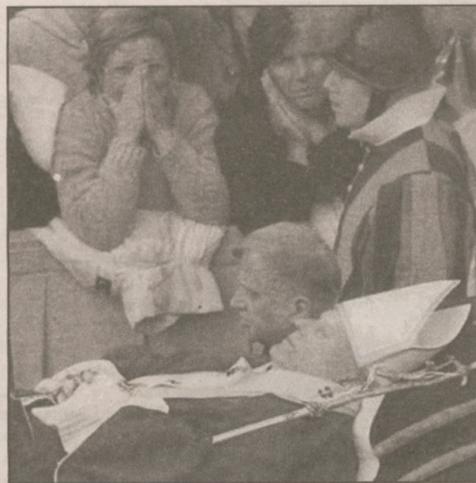
He was most successful with Jewish groups, Rudin said. "John Paul will be remembered as the pope who permanently put improved Catholic-Jewish relations into the mainstream of the church's teaching. He has declared that anti-Semitism is a sin against God."

He also was warmly received by many Muslim leaders.

"People pay attention to him because of his personal charisma and his long record of consistently upholding the dignity of every human being," said Martin Marty, the nation's leading historian of religion.

"People aren't moved by moralism anymore, they're moved by stories. And John Paul II is a dramatic story: the story of a young actor who lived through World War II, of a priest and bishop under communism, of the first Polish pope, of a man who almost was assassinated."

"The Holy Father has touched the heart of the world," Detroit's Maida said. "People may not always agree with his message, but people respect him because, for so many years, he has been the rock of Gibraltar."



Abd Rabbo-Zabulon/Abaca Press
Pallbearers carry Pope John Paul II in a procession from the Apostolic Palace to St. Peter's Basilica for public viewing on Monday, April 4, 2005, during the mourning period for the pope, who died on Saturday, April 2, 2005.



Ken Dilanian/Philadelphia Inquirer
Top: Memorials to Pope John Paul II have filled St. Peter's Square since news of his illness was released to the public. Above: Crowds gather in St. Peter's Square outside the Vatican April 1, 2005, as they await news of the failing health of Pope John Paul II in his Vatican apartment.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

Youth and

Papa

1920	Born Karol Josef Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland	1942	Starts secret study for priesthood	1946	Ordained a priest; begins study at Rome's Angelicum University	1954	Joins faculty at Catholic University of Lublin, Poland	1960	"Love and Responsibility," his best-known written work, is published
1938	Begins study at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland; acts in experimental theater group	1940-44	Works in quarry, then chemical plant to avoid prison during Nazi occupation	1948	Earns doctorates in theology and philosophy	1958	Made auxiliary bishop of Krakow; succeeds as a church leader despite communist oppression	1964	Becomes archbishop
1967	Becomes cardinal	1978	Elected pope at age 58; first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years	1980	Meets Queen Elizabeth, his first official meeting with a world leader	1992	Undergoes surgery to remove a precancerous intestinal tumor	1997	Launches papal Internet site
1979	Issues first of 14 encyclicals (official papal letters); visits Latin American, the first of many international visits	1981	Shot in Vatican plaza by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca; pleads for end to nuclear arms race	1982	Attends celebration with head of Anglican Church, one of several overtures toward other churches	1994	Establishes diplomatic relations between Vatican and Israel	1996	Appoints woman to head papal delegation to U.N. conference; remains opposed to ordaining women as priests
2003	Celebrates 25th anniversary as pontiff	2005	Feb. Hospitalized for respiratory problems, followed by tracheotomy surgery	March	Pope not able to attend Easter ceremonies; health situation worsening				

A brilliant writer, world traveler and peace advocate, John Paul II — the first Polish pope — has also been stern, conservative and autocratic as spiritual leader of the world's nearly 1 billion Roman Catholics

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EDITORIAL

You're paying for the OUSC's banquet, but are you invited?

OUSC has a great deal of fiscal responsibility. But not to worry. They handle their money very well. So well that they not only rollover tens of thousands of dollars every year, but they also throw themselves a grand party. This party is costing nearly \$4,000.

Who is footing the bill? You are. Legislators, executive board members and administrators of OU, including President Gary Russi, will soon be receiving their invitations. But it is my guess, your invitation for the party you are helping to pay for will somehow get lost in the mail.

One legislator realized the money could be better used in other places and proposed a bill at the March 28 OUSC meeting to use the banquet funds for a disability support services fund.

How novel of an idea to use students' money for students. Let's hope that legislator was re-elected.

Student Body President Jonathan Parks, however, decided to table the bill indefinitely after a tie vote left the decision in his hands.

OUSC's mission says they strive to represent the student body and increase pride and unity on campus through dynamic leadership, a commitment to diversity and an ongoing devotion to the quality of university life.

I'll let you be the judge of just how much they are "striving" to do these things for you.

Part of the fees we as students pay is the student activity fee, which is \$21 during fall and winter terms and \$10.50 in spring and summer terms. Do the math and a typical four-year college student taking classes year-round pays a total of \$252 in student activity fees.

Wouldn't you like your hard-earned money to benefit students in some way? That is what the title of the fee is anyway.

Certain organizations including OUSC, SPB, WXOU and The Oakland Post get a percentage of the total fees collected.

OUSC received 21 percent for this academic year compared to the radio station's seven percent. Congress did take a three percent cut in the recent election, though. Maybe this will help them control that huge rollover.

If OUSC wants to have a banquet and use students' money to pay for it, then they should consider sending out about 17,000 invitations. If their mission is to represent the student body, then all of the student body should be invited to celebrate at OUSC's banquet.

The ending of one congressional term marks the beginning of another, and with any luck, next year's OUSC banquet will be a little more low-key.

Oh yeah, and don't forget to R.S.V.P. to that invitation you probably will not be receiving.

Professor happy to see recognition of university

Dear Editor,

I had the good fortune to attend the semifinal games of the Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament in St. Louis.

I brought with me a sign that read "Next Year Oakland U."

After 34 years as a professor on this campus, it was great fun for me to see our fine university recognized by so many people.

It didn't matter whether it was fans from Louisville, North Carolina, Illinois or Michigan State, everyone knew who we were and where we were from—Rochester, Mich.

While I have always hoped (after all I am faculty) that our name recognition would be for our many strong academic programs, I realize now that name recognition, regardless of its source, is good, especially when it is linked to something worthy.

And right now I can think of nothing more worthy than a game-winning three-point shot and a victory in a play-in game.

As I learned well growing up in Brooklyn, New York in the 1950's rooting for the Dodgers, who almost always lost to the hated New York Yankees: Wait Till Next Year.

And that's what I told hundreds of Carolina fans.

Sincerely,

Barry S. Winkler, Ph.D.
Professor of biomedical sciences
Eye Research Institute

Candidate questions OUSC election process

Dear Editor,

The OUSC Elections are in serious need of reform.

I entered this election as a student who wanted to get involved in student government; and no matter what the results are, I will be leaving this experience disenfranchised and greatly discouraged.

In the course of this election process, I have seen or experienced the following: bias exhibited by a very partial elections committee, an invasion of privacy as well as online slandering, a candidate being funded by outside sources, the destruction of our mere three signs, fraud, illegal chalking, questionable ethics and campaigning strategies and one angry phone call from Ms. Caver.

This election has been a circus. Not only have the issues gone by the wayside, but the one thing that matters, the students, have been forgotten.

And the sad part about all of this is that most of the students had no idea what was going on.

Students didn't know that a member of the elections committee told a student to vote for Mike

McGuinness while she was voting at the OUSC booth.

Students didn't know where all the money came from for the McGuinness/Caver campaign, other than that the "friends of Mike McGuinness" paid for it.

Students didn't know that the other candidates couldn't keep their signs up for more than five days without having them destroyed or stolen.

Students didn't know that Mike McGuinness wrote at least one of the letters to the editor last week himself in the guise of another student.

And lastly, students didn't know that their former vice president and now president, Mike McGuinness, got access to a private journal entry of mine and then posted the entry online so all his friends could call me names and make fun of me.

The explanation I got for all of these offenses was, "It's just politics."

For some, this phrase seemed to be able to excuse all unethical practices.

I watched good people turn into monsters, and could do nothing but watch as they not only ruined their reputation, but hurt other people; all for the sake of winning a student election.

Politics is an ugly game; that much I have learned through this experience.

If you want to make a difference you have to be willing to pay the price. How much, though, are you willing to pay?

Mike and Kori, as well as some others, have paid with ethics and morals. Danny and I have not.

No matter how this election turns out, I think we really need to make some improvements on the way this election is conducted and to talk about the importance of ethics and morals.

I know I am personally very upset, and I want people to know the truth.

I was counting on the Elections Validations Committee to make things right, but the first time they met my complaints were forgotten.

They will be meeting again, but if they cannot make things right, then it is up to you, the students.

Maybe justice can come through a revote and maybe simple apologies will do.

I don't want to make further hurt, but I want justice done and the truth to get out there.

Thank you very much for hearing me.

Sincerely,

Bryan Austin
Graduate student
OUSC presidential candidate

OUSC campaigns marked by controversy

Dear Editor,

I must admit that the Student Congress elections this year have left me with a sense of controversy and foul play.

And, sad to say, this unease seems to be entirely caused by the campaign of McGuinness/Caver. McGuinness/Caver purchased campaign material more suited to a municipal election than to a university campaign; It posted these materials in sufficient quantities to distract from the beauty of our campus grounds; and It bought these materials with money donated to a political action committee for that express purpose.

None of this is blatantly illegal; still, I am concerned to think that my Student Congress president is president only because he spent the most money campaigning.

The McGuinness/Caver campaign was not only unscrupulous, it bordered on the illegal.

It violated Oakland Center campaigning guidelines several times; it violated chalking regulations; it violated the privacy of a personal Web site; it violated the objectivity of The Post by submitting a forged letter of support.

McGuinness/Caver violated, in a very real and deliberate way, the idea of fair play in this election.

The Election Committee, the final judge regarding this election, was appointed in its entirety by and from Student Congress.

The majority of the election workers and officials were clear supporters of McGuinness/Caver both before and during the election.

This clear conflict of interest made a mockery of the entire committee, and, through them, the entire election.

Some of the most serious allegations against McGuinness/Caver were "lost" by the Election Committee president.

Two committee members out of seven were barred from voting on the grounds of a "lack of objectivity."

One election worker admitted telling undecided voters to vote McGuinness/Caver.

Lack of objectivity was evident throughout the Election Committee, further tainting the election.

This election needs to be reconsidered in a very fundamental way.

Election guidelines need to include regulations addressing transparency of campaign funding, campaign monitoring and election committee structure.

The fact that these concerns now need to be addressed is an indication of just how far McGuinness/Caver has abused its position on the ticket.

McGuinness/Caver has clearly and consistently demonstrated a disdain for campaign regulations, opposing candidates and the voter's right to know; short of a massive (and lengthy) overhaul of campus campaign regulations, I can think of no other option for restoring real legitimacy to this election than the disqualification of McGuinness/Caver and its removal from the ticket.

Sincerely,

Peter Halabu
Sophomore
English

Open forum discussion upset resident assistants

Dear Editor,

When attending the recent Open Forum for the OUSC elections, we were disturbed by some of the comments made by Ms. Caver while explaining the benefit of the Gender and Sexuality Center.

She is quoted as saying, "Time and time again I have residents come up to me and express that they have been raped or assaulted here on campus."

The residents don't feel comfortable coming to their resident assistant or hall director, the counseling center is not friendly toward them, and the OUPD does not help them."

We are resident assistants here on campus and we feel that Ms. Caver's statement disgraces everything that we, as RA's, work hard toward.

We're comfortable with saying we've built a community on our floors, communities where our residents feel comfortable coming to talk to us about anything, especially their concerns. To say that residents aren't comfortable talking to their RA is ridiculous, and I'd like to know who those residents are that are comfortable coming to talk to Ms. Caver.

We are also advocates for the R.A.D. Rape Aggression Defense classes, which are sponsored by the OUPD.

This course is FREE to all OU students and ONLY \$20 for off-campus people.

This course offers basic techniques that every woman can do if they are ever attacked.

Furthermore, the counseling center offers personal support for all students. Every student is guaranteed six FREE visits and after that each visit is only \$10. We personally have never been shunned by the counselors there and have always been welcomed with a smile.

With all of these opportunities for assistance throughout campus, we support the Gender and Sexuality Center, yet we hope this will in no way replace the professional help provided already.

We fear the way it was portrayed in Ms. Caver's statements at the debate, this is the center's purpose.

We understand that people come from all walks of life, in saying this; we are interested in what this center is going to do for the men and women on OU's campus.

We are addressing this to whoever can fully answer this question.

Sincerely,

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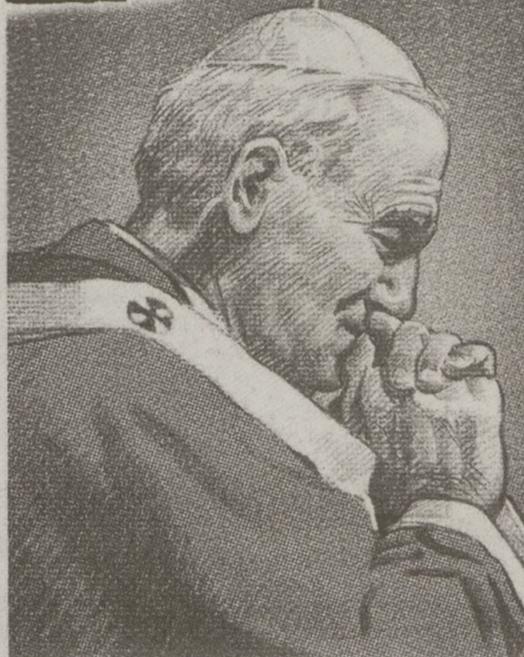
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"I wish to make an earnest call to everyone, Christians and the followers of other religions, that we work together to build a world without violence, a world that loves life and grows in justice and solidarity."

—Pope John Paul II
1920-2005

OUSC discusses e-board pay

OUSC
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"You can't put a price on leadership," he added.

Parks described the discussion as "crazy," but said it should be brought up to next year's Congress, which meets next week.

"I'm all for compensating executive board members," Merriam said.

"I hope that the next legislature, when considering the budget, honestly considers hours per week that people are working, and what it actually takes to get their job done."

Parks took even more heat when Merriam introduced a bill that would change how the student body president could spend his discretionary fund.

The bill stated that the fund "creates the possibility for reckless and unethical spending," and that "examples of such spending have been demonstrated over the last year."

Merriam proposed that the presi-

dent should obtain approval from Congress for all allocations of the fund.

"I feel like my character has been attacked by saying that I did disrespectful things or had personal use of this money," Parks said.

Parks' spending patterns came under fire after \$500 from the fund went to purchase a plane ticket for himself to attend the men's basketball game in North Carolina.

"Two thousand five hundred dollars went to student organizations. I gave about 10 organizations \$100 each for their cooperation and for volunteering," Parks said.

"If you want to punish me, then punish me, don't punish Mike McGuinness and Kori Caver," Parks said before the bill was indefinitely tabled.

Regarding providing students with a legal aide, Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, said she hopes that free

legal aide will be in place for students next year by approaching lawyers in the Alumni Association for voluntary service.

In Other Business:

- OUSC will meet next Monday under the newly elected president and vice-president, Michael McGuinness and Kori Lynn Caver.
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Awareness grows with spread of monologues

By STEPHANIE PARRY
THE OAKLAND POST

“‘Vagina.’ It doesn’t matter how many times you say it, it never sounds like a word you want to say.” That is Eve Ensler in the prologue to her tremendously popular play, “The Vagina Monologues.”

You may have seen posters around campus exclaiming, “The vaginas are coming.” Well, the rumor is true; the “Vaginas” are coming to OU.

Ensler introduced the play off-Broadway in 1998 as a one-woman show, now translated into over 35 languages.

“The Vagina Monologues” is a collection of over 200 interviews with women about their most private parts, condensed into character-driven monologues that are designed to celebrate every woman’s sexuality and strength.

The monologues range from tragic to humorous, but each deals with modern and universal issues facing women across boundaries, age and creed.

Picture an actor on the stage describing her first period, or a young girl relaying her sexual education from the lesbian next door.

All of this “girl” talk might seem like it would give men a little “vagina envy,” but it could be just as worthwhile for both sexes to see the play.

“This play forces women to look at their own experiences and learn something from them, but this is also a chance for men to look at a woman’s experiences, really listen to them, and respect them,” said Duane Hurt, treasurer of the Women’s Issues Forum.

“The show also appeals to some men because it is funny, frank and about women’s lives. I mean, every man once came from a woman’s vagina,” said Katie Livingston, president of the Women’s Issues Forum, organizer of the 2005 V-Day campaign and actor in “The Vagina Monologues.” This is Livingston’s third year with the play.

“The Vagina Monologues” are part of a charity called V-Day (V is for Victory, Valentine and Vagina), a global movement conceived by Ensler that supports anti-violence organizations throughout the world.

It calls attention to the fight against worldwide violence (such as rape, incest, battery, female genital mutilation (and sexual slavery) against women and girls, and proclaims February 14 as V-Day.

The support for this cause lies in performances of “The Vagina Monologues.” Ensler, along with other members and supporters of V-Day, have taken advantage of the show’s popularity, using it politically and in fundraisers for women’s charities. In just seven years, V-Day has raised over \$25 million.

The play is performed to benefit not the actors and producers, but the thousands of women and girls who are violated, disrespected and, in some countries, aborted simply because of their sex.

When the Taliban took over Afghanistan in 1996, women were placed under a virtual house arrest — unable to leave without the accompaniment of a close male relative — and forced to cover themselves from head to toe, shunning their faces and their bodies.

The Bureau of Justice’s statistics claim that a woman is raped every two minutes, with the highest incidence of violence among women ages 16 to 24. This happens to be an age bracket closely related to that of the typical student attending college, which is where most of the benefit performances are given.

Through V-Day campaigns, volunteers and college students produce annual benefit performances of “The Vagina Monologues (OU’s all-student production of the play will be in its fourth year this April).

Last year alone, over 2,000 benefit events were presented, educating millions of people about the reality of violence against women.

This year, over 2,500 events are scheduled. V-Day’s volunteers have helped open the first shelters for women in Egypt and Iraq, and just this month the play debuted in Taipei, Taiwan.

The organization’s Web site has specific goals for women and girls often taken for granted in the United States, such as “drive cars in Saudi Arabia, flirt in Jordan and play with toys instead of being sold as them in Asia.”

Even now that the V-Day movement has gone global, Ensler and her army of volunteers will not cease to have their vaginas heard until their demand for the end of non-violence toward women is realized.

“The Vagina Monologues” will be presented by the Women’s Issues Forum. All proceeds benefit La Vida, a Latina women’s shelter in Detroit, and Transgender Michigan, which provides resources for transgender men and women.

Shows will be performed from April 15 through April 17. Performances on Friday and Saturday evenings start at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. All performances will be located in 201 Dodge Hall. Tickets will be available through the CSA box office for \$10. Call (248) 377-3300

Through these eyes ...



Photo courtesy of Tamara Bedricky

Tamara Bedricky brings her grass roots and rock music to OU

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR



Photo courtesy of Tamara Bedricky

With her guitar strings tightened and her voice laced with syrup, singer-songwriter Tamara Bedricky is performing tonight in her third visit to OU.

A resident of Ferndale and 2003 OU graduate, Bedricky released her full-length album, “Through These Eyes,” last October with songs of her personal experiences.

Bedricky often has been compared to Jewel or Sarah McLachlan with a hint of country.

“Generally, you categorize yourself as pop rock, but I would like to say that I am more alternative singer-song-writer,” the 25-year-old said.

She has performed alongside pop artists such as Michelle Branch and continues to headline with Detroit musicians touring the United States in the past two years such as Ari Hest.

While Bedricky was a junior at OU, she was selected from more than 4,000 entries to perform with recording artist Michelle Branch in the 2002 National Pantene Pro-Voice Competition. She performed her song “A Million Miles” with four other finalists, and was broadcasted on Much Music in Canada and the cable company, Comcast, in a reality-like series.

“That was one of my biggest moments,” Bedricky said. “It was a good confidence booster, and it made me feel like I was going in the right direction.”

She performed in the 2003 Detroit Music Awards at the State Theater the same year with just her EP in the making.

Although Bedricky was born in Rochester Hills, she took up guitar playing at the ripe age of 15, witnessing the music scene in Nashville, Tenn. where she lived through her teen years.

“You walk downtown and people are carrying guitars,” she said. “I was really influenced there to pick up a guitar.”

In her college years, Bedricky attended Michigan State University, but transferred to OU as a sophomore.

She studied business management while she continued to enhance her music career.

“I didn’t want to major in music because I felt that it would take away that drive that I had. For me personally, I wouldn’t have appreciated it that much,” she said. “I always thought that there’s no way that I can make it with my music. It was one of those things that was surreal. It was just a passion.”

Her passion for music overrode everything else in her life as her career took off her junior year at OU.

Bedricky is now trying to build up the Detroit area, although she has not tapped in to the alternative grunge or rap scene that is prominent in Metro Detroit.

She has begun to explore music to its fullest, from the notes to the lyrics. “I started out with playing the guitar, and then it progressed to songwriting,” she said.

Some songs have taken her nearly 10 years to write, she admits. “I wanted to write a song about my parents, but I wanted the words to be so special. It has never really happened yet, but I can tell it’s coming. I can’t get the words right,” Bedricky said. “You have something to write, but it is just a matter of tuning into it.”

Bedricky said she went through writer’s block before writing one of her most acclaimed songs, “A Million Miles.” The long wait is worth it as songs like these turn out to be her best, like “Beautiful,” a song she worked on for months.

The young artist was inspired to develop her own music by studying artists like Sheryl Crow, Sting and Sarah McLachlan.

“I think that those types of artists are artists that I connect with because they are ... true musicians,” Bedricky said. “I really connect with some of those people. They have a history and that says something to me. A lot of the stuff that’s out right now I can’t relate to.”

Bedricky is already writing more songs for her next album and is asking herself, “How can I afford the next one?”

Bedricky performs today in the Expansion Food Court of the OC at 8 p.m. with opening act Tom Butwin.

Apple’s iPod blasts tech-savvy world

By JEREMY SELWESKI
THE OAKLAND POST

We’ve all seen the TV commercials: remarkably limber adolescents, cast as mysterious black silhouettes, dancing exuberantly against an ever-shifting backdrop of solid fluorescent colors. There is the irresistible catchy song bouncing and pulsing forth in unadulterated glory, responding to their every move; the whole thing looking like the most fun little 30-second Technicolor dance party you’ve ever seen.

No wonder so many consumers have been sucked in.

Yep, in just two years, portable MP3 players such as Apple’s iPod have gone from quirky novelty to one of the hottest new technological gadgets on the market today.

It is likely that they will replace CD players as the preferred means of taking your music with you everywhere you go.

iPod’s Regime

These devices have made an especially large impact in high schools and on college campuses, where students who want immediate access to their own personal library of music can have it at their fingertips.

Even older, tech-savvy consumers are getting in on the iPod craze. In the article “iPod—Therefore I Am,” which appeared in The Guardian Unlimited, one middle-aged man said his iPod contains “the soundtrack of my whole life” — and all in a compact box that is smaller than a deck of cards.

In 2004, Stuff magazine placed it at number one on their list of the 100 greatest gadgets, hailing it as “the coolest thing to come out of California since the Beach Boys.”

Inspector Gadget

The popularity of iPods and similar products is only going to continue to skyrocket: several studies have predicted that by 2009, sales of MP3 players will reach nearly 4 times their current level.

Apple is expected to ship about 57.7 million iPods in 2005 alone.

This means that five years from now, MP3 players may become as ubiquitous as cell phones, fast food restaurants and rush-hour traffic.

In a recent unscientific survey conducted in the OC, nearly all students said that they either own an MP3 player or have friends and/or family members who own one. All agreed that the gadgets have dramatically increased in popularity over the past year, and most said that they have seen other students with them on campus.

This is no surprise considering that sales of MP3 players more than doubled in 2004, with a total increase of 116 percent.

Of the students who said they own an MP3 player, roughly half have iPods. Again, this substantiates the statistics, which indicate that iPods control nearly 50 percent of all MP3 player sales.

Breaking it down

Many pointed out some of the

iPod’s key advantages, such as superior sound quality, the sheer number of songs it can hold (up to 15,000), and the ability to save money in the long run.

“CDs are way too expensive,” said freshman Tom Andersen. “You have to pay like \$15 per CD, and then you only end up wanting maybe three of the songs anyway.”

This has been one of the iPod’s biggest selling points since the beginning. For 99 cents per download, iPod owners can create their own customized music anthology, with no filler and no required shelf space.

Last year, Pepsi began giving away free downloads for Apple’s iTunes music store, which will add up to roughly 200 million songs by the time the “promotion” period is done.

They will also be giving away a free iPod Mini every hour for a span of more than two months.

System overload

However, not all students were happy with their iPod purchase. Many complained that the item is too expensive, has too short of a battery life, and perhaps, most significantly, the downloads cost too much.

With a retail price ranging from \$300 to \$500, plus the 99 cents per song, the price for the perfect music collection can add up very quickly.

That is why many of the competition’s products have offered a more affordable option.

“It’s really easy to download songs for free these days,” said sophomore Dave Bobryk.

Oh, how the truth hurts. Unlike Apple, whose product requires that users download music directly from their iTunes store, the vast majority of the competition

allows consumers to download songs from anywhere they please, including free, albeit illegal, file-sharing sites such as Kazaa, LimeWire and Morpheus.

Although other leading MP3 players such as the Creative Zen Touch, Jet Audio iAudio M3, iRiver H320 and Rio Karma do not have the massive marketing campaign of Apple’s pride and joy, the advantage of not having to pay for song downloads cannot be overstated.

With the battle for free downloading raging despite the iPod’s popularity, and the music industry in fits over ever-declining CD sales, this is likely to be the single biggest issue in the music world for the remainder of the decade.

So, with the inevitability that you, me and everyone else who does not already own an MP3 player will be buying one in the next few years, I guess you just need to ask yourself one question:

To Pod, or not to Pod?



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"Sin City" is sin itself

By ZENNA SYEDA
THE OAKLAND POST

Fans of soaped-off crotch hits, 1940s theatricality, brutal murder and mayhem, should definitely look into "Sin City." Frank Miller's "Sin City" requires a very strong stomach, an open sense of humor and an expectation of the impossible.

The movie is based on the graphic novels by Frank Miller, who co-produced the movie with filmmaker Robert Rodriguez. It is obvious that Quentin Tarantino also played a part in the making of the movie as gore and gruesome murder highlight the film, comparable to "Kill Bill Vol. 1 and 2."

Collective gasps ripple through the audience as the film dives into the storyline. The movie is a series of unrelated stories that all take place in the dirty and dangerous depths of Basin City.

Photo courtesy of Miramax Film Corp.

The inhabitants include corrupt cops and government officials, ex-criminals bent on revenge, prostitutes armed with razor swords and a farm boy and priest who snack on human bodies.

If that doesn't throw many off balance, then the incessant ripping and shooting off of male organs will. An act that would be seen as so horrible can't help but instigate a laugh from the audience.

There are three strong male characters whose life stories differ but are connected by their personality traits. Bruce Willis plays an ex-cop, John Hartigan, struggling to save an innocent 11-year-old from the clutches of a deranged child rapist. Bob (Michael Madsen) is a criminal recently released from jail hellbent on avenging a death of a prostitute who showed him kindness when others turned their heads. Dwight, played by Clive Owen, is a classic tough guy that walks about as if he owns the city, yet is determined to protect his friends, the prostitutes, from a gang of pimps at all costs.

All three men are obsessed to do good; to do the RIGHT thing at all cost. But the price is paid in sin as each man kills in order to accomplish these goals.

The women of the city play commanding roles as they are the ones that have the power to drive these men.

The film keeps all eyes glued to the screen. Yes, "Sin City" at times is gruesome and very bloody, but the shock of the never-ending blood is played down by the black and white color theme of the movie, which was a perceptibly wise move by the director.

The strangeness of the movie, its compelling storyline and creative uniqueness makes this movie a hit. It's shoved into faces with its wit and absolute sinful quality; turning your eyes away is not even a possibility.

The acting varied from character to character. Bruce Willis' acting is mind blowing, while Jessica Alba's is mind boggling. Her lame performance makes you wonder why she ever became an actress.

But the most outstanding and powerful role was played by Michael Madsen as Bob. The realism he showed in becoming his character was greatly displayed in all his scenes.

"Sin City" cannot be placed in one movie genre. It's impossible. The film is a horror, romance, drama, comedy, gore, violence and action-packed adventure all in one.



Photo courtesy of Miramax Film Corp.

TV dating show attracts college students and OU

By ADAM BARK
THE OAKLAND POST

Dating isn't dead, it's simply hibernating. That was the belief of three students at Loyola College in Maryland, and they decided to do something about it.

Their solution: "Fate Date." "Fate Date," a college dating show, began as a last minute addition to Loyola's TGN 70 channel in 2002. Executive producer Alan Danzis, director BJ Barretta and head writer and host Joe Salvati created the show.

It ran seven episodes and saw immense popularity while it aired at Loyola College.

After college, the trio moved on with their lives, believing that "Fate Date" had run its course. But a case of mistaken identity changed that.

Danzis was contacted by someone from The U Network, which can currently be viewed at about 40 college campuses across the country.

They approached Danzis believing that he was the President of TGN, hoping to pick up the station.

What they got was an episode of "Fate Date." This led to a meeting between Danzis and the President of TUN, who wanted the team to make a pilot of "Fate Date" for his network.

Barretta and Salvati were already on board to resurrect the show, so the trio jumped at the opportunity.

Currently, they hope to gather enough sponsors to return the show to the air by the fall.

They are also looking into a variety of sponsors, including restaurants and retail chains.

When describing what kind of sponsor the team would like to get, Danzis said, "First and foremost, a dating site ... imagine posting the kids' profiles after the show and giving the college students at home a chance to do better than their counterparts."

So if their date on the show didn't go well, other students who saw the show could send personals to the participants in hopes of getting a non-televised date.

"We shove a camera in front of these kids' faces for hours on end," Danzis said. "It's hard

for them to be themselves and relax, which is tough enough on a normal date."

It does lead to some comical situations, though.

"I'd have to say my favorite memory was James' face when he found out Margo was from Long Island. And about a half hour earlier, he had told us on camera he hated girls from Long Island," Danzis said.

On the surface, "Fate Date" may seem like a knock-off of "Blind Date," but the creators are quick to point out the differences.

When picking their contestants, they look for two distinct types: matches made in heaven and complete mismatches. As you could guess, the mismatches seem to be the fan favorites.

While the show does send a couple off on a blind date, that's not all there is to it.

As Danzis put it, the program "isn't just about the kids on the show, it's about their school."

Barretta adds, "We want to capture the unique culture at every campus."

They achieve this goal by not only capturing the date itself, but also conducting "man on the street" interviews and taking a tour of the campus and the surrounding community.

Being put on TUN means big changes for "Fate Date," since so far the only campus they've been on is Loyola.

As long as they have TUN, "Fate Date" will consider visiting any college.

"We really want to go from one big school like Michigan State to a small school in Alabama nobody's heard of," Danzis said.

"Our goal is to introduce some of the lesser-known campuses to college students all over the country."

TUN is available for any college that requests to sign a contract with the network. Danzis said that if OU obtained TUN, they would come down to film at OU.

"(If) your administration wants us, I guarantee we'll make you guys one of our first stops," he said.

With the program attempting to make a comeback and TUN looking to expand to over 1,000 campuses by fall, "Fate Date" could be making an appearance at OU in the near future.

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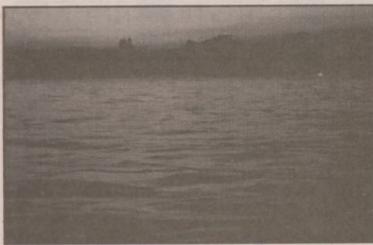
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Two Minutes With

A Sunset in Venice



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

By DANTE CIULLO
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The wide cobblestone pathway, which rests between the old three and four-story buildings and the ancient seawall, begins to cool to the touch. Children play a game of tag nearby. The sun's fingers loosen their summertime grip. The bright blue sky gathers on deep ruffles of pink.

Lovers saunter by arm in arm, her head on his shoulders; they pause for a long kiss before crossing the aged stone bridge. Their golden glow reflects the waning distant star.

The sparse, billowy clouds are hugged in the honeyed arms of heaven.

A day-worn traveler plunks down on the path and dangles her feet over stalwart, primeval barrier that has defended the buildings of these 17 islands from the ravages of the benevolent waterway for centuries. Squeak, thwaft, pop. She wrestles the cork from the wine bottle. Chogle, glug, glug, glug. She fills the small plastic cup. Setting the bottle to the side, she tilts the cup to her lips, sips, sighs and smiles. The amber rays cast ever-lengthening shadows that anchor her to the cobblestone.

The buildings on the isolated levee across the channel prepare to slip on their evening bedclothes.

Ripples of darker pink and orange crawl from the belly of a passing water taxi and crash harmlessly below the feet of the wary traveler. She leans back, eyes closed, and lets the sunlight dance across her body on its way to yesterday.

Once billowy, golden-rimmed clouds have thinned to wisps of purple.

A chorus of bells from three distant churches sings their evening song in unison. Tenors on the right, sopranos straight ahead, baritones from just off to the left and across the way, the notes swallow up all within earshot. Glittery angels flit on the tips of the waves.

The lovers, now just a faint memory, have faded into evermore. The golden orb they readily reflected leaves them to find their own way as it creeps behind the silhouettes on the opposing shoreline.

Blue sky turns to pink turns to mauve as the deep ruffles give way to mild crinkles and finally disperse to a whisper.

Children harken the call of mama, scattering like the final glow of twilight. The cobblestone breathes a sigh of relief as the salty sea wind caresses its face, cooling its tattered brow.

The sun winks one last time as it leaves this moment behind.

Instead of picking up your java jolt at the coffee shop this Friday morning, get a jolt of energy from the rhythm of the **African Drum Ensemble** at 10 a.m. in Varner Recital Hall. Then, at 8 p.m., absorb some natural mood elevation when the **African**

Out and About

Music, Theater, Dance and Steel Drum Ensembles perform, directed by Mark Stone. Tickets are \$6 at the 10 a.m. concert and \$10 general and \$6 student at the 8 p.m. concert.

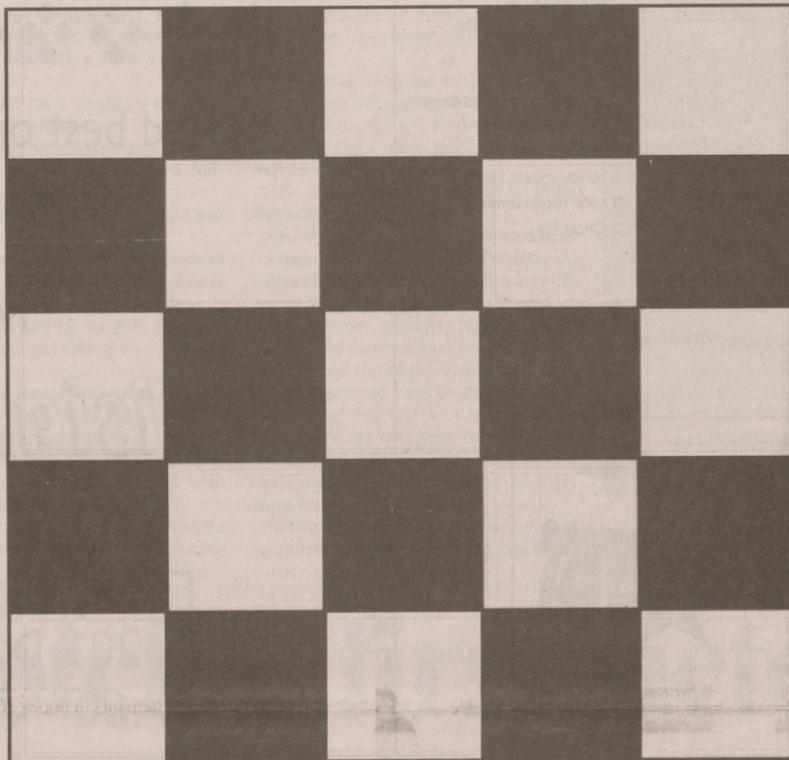
Symphony goers will want to take advantage of a change in venue that brings the **Pontiac Oakland Symphony** right here on OU's campus this Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. Tickets are \$20 general and \$10 student.

If you're a fan of the sax you'll want to be at Varner Recital Hall on Sunday, April 10 at 7 p.m. for a free concert by **Oakland University's Saxophone Ensemble**, directed by Alayne Rever.
— Compiled by Linda Curatolo

DANTE'S ENIGMA

By Dante Ciullo

The Post challenges you to figure out how many squares are in the picture below. Hint: There are more than you think!



ANSWERS

Total: 55 squares. 1x1 squares=25, 2x2 squares=16, 3x3 squares=9, 4x4 squares=4, and 5x5 squares=1.

Movie picks

- ▶ New review
- ★ Outstanding
- Worthy effort
- ◻ So-so
- A bomb

	Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	San Jose Mercury News	Seattle Times
▶ Guess Who (PG-13)									
Ice Princess (G)									
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▶ The Pacifier (PG)									
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▶ Robots (PG)									
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Clean Up Your Act

ENVIRONMENT

Our soil is constantly being polluted with nasty chemicals and waste, making it less healthy for our food and water. Everything you dump down the drain or throw on the ground eventually gets back to us through our environment. Here are some things you can do to make our soil healthier:

- ✓ Don't litter
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- ✓ Dispose of toxic items appropriately
- ✓ Don't use pesticides on your lawn or garden
- ✓ Build a rain garden
- ✓ Recycle more often (less goes into landfills)
- ✓ Support organic products

Courtesy of SPIN (Students Participating in Natural Preservation)
<http://www.oakland.edu/org/spin/>

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good reasons to hit the door during the coming week

WEDNESDAY 6

Check out OU alumna and songstress Tamara Bedricky as she rocks the house at 8 p.m. in the OC's Expansion Food Court. Come early and bring friends!



Tamara Bedricky



Mark Reedy

THURSDAY 7

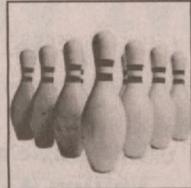
As seen on MTV, Showtime and HBO, laugh until you're crying with comedian Mark Reedy at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the OC.

FRIDAY 8

Enjoy food and entertainment from around the world at 7 p.m. in the OC's Banquet Rooms courtesy of OU's Multicultural Student Organizations.



International Night 2005



Cosmic bowling

SATURDAY 9

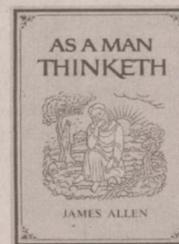
What do you get when you mix blacklight and neon bowling balls? SPB invites you to "Cosmic Bowling" at Classic Lanes in Rochester at 10 p.m.

Recommended

READING

Here's what OU students and faculty are reading around campus:

"Wish upon your star...and make your dreams come true." This is what the banner reads across Elizabeth Atkins' personal Web site.



As an accomplished novelist and freelance writer, marathon runner and OU journalism professor, Atkins must

have wished upon countless stars to realize all of her dreams. Or maybe she got a little help from a classic book.

"I keep this adorable little yellow, 72-page book in plain view so I can snatch it up, pop it open and take in some inspiration any time of the day," she said.

"As a Man Thinketh" by James Allen offers the idea that people essentially become what they think about. The philosophical, thought-provoking ideals of the book may be a motivating factor for Atkins' creativity and positive outlook on life.

"It's all about visualizing your most amazing life — happiness, health, success, love, peace — and making it come true. It really works," she said.

Atkins, who teaches a class in women's literature, has a special way of reading her favorite passages.

"I always add an 'S' before the 'He' as I read," she said. "I highly recommend this book. It should be on everyone's bookshelf."

— Blythe Simmons

Hometown hero Bruce Campbell steps out of the limelight and into the desk light to bring readers a delightful glimpse of what it is like to be almost famous. The Royal Oak native gives us "If Chins Could Kill: Confessions of a B-Movie Actor."

Sophomore business management major John McComb said he "picked up (the book) because Campbell's movies are hilarious."

"Bruce Campbell is definitely the silliest B-Movie dude around," he said. "He cracks me up."

"If Chins Could Kill" is an autobiographical look at Campbell's life from Super-8

home movie star to cult-classic hero.

The book is strewn with quirky anecdotes of the ups and downs of a star on the "B" list. From his earliest days with child pal Director Sam Raimi, Campbell's reflection of the movie business is refreshing and entertaining.

"I think this book is a 'must-read' for all B-Movie fans," McComb said. "It's always fun to read about people from your little part of the world who make it," he continued.

Sprinkled with photographs and illustrations, the 342 pages are a "quick, light read when you need a break from studying," McComb said.

Even though you can't "shop smart, shop S-Mart," as Campbell's character Ash instructs, you can pick up this book at most major bookstores.

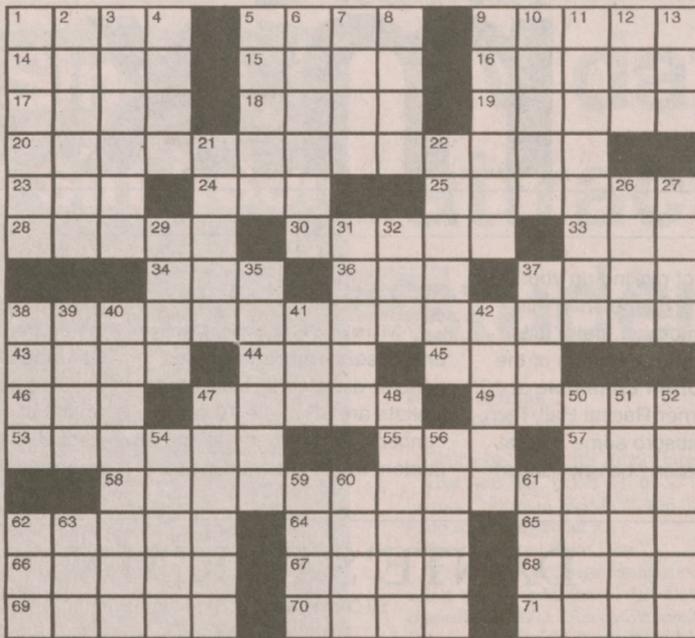


— Dante Ciullo

Crossword puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spill the beans
 - 5 Aleutian island
 - 9 Of the Vatican
 - 14 Grace ending
 - 15 "I Remember Mama" role
 - 16 Pope's fanon
 - 17 Verne's skipper
 - 18 "Dies ___"
 - 19 State gambling
 - 20 Bright citation
 - 23 "Little Red Book" compiler Biao
 - 24 Maiden name indication
 - 25 Audio system
 - 28 Made comfortable
 - 30 One-tenth donation
 - 33 FDR's Blue Eagle
 - 34 Mrs. in Madrid
 - 36 NYSE watchdog
 - 37 NaCl
 - 38 Bright models
 - 43 Kent's girlfriend
 - 44 Feather stickum?
 - 45 Actress Peeples
 - 46 Abet's partner?
 - 47 Modify
 - 49 Verbalize
 - 53 Process for sorting the injured
 - 55 12/24 or 12/31
 - 57 Winery cask
 - 58 Bright boobos
 - 62 Shoe grip
 - 64 Farmland
 - 65 Pro's opponent
 - 66 Poet Alighieri

- 67 SS Alex Rodriguez
 - 68 Audacity
 - 69 Locales
 - 70 Philosopher Immanuel
 - 71 Out of the wind
- DOWN**
- 1 Confused jumble
 - 2 Pilot Earhart
 - 3 Clunky cars
 - 4 Have memorized
 - 5 Fashionable shape
 - 6 Desired goal
 - 7 Links hazard
 - 8 Exploitive fellow
 - 9 Well-mannered
 - 10 Woke up
 - 11 Fatherly
 - 12 PC key
 - 13 Zodiac lion
 - 21 Arboreal lemur
 - 22 Container for cinders
 - 26 ___ Stanley Gardner
 - 27 Trigger treats
 - 29 Slave of the past
 - 31 Grenoble river
 - 32 John Ritter's dad
 - 35 Buck's horn
 - 37 Tiff
 - 38 Blind strip
 - 39 Filament
 - 40 Impoverished
 - 41 Hood's gun
 - 42 Penny pincher
 - 47 Some marbles



- 48 Zone
- 50 Unmelodious
- 51 Hard-shelled reptile
- 52 Store, as fodder
- 54 Having wings
- 56 South African grassland
- 59 Writer Dinesen
- 60 Writer Lofts
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- 62 LPs' replacements
- 63 Chou En-___



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Friday, April 8, 2005
201 Dodge Hall
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Mr. Phisignificant is an annual male beauty pageant, featuring the most involved, outstanding and attractive men on campus. Join the ladies of Phi Sigma Sigma for an evening of fun!

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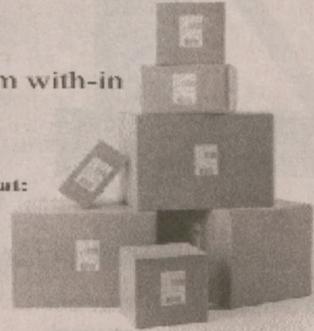
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IUPUI silences Grizzlies

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The Mid-Con season finally started for the women's softball team this weekend after poor weather conditions postponed the series last week.

Weather conditions still were not ideal as OU went up against the IUPUI Jaguars.

The Golden Grizzlies were unable to keep a lead on IUPUI and lost both games 2-0 and 4-3.

In the afternoon, junior infielder Came Knorr led the team in the first game as she had four hits in six trips and scored a run.

The Jaguars' junior Devan Craig threw a four-hit shutout in game one. The win was her fifth of the season.

In the fourth inning, junior Whitnie Darvell hit a liner and it got past senior OU outfielder Christina Shulte as she dove for the ball.

Junior starting pitcher Laura Chomokos allowed only two runs in her six innings of work.

During the second game, IUPUI got the first score, but OU came away with a three-run sixth inning.

Junior infielder Lisa Colores led the game with a walk, but Craig struck out the next two batters.

Knorr singled, moving junior outfielder Missy Pitera, who pinch ran for Colores, to second base.

Chomokos had a single to left field. The hit scored both Knorr and Pitera to give the Grizzlies a 3-1 lead.

Senior OU pitcher Nicole Marzano threw the final two innings for Brubaker, who pitched five innings without allowing an earned run.

The seventh inning caused trouble for Marzano.

For the Jaguars, junior Stacey

Speshyock hit what looked like a single to the left field, but turned out to be a triple after the ball hit an uneven spot in the field and bounced away.

Craig then followed with a single to bring the Jaguars within one run of the Grizzlies.

IUPUI freshman Mandy Buckwalter delivered the game-winning hit that scored two to give IUPUI the victory.

On the second day of the series, IUPUI stayed strong and allowed OU only one run in each game.

The final scores of the games were 3-1 and 4-1.

Brubaker and Colores both had a pair of hits and an RBI for OU.

The Jaguars took advantage of an error by the Grizzlies in the first inning that led to Speshyock's RBI single that gave IUPUI an early lead.

OU's junior outfielder Lindsey Schaller started things off at the top of the third by working a walk with two outs.

Colores then hit a single up the middle that plated Schaller.

The Jaguars immediately came back, loading the bases with one out on a double, a walk and an error.

Craig then singled up the middle and scored a run.

OU's defense was able to prevent another run when they caught the next runner and threw her out at the plate.

OU limited IUPUI to five hits and IUPUI also limited OU to five hits and one walk.

OU's three errors were harmful and added to the teams woes in the loss.

To start off the second game, IUPUI's leadoff hitter, Darvell, singled, stole second and came home on a base hit from freshman Jenna Crockett.

OU wasn't able to get on the board until the top of the fifth when junior

infielder Kate Jones doubled and came home on a single up the middle by Brubaker.

In the bottom of the fifth, IUPUI had four hits to take a three-run advantage.

The Grizzlies were not able to make a comeback and lost the game.

Grizzlies earn split

Earlier in the week OU split a double-header at Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne.

They lost the first game 6-2 and were able to bounce back and win the second game 5-3.

Jones had a home run in the first game, and junior centerfielder Danielle Nutter hit a two-run shot in game two.

Chomokos was able to strike out nine in the game and lead the Grizzlies for the win.

OU started out the first game getting a two-out double by Knorr and then an RBI single from Chomokos to give OU the lead.

IPFW had five runs in the beginning of the game, all unearned.

IPFW gained a 4-1 lead and OU was unable to fight back, gaining only one more run during the game.

The second game proved to be more successful for the Grizzlies.

OU was able to get on the board first.

Freshman infielder, Alex Perrino, led with a single before Nutter followed with her hit to center to put OU in the lead.

Sophomore infielder Natalie Webb singled and came around on a wild pitch for the third run of the inning.

IPFW got one back in the bottom of the inning, but OU was able to fight back and score two more runs.

Webb led with a double and, with two outs, moved to third base on a single from Jones.

Webb had a pair of hits and scored two runs, and Chomokos had two hits.



Bob Knoska/File Photo
Senior pitcher Nicole Marzano winds up for a pitch in a game last season. The OU softball squad dropped their Conference openers to IUPUI over the weekend.

Tennis notches first victory

By BRENDAN J. STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

As part of their first Mid-Con cluster, the OU women's tennis squad earned its first win of the season.

After losing their matches to IUPUI and Southern Utah University on Thursday, the Golden Grizzlies swept the University of Missouri-Kansas City Friday to pick of their first win of the 2004-2005 season.

For the first time this season, OU swept all three doubles matches to capture the doubles point easily.

The duo of freshman Teuta Lulgjuraj and junior Lisa Pellafone took the first doubles match, 8-1, sophomores Angela Trecola and Lauren Sanchez-Murphy won the second doubles match, 8-2, and the pairing of sophomore Jessica Erickson and freshman Laura Blankenship claimed victory in the third doubles match.

In singles play, Lulgjuraj and Pellafone got the ball rolling with wins of the top two slots.

Lulgjuraj won the first singles

match in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, over UMKC's Nora Bohumil.

Pellafone also shut out her opponent, 6-0, 6-0, defeating the Kangaroo's Brandi Wadley in the second singles match.

In the third singles match, Trecola won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, over UMKC's Milli Boyd.

Continuing OU's dominance, Erickson swept her fourth singles match, 6-3, 6-0, against Laura Thiessen.

Sanchez-Murphy and Blankenship also won their fifth and sixth singles matches in straight sets.

In their first two matches of the cluster, the Grizzlies earned a total of three points in losses to IUPUI and Southern Utah.

The Grizzlies opened the Conference cluster against the Jaguars of IUPUI, losing 1-6.

Trecola picked up OU's lone point in the contest, winning her third singles match over Andrea Burkhardt, 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles play, the Grizzlies earned only one point as the first double pairing of Lulgjuraj and

Pellafone lost 0-8 and Blankenship and Erickson fell 1-8 in their second doubles match.

Later in the day against Southern Utah, OU fared little better, losing 2-5 to the Thunderbirds.

The contest was much more closely-fought, but the Grizzlies once again lost the doubles point.

Lulgjuraj and Pellafone were defeated in the first doubles matchup, 4-8, while Blankenship and Erickson lost, 3-8, in the second doubles slot to give Southern Utah the doubles point.

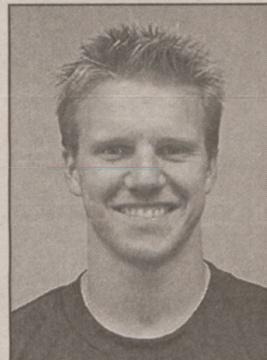
In singles play, OU battled but fell short in four of the six matches, picking up two points.

Trecola once again captured her third singles match, 6-1, 6-3, giving her a perfect 3-0 record in conference play thus far.

Lulgjuraj picked up the Grizzlies' other point for the day, with a come-from-behind victory over Kim Beynon of Southern Utah.



OU sophomore Angela Trecola



Graduate student Ryan Rzepka.

Soccer captain earns reward

By BRENDAN J. STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Ryan Rzepka is no stranger to hard work.

Not only did he help lead the OU men's soccer squad to success in his four years on the team, Rzepka also put forth his best effort in the classroom.

Rzepka was presented with the Bud Kulesza Family Scholarship, which entails a \$1,000 award for OU tuition and related fees.

The scholarship is given to an undergraduate accounting student each year through an endowed fund created by Bud Kulesza as a way to honor his family while giving back to the OU community.

Rzepka is currently pursuing a Masters in accounting, holding a 3.9 overall grade point average, with a 3.8 GPA in major-related courses.

According to a press release, Rzepka plans to take the Certified Public Accountant exam and work for PriceWaterhouseCoopers, an assurance, tax and advisory service, after he graduates.

As captain of the team, Rzepka earned recognition for his play on the field as well as off it, most notably, being named to the ESPN Academic All-American first team, along with leading OU to a pair of College Cup appearances.

Around the Mid-Con

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BASEBALL

Rene Recio, Oral Roberts University, Senior - This designated hitter earned the Player of the Week honor after a solid week at the plate for the Golden Eagles.

Recio was crucial in the Golden Eagles' series against the sixth-ranked University of Miami, picking up all eight of his RBIs and scoring four of his runs while hitting .467 in four games. In a 12-8 win over Miami, Recio went 2-for-4 with four RBIs including a three-run home run.

Daniel Greenwalt, Oral Roberts University, Junior - Greenwalt earned the Pitcher of the Week honors with a dominating performance out of the bullpen in a 4-3 extra-inning ORU win over Miami Saturday night.

He pitched seven shutout innings and struck out a career-high 10 batters in the win.

SOFTBALL

Jentry Jo Johnson, Southern Utah University, Junior - Johnson had an all-around dominating performance at the plate in five Thunderbird contests, hitting .650, driving in eight, belting a pair of doubles and tallying one home run.

Amy Sauer, Southern Utah University, Junior - Sauer went 4-0 last week, with a pair of complete-game wins. She finished the week with an earned run average of 0.72, allowing just 13 hits and striking out eight batters in her four wins.

Golfers fall one spot on day two

By BRENDAN J. STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

All five OU golfers shot 80+ and the women's team fell to fourth place at the Cincinnati/Dayton Invitational earlier this week.

Northern Kentucky University captured the team title with a 642, defeating the host University of Cincinnati by three strokes.

Butler University was in fourth place after the first day of competition, one behind the Golden Grizzlies, but stormed past OU in the second round by shooting six strokes better.

Junior Patricia Ellsworth was the top Grizzly golfer, tying for fifth overall with a two-day total of 160, five strokes behind the top finisher, NKU's Bianca Hutton.

Senior Leigh Gulbransen placed 13th with a 167, and sophomore Christina Cibrario was just one stroke back to finish in a tie for 14th overall.

Sophomore Stacey Goins shot a 172 to tie for

19th and freshman Katie Hollenbeck fired a 175 to finish in a tie for 24th.

After the first day of competition, the Grizzlies were in third place, eight strokes behind first-day leader, Cincinnati.

Ellsworth was the top OU golfer after the first day, shooting an opening round 77, one stroke behind Northern Kentucky University's Alicia Lawrence.

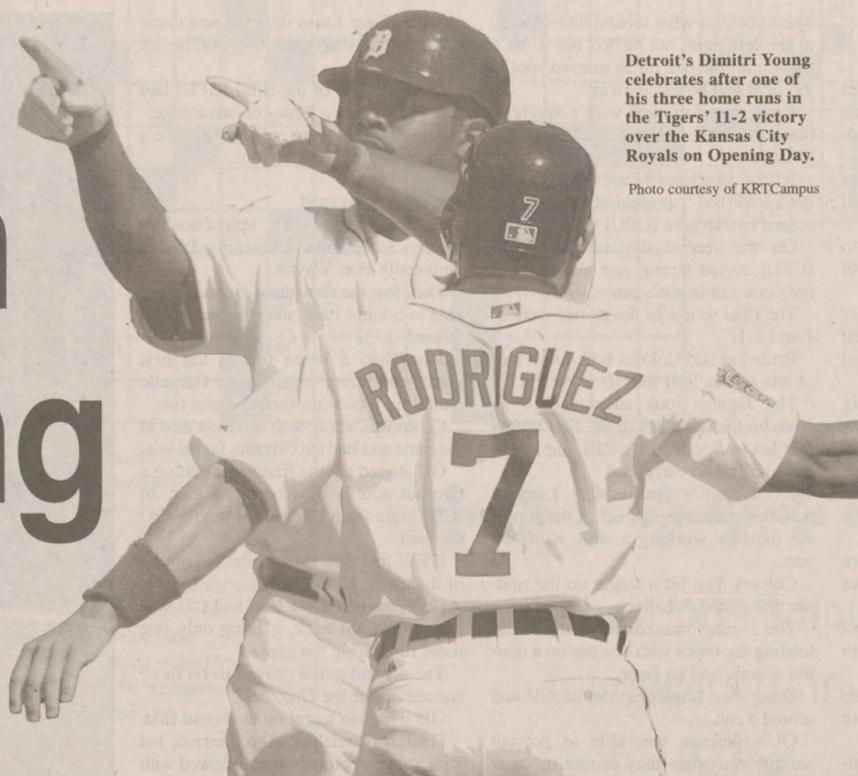
The men will be in action Monday and Tuesday, scheduled to compete in the Joe Cole Invitational hosted by Cleveland State University in Avon, Ohio.

Concurrently, the women will be competing in the Loyola Invitation in Winnetka, Ill.

Both teams will then travel to the Mid-Con Championships April 18-19 in Macomb, Ill.

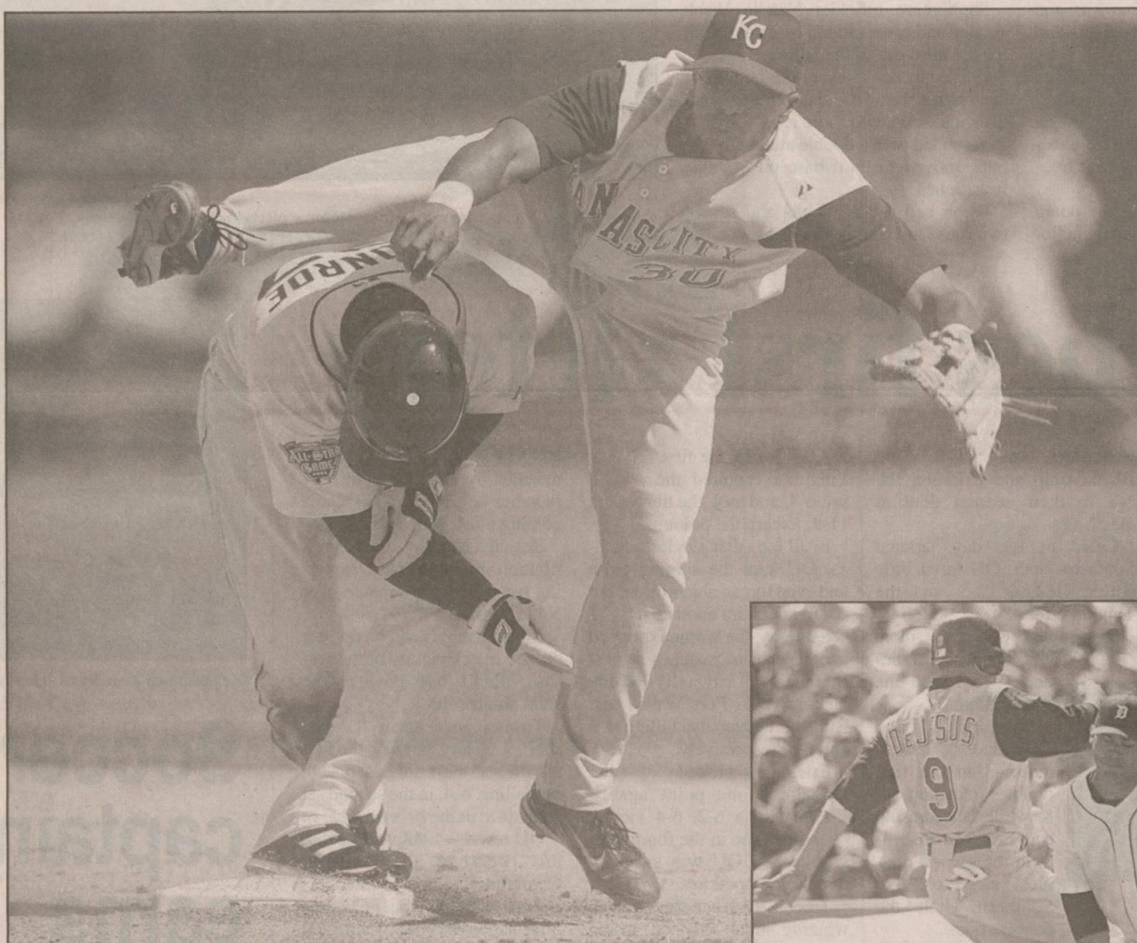
Last year, the men finished the Mid-Con Championship in sixth place, while the women turned in a second place performance at the league championship.

Tigers roar on Opening Day



Detroit's Dimitri Young celebrates after one of his three home runs in the Tigers' 11-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Opening Day.

Photo courtesy of KRTCampus



Detroit first baseman Carlos Pena scoops a ball in the Tigers' Opening Day win over the Kansas City Royals. Pena went 2-for-3 with one RBI in the victory over the Royals.

Photo courtesy of KRTCampus



Detroit outfielder Craig Monroe gets underneath Kansas City Royals infielder Ruben Gotay in the Tigers' second Opening Day win in the last five years.

Photo courtesy of KRTCampus

Baseball drops three to Eagles

By Dave Pemberton
Assistant Sports Editor

The weather has not been the OU baseball team's friend lately. Not only did the weather prevent the Golden Grizzlies from playing their first home game on Saturday, but it has also allowed them to have only one outdoor practice.

Add that in with the fact that a rainout prevented OU from having a chance to earn a spot in the Mid-Con Tournament by defeating Centenary College last season, it wouldn't be a surprise if the Grizzlies were not fans of the weatherman.

The weather was not OU's only problem last weekend. Eastern Michigan University (9-17) swept the Grizzlies in a three game series in Ypsilanti. The three losses drop OU's record to 1-17.

Head coach Mark Avery said his team did not play well against the Eagles.

"We haven't been playing well overall, defensively or offensively," Avery said. "We need to start doing the things we are capable of doing. We have played some tough teams. You can't not play well and expect to beat good teams."

OU's ace sophomore Paul Phillips had eight strikeouts and allowed only one

earned run in five innings in his start against EMU, but still picked up the loss. Phillips record is now 0-5 largely because of a lack of run support in his five starts.

"He has been outstanding," Avery said. "I shouldn't have sent him out for the final inning against (the University of) Michigan, but it's tough to take out your fiercest competitor. Against Eastern I think one ball left the infield and he picked up the slack. He's probably one of the best pitchers in the region and he's 0-5."

The Grizzlies' offense has been inconsistent so far this season. Senior Ty Herriott leads the team with 10 RBIs, but is hitting .167. Herriott hit .340 last season. The senior is pitching this season, but Avery said he didn't know if that was having an affect on Herriott's offense.

"He's always been a slow starter, but this is the slowest he has ever started," Avery said. "The offense goes when he goes, and we struggle when he does. But he is not the only one off to a tough start. Hopefully, we can get some outdoor practices in this week."

Avery believes the team will play better once it gets to practice outdoors.

"You can only practice in a bubble so

much before it gets to you," Avery said. "After it warms up a little bit, I expect us to play better."

In the first game on Friday, sophomore third baseman Chad Winkler hit a two run single to help OU earn a 3-0 lead in the first. Senior shortstop Bryan DeLamielleure hit an RBI single in the second to give OU a 4-0 lead, but the Eagles scored three runs in the bottom of the second to pull within one.

OU led 5-4 when EMU scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 6-5 lead. Winkler hit an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth, but the Grizzlies were not able to rally for another run as they fell 7-6.

Winkler went 2-5 with three RBIs for OU. Freshman second baseman Josh Ivan went 1-2 with two RBIs for the Eagles.

Freshman designated hitter Nate Recknagel hit an RBI single to give OU a 1-0 lead after one inning in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader. But OU did not score another run the rest of the game.

EMU's offense struggled against Phillips getting only five hits and one earned run in Phillips' five innings of work, but still won the game, 5-1.

In the second game, EMU's offense

scored six runs in the first and then added three more in the third to take a 9-0 lead. Herriott put OU on the board with an RBI single in the top of the fourth as the Grizzlies cut the lead to 9-3.

The Grizzlies were down 10-4 in the top of the eighth and rallied to score three runs to cut the lead to 10-7, but could not add any runs in the ninth.

Winkler led OU's offense, going 3-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Junior right fielder Tim Doig went 2-4 with an RBI and scored a run.

Junior third baseman Matt Moffett had a good day for the Eagles, going 3-5, including one HR, with four RBIs and scored two runs.

OU takes on Ohio State University at 6:45 p.m. today in Columbus. The Grizzlies then kick off the Mid-Con Conference season by heading to Centenary College for a pair of double-headers on Saturday and Sunday.

"These first few (Conference) games can set the tone for the season," Avery said. "Centenary finished second in the Conference last season, and after them we face Oral Roberts who defeated sixth-ranked Miami twice. We just want to get as many wins as possible."

COLUMN

Coach gets well-earned national title



BRENDAN J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

In sports, there are few people who genuinely represent their game well, especially in an age of controversy.

But University of North Carolina men's basketball head coach Roy Williams is one of the good guys.

Monday night, when the Tar Heels won the championship game of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, Williams got what he deserved.

Although it was difficult for many Michiganders to watch on Saturday night, UNC manhandled the Spartans in the second half and earned a spot in the title game.

Even the most diehard State fans couldn't be overly upset because it is tough to dislike the Tar Heels.

UNC is a storied program, up to the rafters in tradition. Williams embodies that history.

He grew up in Asheville, N.C., earning recognition as a high school athlete. Then he joined UNC as a student. That was back in 1968.

Williams earned two degrees from UNC (a bachelor's in education in 1972 and a M.A.T. in 1973), but school wasn't the only place he worked hard.

He observed legendary Tar Heel coach Dean Smith's methods, rigorously taking notes.

After graduating, Williams earned his first coaching assignment at Charles D. Owen Swannanoa (N.C.) High School and coached there until 1978 when he joined Smith's staff.

That's where Williams stayed until 1988, learning the game of basketball and solidifying his membership in the Tar Heel family.

In 1988, however, he took over the basketball program at Kansas University. He was gone, but not forgotten at UNC.

For 15 years, Williams led the Jayhawks, earning countless honors individually and as a team, including four Final Four appearances.

But that's where Williams' worth was questioned.

His character was never in doubt, nor his ability to lead a program to success.

There was some concern when it came to winning the "big one." Could he win a national championship?

That question has been answered. Emphatically.

Williams went home, and there's definitely no place like home for him.

After a dismal 20+ loss season in 2001-2002 and a mere NIT bid the following year, the Tar Heels felt a change needed to be made.

So fellow UNC alum Matt Doherty resigned as head coach on April 1, 2003, and Williams accepted the position less than two weeks later.

Who says you can't go home again?

His first year at the helm, Williams led UNC to the NCAA Tournament, losing in the second round to the University of Texas by three points.

But this year he did more than a step better.

Williams returned his alma mater to the glory which it has grown accustomed to.

He began his Tar Heel journey more than a quarter century ago but, at 54 years old, still treads the path with as much enthusiasm and fervor as he did as a freshman wearing the baby blue and white.

Williams achieved his sport's ultimate, quieting all the doubts.

And it couldn't have happened to a better guy.

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