



Candidates square-off

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU Student Congress (OUSC) presidential candidates Jonathan Parks and Matt Edwards faced off during the Presidential Debate on Monday in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

The candidates answered questions concerning financial issues, Congress itself and their own experiences and qualifications, from each other, the audience and moderator Lisa Campbell, adviser of the OU Forensics Team.

Incumbent candidate, Parks, first introduced his running mate, Michael McGuinness.

Parks said McGuinness is involved in many organizations on campus, including the Student Activity Funding Board (SAFB), of which he is chair, AmeriCorps and the Gay-Straight Alliance, which he was president of last year.

"He really steps up in a time of student need," said Parks, referring to McGuinness filling the SAFB chair position last semester after the former chairperson had been fired.

Edwards also introduced his running mate, Mario Hagar. Edwards said Hagar is involved in many organizations on campus, and he is the president of the Residence Halls Council.

Cast your vote

Student body elections will be held March 22-24. Students can vote at various locations around campus, or online at www.oakland.edu/voteou.

"This is a pivotal time at Oakland University," said Parks, and the student body needs to be prepared with

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Alexis Smith/The Oakland Post
Matt Edwards and Jonathan Parks debate the issues surrounding next week's elections for student body president.

Prof seeks mediation with OU

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

An OU professor has filed a complaint against OU with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) office.

Kristina Setzekorn, assistant professor of management information systems, said she has been mistreated at OU her entire career by males within her department and the School of Business Administration. Due to what she calls unfair treatment, Setzekorn will no longer work for the university next fall.

Setzekorn has asked for mediation through the EEOC. According to the EEOC's Web site, mediation is a "fair and efficient process to help you resolved your employment disputes and reach an agreement."

The mediation process, according to the Web site, is available at no cost to the parties and is kept confidential. It allows for a quicker solution than litigation would.

Setzekorn has filed her complaint and the university has to agree to the mediation process.

The EEOC Web site states if the university does not agree to the mediation or upon unsuccessful mediation, an investigation into the charges will take place.

OU Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery said OU can not comment on the complaint.

10th Anniversary

Fire mars lab

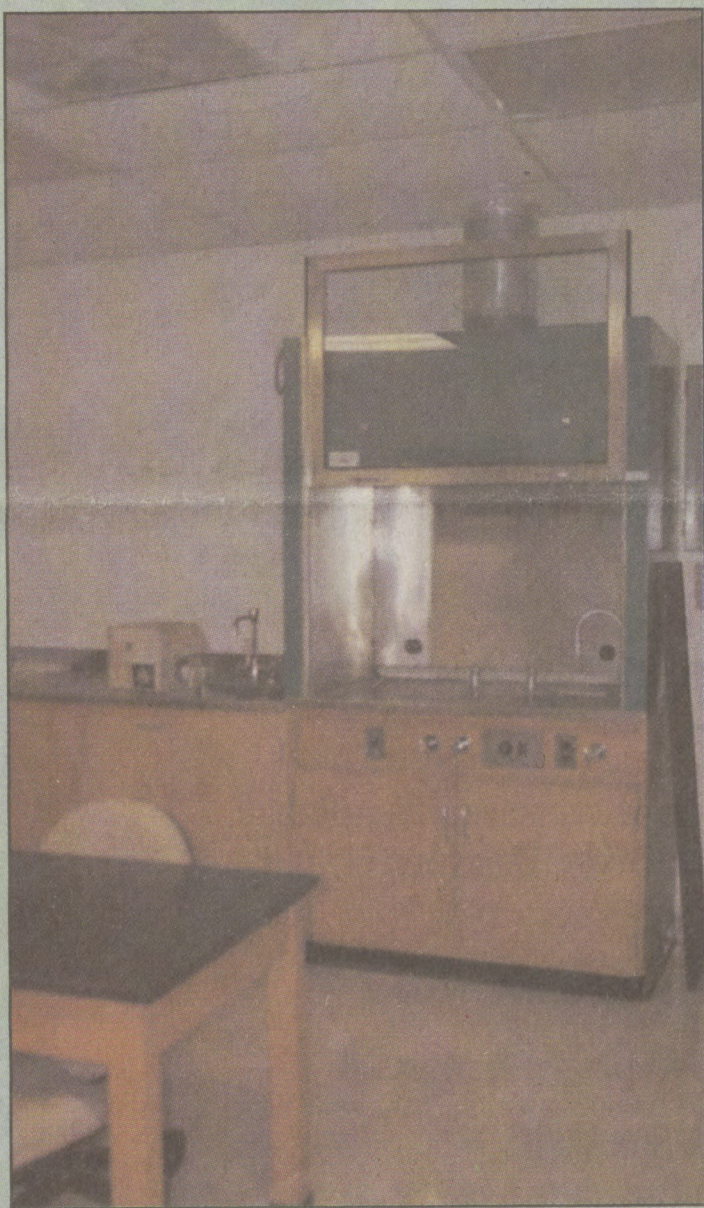
Scars still linger

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Ten years ago, a fire raced through Dodge Hall destroying much of a biology lab on the third floor.

Even today, the memories of that night and the aftermath are still burned into the minds of those who lost so much.

See "Remembering past loss" on A3.



Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post
The lab, while once was destroyed by fire, is now rebuilt and recovered.

Cash and carry

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU's Police Department (OUPD) has been issued a search warrant for a student's bank records as part of an investigation that has been going on since February.

The student has allegedly been writing bad checks around campus amounting to more than \$6,800, said Lt. Mel Gilroy of OUPD.

The Cashier's Office and the Student ID Card Office were both returned checks stamped with "Account Closed" from the student's bank.

According to reports from OUPD, the account has been closed since April or May 2003.

The student is suspected of writing checks from the closed account to the offices.

An employee of the Student ID Card Office reported to OUPD that the student wrote a check for a large amount of money to be deposited into her Spirit Account. The employee remembered asking whether she wanted to put that much money on her Spirit Card, and the student said yes.

People don't normally put that much money on their Spirit Cards, said the employee in the report.

The student then went to the lower level of the OC and purchased books and miscellaneous items with her Spirit Card, according to the report.

Gilroy said after retrieving the bank records, OUPD will pursue an arrest warrant for the suspect.

"She (the suspect) has not been forthcoming" in the investigation, said Gilroy.

He said if convicted, the student could face up to 2 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$500.

WXOU comes in clear for now

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU's Student Congress (OUSC) opted to hold off on a proposed referendum that would have cut WXOU's budget in half, and could have destroyed the station.

After comments from Elizabeth Pellerito, former program director of WXOU, a motion was passed that tabled the proposal indefinitely.

nately.

Pellerito spoke on why WXOU, one of OU's oldest organizations, is an important part of campus, as it provides the student body and surrounding community with news, information, entertainment and opportunities to get involved in the station.

A main goal of the station's for this year was to increase student involvement, she said. Now the

staff is 60-70 percent students.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, said the station is used for broadcasting classes, and the involvement of OU students is the highest it has ever been.

Pellerito said if the funding was cut in half, that it would be the end of WXOU. She could not provide specific details as far as the station's budget, but

expected general manager Kirk Van Husen to have it by Monday evening. Van Husen had also met with the Student Activities Fee Assessment Committee (SAFAC) that day.

While Pellerito did recognize there was poor communication between Van Husen and SAFAC, "I don't believe it's a valid reason to slash our funding in half," she said.

"There was poor communication and I don't think there's any denying it, but there were reasons for it," she said.

Jim Gammicchia, director of financial affairs and chair of SAFAC, said he spoke to Van Husen and got an idea of the station's budget and costs.

He said major costs include payroll, two national conferences the station

expected general manager Kirk Van Husen to have it by Monday evening. Van Husen had also met with the Student Activities Fee Assessment Committee (SAFAC) that day.

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Dean's Web site is paper-less way to log on to info

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Looking for information has never been easier since the Internet has become the ultimate source of knowledge.

The Dean of Students has taken advantage of this, with the launch of its new Web site in the Fall of 2003.

"Our Web site is a work in progress and will take time to perfect as we determine

students' wants and desires of what to provide," said Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of students.

Currently, the community of OU can access information regarding awards and scholarships, the student handbook and student's rights.

"The primary mode of connection is Web based and this site is available anytime, especially during non-business hours," Lloyd said.

Pages from the student handbook have been extracted and made into PDF files for students to view, along with other important documents the offices use regularly.

Students can also view awards, implications and other pages regarding possible scholarships and honors.

Lloyd said the Web site is a way to engage the campus community in interaction, for students to contact the

Dean if they have any questions and to share information.

"The idea is to provide better customer service and make the site user friendly," she said.

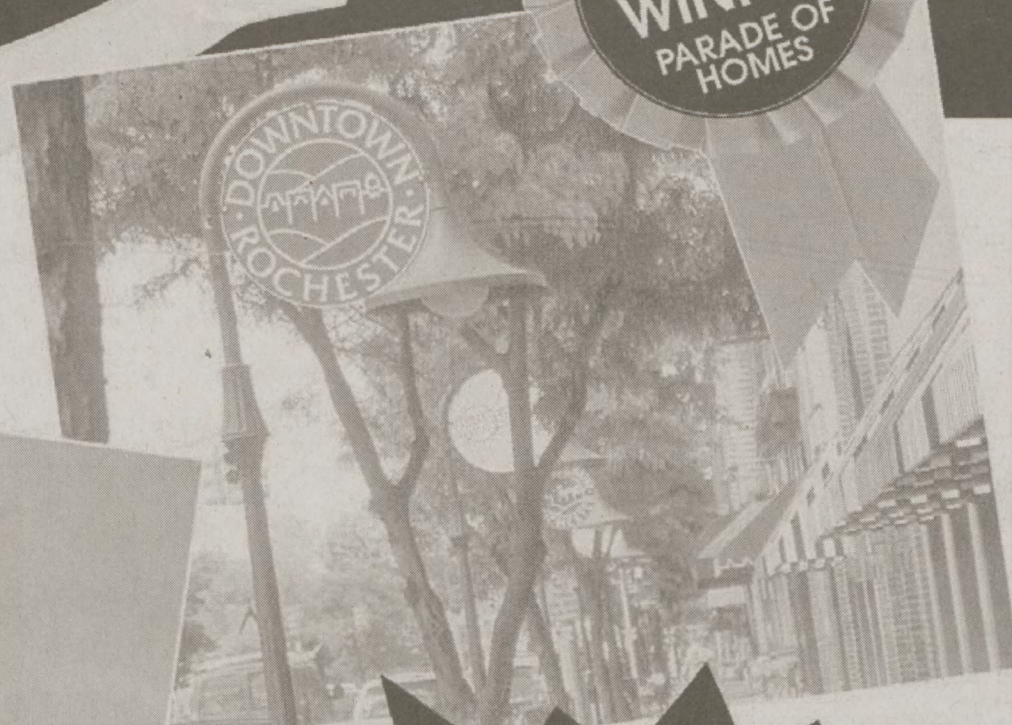
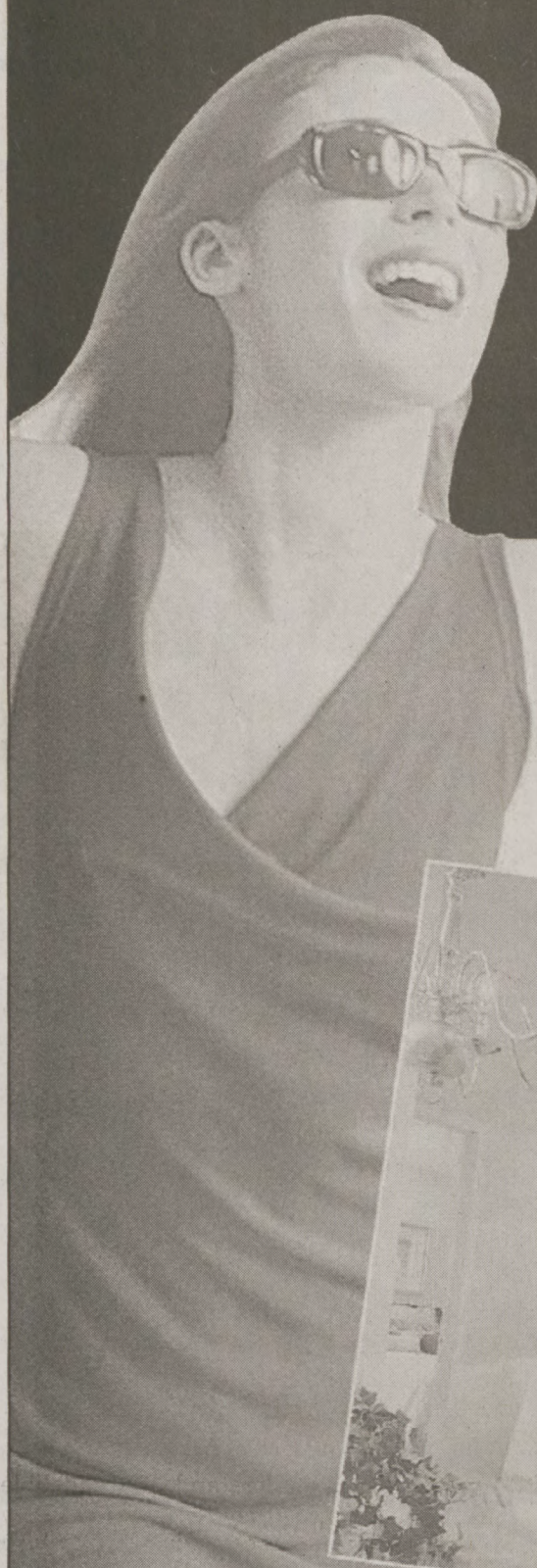
"Before we embarked on launching the site, we went to the students," she said.

The Web site is aimed towards the students and Lloyd said she knows for sure the students have used



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Monique Blair (left), sophomore and Megan Lane, freshman, utilize the features of the Dean's Web site.

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Coming up:
OU is awarding a senator
and an actress honorary
degrees this Spring.

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Reflecting on past loss

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By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The anniversary of the fire in Dodge Hall leaves many reminiscing about how much they lost and how long the road to recovery has been. According to Lt. Mel Gilroy of the OU Police Department, the cause of the fire was determined to be an oven for drying glassware that had been left on and the high limit switch for the oven failed.

"The fire damaged the involved lab and burned through the roof," said Gilroy. "Smoke and water damage was extensive."

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Virinder Moudgil was the person who discovered the fire.

"I thought I smelled smoke. I asked my lab assistant to walk around the floor sniffing for smoke, which led us to the site of the fire," said Moudgil, who had returned to Dodge Hall about 10 p.m. that night.

After calling the OU



Photo courtesy of OU Archives

(Above) The remnants of the third floor lab area in Dodge Hall after the 1994 fire.
(Right) Fire fighters sift through the ashes in the biology lab.

Police Department (OUPD), Moudgil was told to leave the area. He said shortly after that, the fire department and TV crews began to arrive.

"Certainly I was frightened, but it was reassuring to know that so many people were there to help so quickly and take control of the situation," Moudgil said.

According to Fay Hansen,

associate professor of biology, the fire spread throughout the area via the ductwork, destroying the area.

"My archival freezer was located immediately adjacent to that fume hood in the common area, and all of my samples, more than three years' of work of my own and my two collaborators, were incinerated," Hansen said.

Hansen said the animal



quarters, her own laboratory and the cell culture facility was damaged. She said the freezer contained key samples from experiments needed for preliminary data for the grant as well as for publications.

"This fire happened at the worst possible time for several reasons: I was in excellent position to receive

a full NIH (National Institute of Health) RO1 grant, since I had received a Shannon Award based on my previous proposal and I was about to revise the version, which was one percentile from funding," she said.

Hansen was just returning from a year's sabbati-

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Career Night to help with hunt

By DEANNA BELGER
THE OAKLAND POST

Many students anticipate graduation with some apprehension, hoping they have taken a practical course of study. Among these students are English majors and minors, speculating on which path to take into the great wide open, which can be a fearful place.

The Cultural Activities Committee for the department of English, headed by Natalie Cole, is helping to make the transition into the job market painless and

exciting.

During the annual event, Career Night, students are introduced to a panel of experts to answer the age-old question, "What next?"

"The English program prepares students for careers in education, business, public services, law, publishing, journalism, library science and the medical professions," said Nancy Joseph, coordinator of English Secondary Education.

Four OU alumni have been invited to talk about their experiences in the workplace and the array of occupations avail-

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Alexis Smith/The Oakland Post

Professor of Biology Fay Hansen will be awarded the 2004 Phyllis Law Googasian Award.

Bio prof awarded

By KRISTEN HERLIHY
THE OAKLAND POST

Two-thousand and four is her year.

Since 1992, Dr. Fay Hansen, associate professor of biology at OU, has attended all eleven of the Phyllis Law Googasian Award banquets to honor winners of the prestigious women's leadership award.

Although she's also been nominated three times, Hansen said she was surprised to learn she had actually won.

"I was thrilled, but humbled almost," Hansen said of the honor.

Mary Papazian, associate dean of the College of Arts

and Sciences and chair of the Googasian Award Committee, outlined the purpose of the award as recognizing women faculty members who have contributed to the advancement of women at OU through distinguished leadership, scholarship, advocacy, mentoring and program development.

Through mid-January, nominations were welcomed from OU employees and thereafter the Googasian Award Committee selected Hansen as the winner from that pool.

Hansen says her fellow nominees are "awe inspir-

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U-M prof to speak in memorial lecture

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Students and staff come and go and although years have passed, the contributions and achievements of past professors have not been forgotten.

Alice Conner Gorlin was a professor of economics at OU starting in 1972 until her death in 1987.

Each year, since 1990, the School of Business has hosted a special lecture in honor of Gorlin and her achievements and work dealing with the Soviet

Union.

This year's lecturer, Professor Jan Svejcar, director of the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan will give her lecture on "Transition Economies: Performance and Challenges."

Svejcar will speak about the strategies and outcomes of the 12 years since the fall of the Soviet Union. She will compare the experiences of the Soviet Union with other countries such as the Czech Republic, Hungary,

P.S.

Alice Conner
Gorlin Memorial
Lecture
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David Doane, professor
of quantitative methods at

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Police Beat

- A staff member's checkbook was reported missing Monday, March 1 in his office in North Foundation Hall. The man said he had lost his checkbook outside the building and a co-worker had found it and slid it under the office door. When the man came in the next morning, the checkbook was gone. The cleaning crew was questioned, and no one had seen it in the office. No checks have been written, and the checkbook is still

missing.

- There was a hit-and-run accident in the P-16 parking lot Tuesday, March 9. The owner parked her car and went to class, upon returning, she noticed the front end of her car was scratched up and she could not find the car that struck hers.

- An officer was ordered to shoot a deer after the animal had been hit by a car on the corner of

Squirrel Rd. and Pioneer Dr. Wednesday, March 10. The shift sergeant told the officer to shoot the animal for humane reasons.

- There was a second hit-and-run accident Thursday, March 11. The student said he parked his car in the P-16 parking lot among other cars, and when he returned, he noticed damage to the driver's side of his car. The student parked in the lot for quite some time, and

wasn't sure when the damage was done, or by whom. There were no witnesses to the accident.

- A student's car was broken into in the P-5 parking lot Saturday, March 13. A number of items were stolen from the car including \$100 from her glove box and three CDs. The girl said she locked her doors, but she knew something was wrong when she returned the next day and her door handle was

hanging down and her doors were in fact unlocked. The responding officer said that part of the assembly of the door handle had been removed, yet he didn't see any signs of force to or anywhere around the door handle. The officer did not take any finger prints because there was no one on duty to process the car.

There were no witnesses to the break in, and there are currently no suspects.

OUSC

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attends each year and equipment which needs to be refurbished and replaced.

He also said all of the station's money comes from Student Activity Funding Board (SAFB).

"This, unfortunately, is a big transition time," said Gammicchia. "This year I can attest to everything they have received, they have used, plus \$1,000."

SAFB Chair Michael McGuinness, said this could be an opportunity for legislators to get involved with WXOU.

"We can utilize WXOU to do exactly what we want to do with Congress," said McGuinness. "Let's pick up this opportunity and run with it."

In other business:

- President Jonathan Parks apologized for his behavior during the meeting two weeks ago.
- Athletic Director Jack Mehl spoke to Congress about

a possible baseball and soccer facility on campus.

He said they are currently developing legal documents that would "lock up" the external sources of funding.

- A student said he received a memo saying the Financial Aid department is out of federal and state work study money, so he and other work study students around campus will be losing their jobs.

"A lot of students around campus that I know are on federal work study or state work study," he said.

The issue was sent to Research and Review, and Legislator Sarah Cook said she would also help him, since she's on work study.

- Congress discussed whether or not some people are getting too emotional or unprofessional during debates. A straw vote was taken and unanimously passed in favor of behaving in a professional manner during meetings.

DEBATE

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the best team.

Parks said he and McGuinness would provide strong leadership and experience in Congress.

Edwards said if he is elected he would solve many campus problems, including funding problems with SAFB and commuter involvement.

Both candidates discussed SAFB. Edwards said he would remove the caps on the amount of funding an organization can receive.

Parks opposed this idea.

"I believe if you take caps off SAFB that the system will be abused," he said.

"If you have a board, you don't need a limit to what people can get," said Edwards.

Parks asked what would keep the board from stacking, and Edwards said it would be up to the SAFB chair and Congress to keep that from happening.

The candidates discussed

the productivity of Congress and the Executive Board this year. Edwards challenged Parks' administration and described this year as "stagnant."

"Not much has happened, not much has gotten done," Edwards said.

He said that only 13 of the 25 seats in the legislature are filled, and only 12 bills have been brought up all year. He also said there is a lot of tension in the Executive Board this year.

Parks cited the parking lot that was opened to 24-hour parking for students living in Anibal and Fitzgerald Houses, easing safety concerns for students having to park far away at night. Also, said Parks, a program was implemented that helps incoming freshmen with math, a trip to Lansing, which is coming up was organized and letters were sent from students to state leaders about tuition increases.

"But once again, we have done nothing," Parks said.

Another topic was change – both candidates said that there are changes that need to be made in Congress.

Parks said Congress needs a collection of individuals who share the same dream, and the president needs to be selective about who is on Congress.

Edwards said there needs to be diversity in Congress.

"I think a legislature needs to represent a whole body, not just you," he said.

Parks said it takes more than one person for change; members of the executive

board do not have a vote.

"Change is hard," said Parks.

Edwards challenged Parks' presidency. He said that Parks does not take blame for the faults of Congress, and needs to stop pointing the finger.

Parks said he would point the finger at himself if he were not fighting for change, but it is Congress that is not motivated to make change.

"The e-board is working 24 hours doing our job and doing your (the legislature's) job just to make change," he said.

Edwards, Hagar, Parks and McGuinness answered questions from the gallery concerning the men's club hockey team, SAFB caps and other student concerns.

One audience member asked Edwards why he didn't send the men's club hockey team to SAFB rather than write a resolution himself, when the club asked for some controversial funding.

Edwards said that team needed money for a bus, and SAFB does not fund transportation.

Former legislator Matt Hudson asked Parks how he could consider the men's club hockey team a special interest since it was the only team that "did anything."

Parks said he was against the fact that the correct process hadn't been followed. He said he hoped the team would get the funding, but "I'm just for everyone."

Parks' running mate McGuinness said SAFB gets requests from all of the

other club sports, and just because one wins a national championship doesn't mean it is more deserving.

"Everyone here represents Oakland University," he said.

An audience member asked Edwards whether he is racist, which the student based on rumors he had heard. Edwards said he is not racist.

Legislator Sarah Cook asked Edwards how the SAFB could stop giving money to organizations if there were no limits to the amount they can receive.

He said he would get a diverse board to make sure it makes fair decisions.

"I don't believe putting caps on funding is the answer to the problem," he said.

Another audience member asked Edwards how removing caps would help the organizations that have to scrape by, while other organizations get lots of money.

He said removing the caps would make organizations become more active and fight for the funding, and SAFB wouldn't give funds to organizations that aren't going to use it correctly.

The elections will be held next week, Monday through Wednesday. Students can vote online at www.oakland.edu/voteou. Also, students can vote from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the OC, from 2-4 p.m. in BIT/Elliott Hall, 4-6 p.m. in Vandenberg Hall, 6-7 p.m. at South Foundation Hall and from 7-10 p.m. in the Rec Center.

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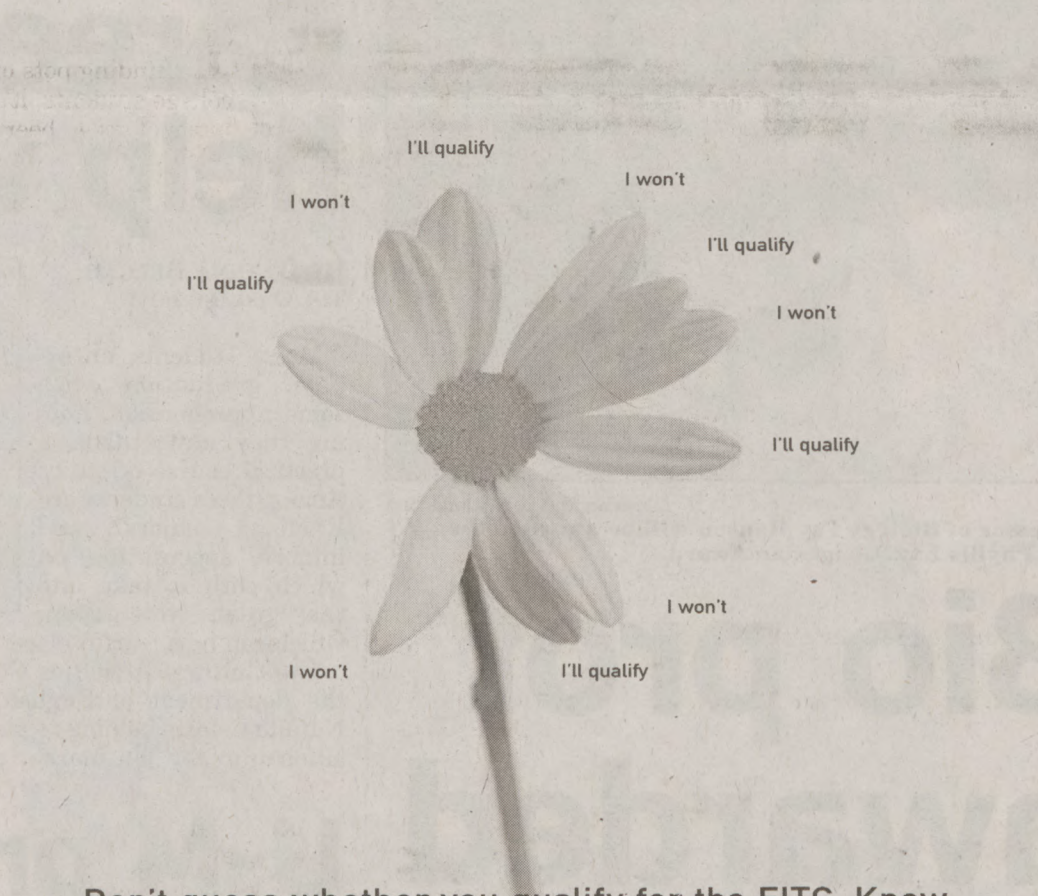
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Saturday, March 20
Sixth Annual Diverse Voices Conference
11 AM - 2 PM --- 201 Dodge Hall

Monday, March 22
Debate on "Gay Marriages:" Are you for or against it?
Noon-1:30 PM --- Fireside Lounge, OC

Tuesday, March 23
"Feminists on Feminism" Panel Discussion
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9 PM --- Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall

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- The Magic Flute (Apr. 28, 30)

- The Pirates of Penzance (May 12, 14)
- Greig's Great Concerto (May 13)
- Perlman Conducts the Masters (May 23)
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- NPHC: 2004 Step Show (Mar. 20)
- Career Services & FMA: Business Etiquette Dinner (Mar. 25)
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Local News

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Coming up:
Where is Pontiac getting \$8 million for renovations?

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Center brings city together

By Aaron Walker
The Oakland Post

The City of Auburn Hills will finally be able to breathe after it moves into a new 25,000 square foot community center by 2006. The new facility will replace the existing 5,500 square foot building that the city currently uses.

"Some of the main features include a 250-seat multi-use banquet type room with an attached kitchen, gymnasium, small fitness area, meeting rooms, a teen lounge, game area and indoor play equipment," said Brian Marzolf, director of Parks and Recreation.

Construction has already begun on the structure, which will sit on the city's Civic Center Campus.

"I think they (the residents) are excited. We had a citizens' advisory committee that helped us with the desired features of the building," Marzolf said. "From youngsters to seniors, they've given us input."

The idea for a new community center has been in the works since 1998, and in 2003, contractors broke ground.

"I think it's cool, every city should have a community center. It would be a good place for organ-



Hopefully, in the next few years, a state-of-the-art community center will replace the existing one in the Civic Center

David Kilkenny/The Oakland Post

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Global Glance

•Authorities in Spain believe they know the identities of at least six Moroccans accused of carrying bombs onto subways and trains throughout the country last week, killing more than 200 people. One suspect is in custody and so far, no one has been charged.

•Brazil's government has come up with a plan to try to counter rainforest destruction. Officials have promised more investigations and new laws to lessen environmental crime as well as a satellite monitoring system. Brazil's government is also trying to pass a law making it illegal to occupy and deforest public land.

•Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has agreed to grant refuge to former Haiti leader Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who is now in Jamaica. Aristide accuses the U.S. of "kidnapping" him in order to allow a country-wide rebellion. Both Venezuela and Jamaica have refused to acknowledge Haiti's new government and support Aristide's claim to be the rightful leader.

•A 13-year-old Hong Kong boy threatened his father with a knife after he pulled the plug on one of the boy's computer games. The boy refused to turn the game off and go to bed around midnight Monday, so his father unplugged the computer. No one was injured and no will be charged.

All the green you need



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Lucky's Irish Pub has been decorated all week waiting for tonight.

By Nicole Beattie & Elizabeth Gorecki
The Oakland Post

For younger kids, St. Patrick's Day is about leprechauns and finding pots of gold. For many college students, it's about drinking mugs of green beer all day long and celebrating well into the night.

There are plenty of places around campus to go to celebrate the holiday and take part in the best of both.

Lucky's Irish Pub, in the heart of downtown Pontiac, is one local hangout taking part in the celebrations.

The bar will be open from 7 a.m.-2 a.m. and will be serving green eggs and ham and, of course, green beer.

They will also be having three bands and a bagpipe player. The Pub is also hosting a traditional day-long Irish fair.

Manager Joe Francis is proud that his pub will have transportation provided to make sure everyone arrives home safely.

"Suburban Ford was nice enough to donate a bus to transport people safe-

ly from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m.," Francis said.

"It promises to be a full day of fun and with all the celebration, a perfect St. Patty's Day," Francis said.

On the other side of town, Dick O'Dow's Irish Public House in Birmingham also has a full day of events planned.

Starting at 7 a.m., earlybirds can get a breakfast including eggs, hash browns, bacon, pancakes and more along with numerous beers on tap, said manager Tom Connors.

O'Dow's will be open from 7 a.m.-2 a.m. and there is no cost to get in.

They will also be featuring a number of bands throughout the day including "Corktown Brewing Co." and Gerard Smith.

For those not interested in the bar scene, the 19th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest will be held at the Hellenic Center in Waterford.

There will be fun for all ages with traditional Irish singers and dancers, the band Chulrua performing and a corned beef dinner.

The festival costs \$10 for adults and children under 12 years old are free.

New law may crash student celebrations

By Nicole Beattie
The Oakland Post

College students pose a special threat this holiday, according to the Office of Highway Safety Planning

(OHSP).

"Considering popular St. Patty's Day customs are binge drinking and beer for breakfast, college students are of special concern," said Anne Readett of the OHSP.

"We don't staff any differently on St. Patrick's Day, but because it is a holiday there is a higher awareness," said Lt. Richard Mitchell of the White Lake Police. "To increase officer awareness, we take part in statewide programs like OHSP."

Since last December, 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies have taken part in

OHSP to aid in the prevention of drunk driving.

Another important thing to remember is the state's legal blood alcohol level was lowered from .10 to .08.

This is also the first traditional drinking holiday to be celebrated since the new Michigan lower level and higher penalty drinking law went into effect.

Under the new law, a first drunk driving offense results in up to...

- 93 days in jail
- \$500 fine
- 360 hrs. of community service
- 6 points on driver's license
- 180 days' license suspension.

OCC remodels

By Noah Purcell
The Oakland Post

Starting this summer, Oakland Community College (OCC) will spend nearly \$10 million to upgrade and refurbish four of its five campuses. The money was allocated by the OCC board of trustees in January and was derived from a property tax that supports the college.

"The first and primary purpose for this is to create a better learning environment for the students," said George Cartsonis, director of College Communications at OCC.

The bulk of the money, over \$5 million, is earmarked for modernizing the science labs of the Orchard Ridge campus, which have remained the same since they were built in 1968.

Buildings at both the Auburn Hills and Highland Lakes campuses are receiving new roofs for \$500,000 and \$800,000, respectively.

The Highland Lakes Campus, located in Waterford, is also scheduled to receive new fume hoods in the science classrooms for \$150,000 and will relocate utility lines to the tune of just over \$2 million. The Highland Lakes campus of OCC was originally a Tuberculosis hospital built in 1926.

The Royal Oak campus will receive a \$500,000 refurbishment of its parking garages.

"It is a much more conducive environment for learning when the buildings are kept up, the classrooms are modern and the roof does not leak," said Cartsonis.

"Community colleges don't tend to have the same higher learning feel as universities," said junior Keith Hooper. "This may change that for OCC."

According to Cartsonis, the construction will begin when the traffic on the campuses is at its lowest over the summer in order to disrupt as few classes as possible.

"I've taken a couple classes at OCC, it will be nice for them to get a facelift," said John Vlecko, senior.

The renovation projects will be completed this summer with the exception of relocating the utility lines at the Highland Lakes campus, which may stretch over a year according to Cartsonis.

Spring is here and that means its time again to play dodge 'em with those bright orange cones.

How is the highway construction affecting your commute?

•I'd rather trek to class across the Andes in the snow than drive another day in that orange mess.

•I hardly notice it- I thought those barrels and flashing lights were there for decoration.

•I love construction season. It's fun to weave in and out of the little orange cone obstacle course.

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Global goof

•Chinese veterinarians are trying to help Hua Mei prepare for her "first time" by showing her sex-education videos. They are showing Hua Mei, an American panda, videos featuring pandas mating to prepare her for her blind dates with Chinese pandas later this week. Because the panda has been raised in captivity, officials say she has little knowledge of sex. Doctors hope the panda porn will make her feel more comfortable when the time comes. Zoologists say similar methods have been tried in the past and have been successful. Hua Mei will have four prospective mates to try her moves out on before she decides which is Mr. Right.

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Coming up:
Should immigrants be allowed to
be president?

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Editorial at a glance

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next week.

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change, and
that change
comes from
Edwards and
Hagar.

Next year's success built on leadership change

The student body Presidential Debates prove nothing has changed in OU student congress (OUSC). The candidates are making the same promises we have heard year after year.

Only 740 students voted in last year's student body election, well below 10 percent of the student population. The year before that, 1,250 students voted, which at the time was about 10 percent of the registered

student body. Maybe it's because they are tired of hearing the same old song and dance and not seeing any real action.

Current President Jonathan Parks was quoted last year in The Oakland Post as saying "I want to raise the integrity of student congress. I want to get people involved and passionate about Oakland." If punching walls and bickering during meetings is integrity, then Parks has succeeded. If filling 13 of

25 open student legislator positions is getting people involved, then it's been a successful year.

Constant bickering and the apathy between the members of the board and the legislature has caused even more students to turn away and not care who leads, because nothing new has been done.

Parks told The Post last year he was going to address the "lack of library resources and the underrepresentation of

minority in the faculty." These topics might have mattered to a lot of voters, but these real issues haven't been addressed.

These leaders are public figures and, like it or not, The Post thrusts them out into plain view for the students to judge.

Hopefully, the students will see that it is time for change.

The student body presidential candidates need to give us something new and stick to the promises they make.

While the issues are the same, something has to change, and that is the leadership.

To that end, The Oakland Post is endorsing change, and that change comes through Matt Edwards and Mario Hagar.

P.S. It is an absurd waste of time for OUSC to have to discuss whether they should act professionally during meetings. Isn't that a given for students who call themselves leaders?

Talk Back

DEAR EDITOR,

After watching the Presidential Debates between Parks and Edwards, one may become violently ill. The actual debate between the candidates went well. It was the question and answer part of the event that was disgusting.

A large number of the members of the Association of Black Students were in attendance of this function. It was crystal clear that they were in favor of Mr. Parks after the question and answer segment. If one organization is so clearly for one candidate, it may seem that the candidate is full of self interest for the group. Thirty minutes of negative questions were directed at Mr. Edwards mainly from the ABS. The race card was even played and he was even accused of being a "racist" because of the color of his skin.

The audience was clearly stacked with members of Mr. Parks' own organization. A way of improving the Presidential Debates for next year might be to allow for a alternation of questions instead of allowing random questions from the audience. Thirty minutes of negative questions were asked of Edwards while two questions to Mr. Parks.

I had not made up my mind before the debate, but after watching the clear self interest of Parks at the function, I can clearly say my mind is made up

GRANT H. ALLEN
EDUCATION

DEAR EDITOR,

The Oakland Post is a fine institution and an informative newspaper for the Oakland University campus. The Oakland Post says itself that it is an "independent student-run newspaper serving the Oakland University community." But I cannot see how this is accurate at all. Instead of looking at the candidates for OUSC president in an unbiased, objective manner, The Post arbitrarily slams the candidates.

It is unfair for The Post to do this to the Oakland University community. It is the Post's job to inform the student body in a fair, balanced manner about what is going on around campus. I am a legislator on Student Congress and on the Student Congress Elections Commission. I would appreciate seeing more fair and balanced reporting in the Oakland Post, instead of scrappy editorials bashing those who are running.

In your editorial you state that we should "elect people with real motivation to serve the students." I do not believe that The Post can insinuate without documentation that any of the candidates are not interested in serving OU students. They all have a record of service to the school. Report the facts, do not just say that they are uninterested in serving the students.

You cannot blame the legislators who walked out of the March 1st meeting on the administration. Either candidate who wins the presidential and vice-presidential seats will come into a congress where personal battles and squabbling between legislators

has become part of every meeting and daily business.

I would appreciate seeing The Post present the candidates and their stances on the issues, instead of picking on either side.

SARAH COOK
SENIOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE
OUSC LEGISLATOR

DEAR EDITOR,

A few weeks ago, a handful of student congress legislators bravely walked out of a meeting because they each stood tall for an important principle—equality for all student organizations. I applaud their courageous effort to disrupt the meeting in order to gather more input from the student population.

A week later, the controversial bill was back on the agenda. A number of students spoke to the unfairness of the bill that would allocate even more money to a privileged few.

As I looked around the room and then watched the 'way the vote came down,' an interesting observation occurred. Those who voted for the further allocation of the funds that supported the majority white male sports club, were for the most part white males. What piqued my personal observation even more was the same congress denied a request for an amazingly smaller amount of funds for a majority black female organization.

Of course this could be simply an odd coincidence, but I urge the powers that be to research and investigate this observation and make certain that it was only an odd coincidence and that there is not an agenda to reward a specific few.

CHRIS KOWAL
COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to clarify a statement attributed to me in the article, "Gender Stats" (Mar 3, 2004) and comment further. A female colleague talked to me concerning the insensitivity of OU to obscene, gender related graffiti in her department. My interview said it had gone "all the way to the president," which in fact it did, but not quite as I described. My colleague had complained within her department and gotten no results. However, it was only after she herself took the initiative to find a ladder to remove the graffiti from a high window that she phoned the president to complain. She received an apology from Mr. Russi. Under the circumstances, what choice did he have? Did he call the woman's department to find out why she had had to take matters into her own hands?

The point I was making when being interviewed by The Post was that offensive behavior to women does occur on this campus and much of the time nothing is done about it, even when women do complain to superiors. Many women just try to ignore it, but I have personally seen a number of memos of complaints to administrators concerning gender-related harassment toward women; which haven't even been acknowledged, much less apologized for, nor has the

harassment been dealt with. This is "under the radar" type of offensive behavior that doesn't necessarily fulfill the legal description of "sexual harassment," or discrimination, yet is nevertheless gender-based negative behavior that women should not have to deal with.

Women generally are forced to complain or live with it. Where is the leadership and expectation of certain caliber of behaviors in the workplace? Last September, faculty received an email from the Provost's office that described the university's "sexual harassment training." It appeared to require all faculty to take the training, but when the Provost received complaints about this, an apology was sent out, indicating this was a mistake and clarifying that only administrators were required to take the training (all employees were "encouraged" to take it, however). The training consisted of an online course (www.newmedialearning.com/psh/oakland/) that "takes less than one hour"—indeed, much less! I took it myself ... maybe 10 minutes? Then the administrators could take the test as many times as needed to pass it. That would allow the University to qualify for federal funds, no doubt ... but seems pretty useless for any other purpose—particularly preventing the behavior, rather than dealing with a complaint after the fact.

FAY HANSEN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGICAL
SCIENCES

DEAR EDITOR,

I read, with great interest, the Point/Counter Point article in the March 10th issue of The Oakland Post.

The topic was whether or not the death penalty should be reinstated in Michigan.

Ms. Tracy Estes, senior news writer, took the "yes" position but apparently didn't do enough research before putting her uninformed position down on paper.

In her response, Ms. Estes asked, "...why is it that 38 states have the death penalty and see it as fit punishment and we Michiganders do not?"

Ms. Estes, this is simply not true. Not all of those 38 states see it as fit punishment. Don't you know that the governor of Illinois put an indefinite moratorium on executions some years ago and the state is reviewing its death penalty policies and procedures because it was found that innocent people were being executed? Illinois can't be the only one of those 38 states that is in doubt of its system.

Ms. Estes also states that, "Sentencing someone to life in prison isn't cheap." Did you know a significant amount of taxes help to keep these animals behind bars? Michigan citizens who oppose the death penalty are among those complaining about high taxes, while the Michigan Department of Corrections spends more than 1.6 billion a year to hold its nearly 50,000 inmates."

Apparently Ms. Estes is not aware of the fact that it actually costs more to execute a person than it does to keep them in prison for the rest of their lives. How many more billions of dollars of tax money do you think

are spent on 10, 15 and 20 years worth of appeals for someone on death row? I always thought this fact was common knowledge, but apparently I am mistaken.

As a tax paying citizen of Michigan, I don't want my tax dollars going for this. I'm not against the death penalty on any moral, religious or ethical grounds, I just simply don't want to pay for it. I think my tax dollars would be better spent on coming up with constructive and beneficial ways to work with the youth of our communities so that we can prevent them from ending up in prison in the first place, not killing them once they are there.

Ms. Estes concludes her argument with the following statement,

"My answer is simple; bring the death penalty to Michigan and watch our crime rate drop significantly."

Actually, it has not been proven that the death penalty contributes to dropping crime rates. Sure, it does prevent the person who is executed from committing any more crimes, but it's power as a deterrent for other people is questionable. Ted Bundy, the infamous serial-killer, who was executed in Florida for his crimes wanted to die. He stated in the years before his execution that he committed his last murder in Florida specifically because it had the death penalty, so it also could be argued that the death penalty increases rather than decreases the crime rates.

As you can see, contrary to what Ms. Estes believes, there is no simple answer.

Ms. Estes please, in your effort to be the responsible journalist I know you are striving to be, I beg of you to do the research and check your facts before putting your opinions down on paper.

Thank you for providing this forum for me to voice my opinion.

ROBIN MATHER
JUNIOR, Communications

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We know what you're drinking



MARY BETH SNYDER
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As an Oakland college student, most days you probably feel like you're under the microscope. We know your high school record, your family income, your eating habits, your mid-term G.P.A., your career choice and your credit card number. And, just when you thought you couldn't possibly be subjected to further scrutiny, we've come up with yet another way to track what our students are doing in their daily lives. Our information comes from an unlikely source—our campus vending machines. They tell us what you're drinking while

studying, working and living on campus.

As a whole, our students are a thirsty group. In 2003, you consumed 436,560 bottled beverages while on campus, or about 27 bottles per student. I realize that number includes some faculty and staff members; however, I don't often see them lined up at the vending machines. The good news is that our students are putting lots of healthy, ordinary (if Aquafina can be considered ordinary) water into their bodies. Last year you bought close to 100,000 bottles of water or 22 percent of the total sales. Keep it up!

Pepsi products top the charts with our students. You drank 2,570 cases of regular Pepsi and 2,258 cases of Diet Pepsi. But watch out Pepsi, Mountain Dew is right behind you with annual

campus sales of 2,876 cases (69,024 bottles). Caffeine has probably fueled college finals since college life started back at Harvard in the 1600s, so I wasn't surprised to see that Mountain Dew and Code Red sales peak just before and during our exam times.

I wonder about drinks with weird names like "Lizard Blizzard" and "Grape Grog." My reports tell me that OU students must also wonder because they aren't guzzling vast amounts of these strange concoctions. But then how do you account for the success of something with a name like "Gatorade," which, in the short time we've had these machines on campus, dispensed 9,600 bottles with names like "Fierce" and "Glacier Freeze."

Going down the list of bever-

age sales, I found one that I would definitely buy were I still a student—"SoBe Wisdom"—on the theory that it might make me smarter. I guess it doesn't live up to its name because students bought just a few hundred bottles of it last year. Looks like students are smarter than the folks who named the beverage. Perhaps "Grasshopper" would have more appeal.

So, students, we know what beverages you like and where and when you drink them. I hope that you maintain a robust thirst because every dollar that Pepsi pays us in vending commissions is turned right back to student organizations and their events.

Even with all this information, I'm still left to wonder whether you prefer Pepsi or Coke.

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Sports open doors

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

As a member of Detroit Pistons back-to-back NBA championships as the "Bad Boys" in 1989-90, Bill Laimbeer experienced physical play and competition at their highest.

Now that he's head coach of the WNBA's Detroit Shock, Laimbeer has been surprised by the women's desire to do the same.

"Their competitiveness and their desire to play physical (has surprised me)," Laimbeer said. "It's a very contact sport. They want to get out there and bang, and physically and mentally intimidate their opponents."

During his and assistant coach Laurie Byrd's address during the Student Life Lecture Board's fourth and final lecture of the 2003-04 season, Laimbeer recognized "Phenomenal Women: What Makes Them Winners."

Laimbeer's ability to lead the Shock to the 2003 WNBA title put him in a privileged position to wit-

ness successful women individually and as a group.

He pointed out players like Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford and Ruth Riley and their ability to take leadership roles and fit into the aspect of the team. Laimbeer also talked of Deanna Nolan and her slow but successful road to true success.

All those players took different road to achievement, but their ability to unify as a team led to the 2003 WNBA championship.

That type of success embodies what Laimbeer said impresses him most about female athletes.

"I think overcoming adversity," he said. "The determination to stay with it. They never give up."

Byrd is a woman that has worked for her success.

Before coming to the Shock, Byrd played professional basketball in the American Basketball League, European Basketball League and the Women's Basketball League, and was also an assistant coach at the University of Detroit.

Byrd said it's important profes-

sional female athletes have provided something for young girls to look up to.

"The young kids today, especially the ones with low self esteem, (have) that direction if they want to get into sports," she said. "Outreach into the community, talking to the young girls and letting them know the importance of having an education."

That's the way Byrd has pursued giving back to her community of Flint, much like her parents, who are boxing coaches.

"It goes back to the community and letting our young kids today, not just girls but boys too, know that there are goals and dreams you can set for yourself," Byrd said.

Byrd also recognizes the role of Title IX in generating a desire in young women to pursue athletic success, in hopes of obtaining a scholarship.

"I know, growing up, if it wasn't for Title IX, I wouldn't have been able to get a scholarship," she said. "I think it helped out tremendously, giving that equal opportunity to go on. Not



Alexis Smith/The Oakland Post
Detroit Shock Bill Laimbeer speaks on "Phenomenal Women" in the OC Banquet Center.

just to participate in sports, but to get free education."

The road Byrd, and many other female athletes, has cleared will help Byrd's eight-year-old niece, among others, have their shot at success.



BRENDAN STEVENS
Sports Editor

Have they lost their minds?

What were they thinking?

Honestly, what kind of inhibitors did the Selection Committee for the Men's NCAA Tournament partake in before picking the field?

Obviously, OU's men's basketball team should have received an at-large bid.

Ok, so maybe not.

And maybe the committee's job is one that I wouldn't take on even if Janet Jackson flashed me, or the rest of the country for that matter.

Every year there are bubbles burst and underdog upsets that only make the job of choosing the 65-team field more difficult.

But that doesn't mean mid-majors shouldn't receive the same consideration as "major" schools in "major" conferences.

Utah State University comes to mind. Going 25-3 on the season and losing in the Big West Conference tournament semifinals should still have been enough to get Utah State into the "Big Dance."

Alas it was not. Instead, the Aggies watched as Pacific was awarded the upset-special 12 seed and pitted against fifth-seeded Providence University.

Such is justice with the Selection Committee.

And even though Stanford finished the season as the consensus number one in both the major polls, Kentucky was awarded the "top" overall seed with a matchup with the winner of the play-in game between Lehigh and Florida A&M.

Another team that could easily argue foul are the Wisconsin Badgers, who were awarded a sixth seed.

Not only is that game against 11th seeded Richmond prime for an upset, much like the 5-12 matchup, but it defies the polls and RPI rankings.

Wisconsin was ranked tenth in both polls and 12th in the RPI standings. That should have assured the Badgers nothing less than a fourth seed. At least logically.

But it's clear the Selection Committee's long hours locked in dark rooms have begun to blur its logic.

Sure, numerous teams have supposedly strong cases for at-large bids, but it's unfair that those bids be shifted away from mid-major teams.

It sends a hopefully unwanted message to mid-major teams that they must win their conference tournament to make the NCAA Tournament, no matter how great a regular season a team has.

I understand that the "Big Dance" is driven by even bigger money, but the true spirit of the NCAA tournament should not be forgotten.

Performance, not ratings should rule.

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Matter of the heart

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU women's club hockey team has been fighting for respect since its creation four years ago.

With two wins over previously unbeaten Michigan State University (MSU) on their way to a Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association (CCWHA) title, that's going to change.

Assistant coach Mike Down said the team proved it has what it takes to win.

"This weekend proved that hard work, dedication and, most importantly, heart wins championships," Down said. "This weekend our girls proved they had the heart to win."

"They played sick and injured and still overcame adversity. I'm very proud of them."

OU came into the CCWHA tournament fourth in the league, but head coach Shana Osler said her team had a feeling it could take home the crown.

"We had a resolve going into the tournament - we thought we were going to win," Osler said. "We knew that we could beat (Michigan) State, or any other team in the league for that matter, and we were ready."

The Grizzlies showed just how prepared they were in the first game of the tournament, with a 9-0 victory over the University of Notre Dame on Friday.

Saturday morning, OU beat MSU, 2-1, giving the Spartans their first loss of the season.

The Swickle sisters, Natalie and Emily, both freshman defenseman, teamed up for the Grizzlies first goal, with Natalie getting the goal and Emily tallying the assist.

Emily Swickle picked up another helper on a goal by freshman forward Daniela Marrocco, giving OU the two-goal advantage.

MSU added a goal later in the second period, but OU senior goaltender Jane Lemaux preserved the win.

Later that evening, the



Photos Courtesy of the OU women's club hockey team
Above: After defeating Michigan State University in the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association tournament championship by virtue of a shootout, the OU women's club hockey team celebrates.

Right: Seniors Melissa Orr, assistant captain (left), Kristin Czarnecki, captain (right), and Lauren Brick, assistant captain (back), accept the trophy from league president Mike Fornes (microphone) and tournament coordinator Lyle Trombly (trophy).

Grizzlies faced off against Northern Michigan University (NMU) in the semifinals.

The teams battled in what Osler called a "chippy" game.

But the Grizzlies didn't back down from NMU, scoring the game's lone goal in the third period to take the 1-0 win.

Marrocco picked up her fourth goal of the tournament, assisted by senior center Kristin Czarnecki and Emily Swickle.

With the win, OU advanced to the finals to face MSU once again.

In Sunday's championship, the Grizzlies prevailed, 3-2, defeating the Spartans in a shootout.

After a scoreless five minute overtime period, Osler had little doubt when the game went to a winner-take-all shootout.

"I knew once it went into a

shootout that we were going to win," she said. "We have shootouts all the time in practice and no one can score on Jane (Lemaux)."

Lemaux made a save on an MSU player to start the shootout, and then OU freshman forward Jacqueline Galofaro beat the Spartans' goalie top-shelf blocker side.

Once again, MSU failed to score on its attempt, before Grizzly freshman defenseman Sarah Costigan also scored high blocker side.

Both OU and the Spartans came up blank in the third round of the shootout, but the match ended when Lemaux stopped MSU's fourth attempt to give her team the win and the championship.

Lemaux earned the tournament MVP by a unanimous vote among the coaches, going 4-0 with two

shutouts and three goals allowed.

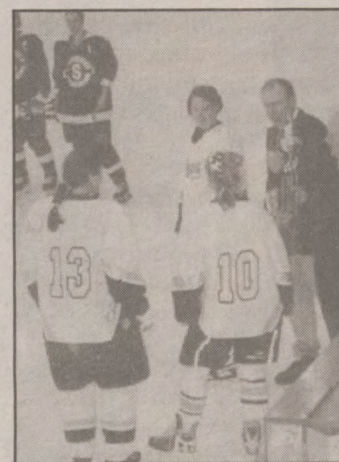
Marrocco and Emily Swickle joined their teammate Lemaux on the All-Tournament First Team.

With four goals, Marrocco led OU, while Czarnecki, Costigan and the Swickle sisters each added two goals through the four games the Grizzlies played.

Czarnecki led the team with five assists, Emily Swickle added four helpers and Natalie Swickle and Costigan recorded three assists each.

Junior center Kendra Pittiglio and junior forward Jill Van Wormer, who also had two assists, tallied one goal each for OU.

Senior defenseman Melissa Orr, playing through pain with her arm still bandaged from wrist surgery, and senior forward Lauren Brick had one assist



in the tournament each.

Osler said she believes that defeating MSU, the defending CCWHA and American Collegiate Hockey Association champions, earned the team the respect it deserves.

"As their coach, I am so proud of the team," Osler said. "The effort they put forth, the skill they have developed and player with and, most of all, their positive attitudes, were amazing this weekend."

"They richly deserved this win and, as a coach, I could not be happier for them."

Men prepare for NCAA Championship

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

After a season of hard work and dedication, junior Chris Sullivan and freshman Hunor Ma'te were two of the men invited to the NCAA Men's Swimming Championship.

The announcement of which men

would be invited to the NCAA Championships was made Friday.

The championships will be held in Long Island, N.Y. March 25-27.

This will be Sullivan's third trip to the NCAA Championship.

He will swim in three events: the 50-yard freestyle (19.88), the 100-yard freestyle (43.81) and 100-yard

butterfly (47.90).

All three of Sullivan's times rank in the top 25 in the country, with his ranking of 20 in the 50 free being his highest.

Ma'te is one of only a few freshman invited to compete in the NCAA Championships.

He will compete in the 100-yard

breaststroke, qualifying with a season best time of 54.55, placing him 26th out of the 39 swimmers competing in the event.

This weekend, seniors Tanya Korniyenko and Oksana Strelets will represent OU at the Women's NCAA Championships in College Station, Texas.

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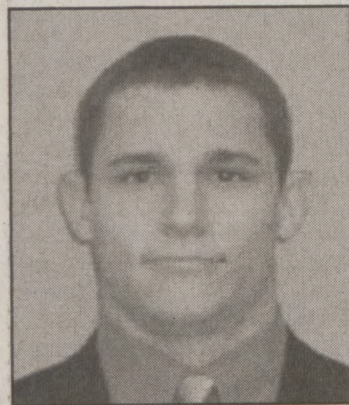
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Triathlon Club

Sun. March 21, 1-6 p.m.
Indoor Triathlon
(@ Rec Center)



Sports Spotlight



John Sullivan Junior, Catcher

For his efforts in the OU baseball team's two-game series against Eastern Kentucky University, Sullivan was named Mid-Con Player of the Week. In two Grizzly losses, Sullivan went 7-9 with five home runs, eight RBIs and six runs scored.

BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball gets first

Team grabs allusive first win to snap six-game losing skid

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

OU recovered from two losses against Wright State University on Saturday, to earn its first victory of the season, defeating Wright State, 9-6, on Sunday.

Junior starting pitcher Kyle Boehm got the win after striking out three in 4.2 innings and allowing five runs on seven hits.

OU started off hot in the first inning with back-to-back home runs. Mid-Con Player of the Week junior catcher John Sullivan struck first with a two-run blast.

Junior first baseman Ty Herriott followed with a solo home run.

Wright State scored its first run in the third. The Golden Grizzlies fired back scoring a run in the fourth off a sophomore outfielder Tim Doig double, and tallied two more runs in the fifth off two Raider errors.

OU allowed Wright State back into the game when Boehm gave up six hits and four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Determined not to let another game slip, senior closer Dominic Carmoisino came into the game in the seventh and did not give up a hit.

He had five strikeouts in three innings to earn his first save.

Herriott led OU going 3-5 with two home runs and three RBIs. Sullivan went 2-5 with a home run and two RBIs.

The victory was a turnaround after OU lost two games by a com-

bined two runs on Saturday in a double header against Wright State.

The Grizzlies lost the first game, 1-0, when Wright State's Dan Biedenharn drove in Ross Vagedes in the fifth for the only run of the game.

Senior pitcher Steve Kniebbe (0-1) suffered the loss, but pitched well allowing two hits in 4.1 innings.

OU struggled from the plate getting only three hits.

In the second game, OU took an early lead.

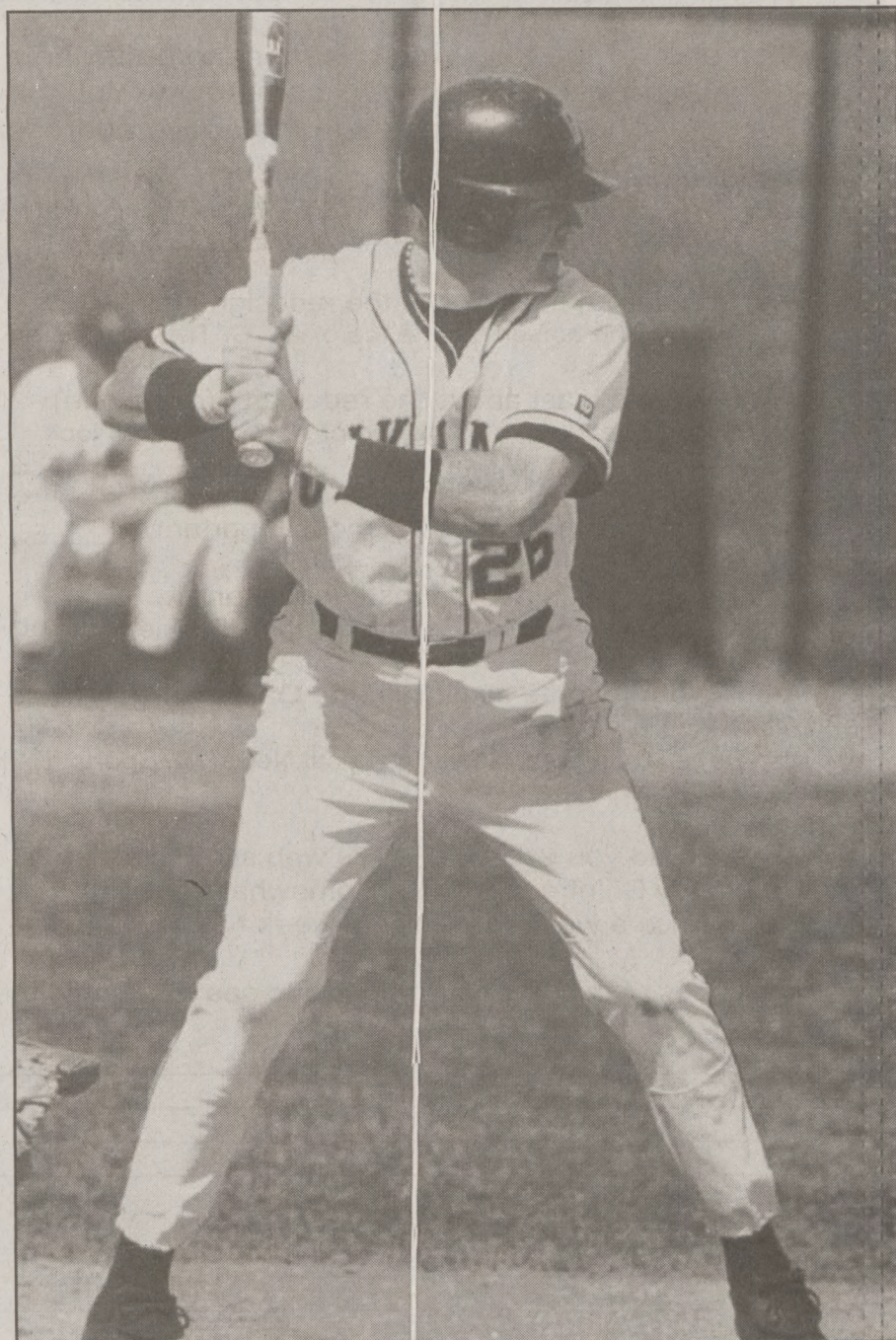
Scoring a run in the first when Sullivan drove in sophomore outfielder Bryan Marulli, and adding another run in the second when senior designated hitter Michael Trosen scored off a senior outfielder Josh Patton single.

OU could not build its lead despite sophomore pitcher Billy Schmieder holding Wright State scoreless for five innings. Wright State tied the game in the sixth scoring two unearned runs.

Junior pitcher Tim Edick took over in the seventh allowing no hits in four innings and striking out seven. However it would not be OU's day. In the 17th inning with two outs Wright State's Chris Coleman singled to drive in Ross Oeder for the win.

OU will look for its second win in the first of a three-game series against Ohio University at 6:30 p.m. Friday on the road.

The teams will square off at the same time Saturday before wrapping up with a noon contest on Sunday.



Bob Knoska/File Photo

In a game last season, OU men's baseball junior first baseman Ty Herriott prepares for a pitch. Herriott led the Grizzlies in their victory, 9-6 over Wright State University Sunday, hitting two home runs.

Triathlon club flexes muscles

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

More than 25 years ago, a group of Navy Seals argued whether cyclists, swimmers or runners were more fit.

Navy Commander John Collins decided the only way to remedy the argument was to do all three endurance tests at once, with the winner being known as the Ironman.

Since Feb. 28, 1978, athletes of all sorts have competed in Ironman Triathlons across the world, consisting of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and a complete marathon of 26.2 miles.

Now it has come to OU.

Although the Triathlon Club was created in the Fall of 2002, treasurer Kevin Boose, junior, said the club didn't really take off until this semester.

Right now, the club has about 50 members of both OU students and some community members.

The group has workouts together and has been reserving the studio in the Rec Center on Sundays and

Fridays from 6-7:15 p.m. to cycle indoors until the weather accommodates.

Mondays and Wednesdays in the Rec, one of the group's members, Bonnie Karas, holds a triathlon training class open to all Rec members.

While the club and its members take training seriously, that is not the focus of the club, Boose said.

"The whole idea of the club is to get people together to train, motivate, race, develop friendships and stay in shape," he said. "It is a sport for all ages and levels. We have many members who are beginners, but some have competed in national races and have done the ultimate triathlon, the Ironman."

Boose said members all receive discounts at area stores, a club T-shirt and advice on training.

The club's first event of the season will take place from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday in the OU Rec Center. The format will differ from the Ironman competition, separated into 10-15 minute

blocks of swimming, stationary cycling and running.

With the goal to do as much of each discipline as possible, the competitors will swim for 10 minutes in the 50-meter lap lane, followed by 15 minutes on a stationary bike and finish up with a 15-minute jaunt on the indoor track.

The cost for OU students is \$15, \$20 for non-OU students and \$26 for non-Rec members.

Registration, which will be capped at 60 participants, is due today in the Triathlon Club's mailbox in the Rec Center.

Applications can be picked up at the Rec or downloaded off the club's Web site, www2.oakland.edu/org/triatclub.

Times for the event will be released on Friday via e-mail so that people will know what time to show up, rather than waiting around all day, Boose said.

The Triathlon Club will participate in the first of two seminars at 8 p.m. on April 8 at Hanson's Running Shop in Auburn Hills.

The seminar will be held with the shop's Olympic-hopeful runner's for the members of the OU Triathlon Club.

For every additional attendee, the club will receive an addition 1 percent, up to 20 percent, off its entire purchase for the evening.

On April 24, the club will hold a free clinic in Dodge Hall, led by well-known triathlete Joe Friel.

Friel, author of the "Training Bible" series, regular columnist for VeloNews and Inside Triathlon and founder of www.ultrafit.com, will cover topics ranging from training theory to racing technique.

Boose said the event is a good deal for students, and not just because it's free.

"This is an exceptional deal for students who are at all interested in triathlons because Joe (Friel) will cover the most important topics needed to train," Boose said.

The club's vice president, Sarah Chapin, senior, said the club is trying to get

its name out there with the training events.

"We want other students to realize that triathlon is not just a sport for people who are crazy endurance athletes," she said. "We are normal students with a unique love for three sports. Hopefully through these events more students will want to be a part of our club."

For those interested but who have never even thought of participating in a triathlon, Chapman said everyone has to start somewhere, and where better than with a supportive group of people who can offer advice.

"The goal of the triathlon club is to encourage good health and fitness, success and create a sense of belonging," Chapman said. "The success that these members feel often times carries over in their academics and careers."

"The club is also able to create a (sense of) belonging for students who may not be able to join a 'team sport,'" Chapman said.

Valpo, former OU coach in tourney

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Going Dancin'

With comeback wins in both the Mid-Con tournament semifinals and championship, Valparaiso University earned a bid in the Men's NCAA Tournament.

The 15th-seeded Crusaders will take on the second seed in the St. Louis bracket, Gonzaga University, in the first round of the "Big Dance."

Having won seven of the last 10 Mid-Con Championships, Valpo has Tournament experience that may not be enough to lift the Crusaders over a Gonzaga team with something to prove.

Head coach Homer Drew returned after one year in retirement to replace his son Scott who took the head

coaching job at Baylor University.

The elder Drew had a successful return, helping his team get past a rough start to take the Mid-Con regular season crown and sweep through the postseason conference tournament.

Valpo has had some success in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 in 1998. But the Crusaders will need strong performances from forwards Dan Oppland, sophomore, and Joaquim Gomes, senior, who average 16.1 and 12.8 points, respectively, if they hope to down the Bulldogs.

The contest is slated to begin at 9:55 p.m. Thursday in Key Arena in Seattle.

Does the slipper fit?

Similar to their male counterparts, Valpo's women's basketball team

took the top seed in the Mid-Con Tournament all the way to a title and an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

But the likenesses don't end there.

The Crusaders are also a 15th seed, and will take on second-seed Kansas State University in the Midwest region of the tourney.

It is the second straight year Valpo has qualified for the NCAA Tournament, losing to second seed Purdue University, 66-51, as a 15 seed last season.

This year, the Crusaders will have their hands full with the Wildcats 6-foot-4 junior center Nicole Ohlde, who averaged 19.4 points and 9.4 rebounds this season while shooting a Big 12 Conference best 56.9 percent from the field on her way to the Big 12 Player of the Year honors.

The game will start at 11 a.m. Sunday and will be played in Williams Arena in Minneapolis, Minn.

OU ties to Tournament

Former OU top assistant coach Suzy Merchant will be taking part in the Women's NCAA Tournament this season, as head coach at Eastern Michigan University.

Merchant coached at OU, when the nickname was the Pioneers, from 1992-95, helping lead to the team to a 64-23 overall record.

She moved on to be head coach at Saginaw Valley State University for three seasons before moving on to EMU, where she will be wrapping up her sixth year.

Since taking the helm at EMU, Merchant has led the Eagles to six consecutive 500 or better seasons in the Mid-American Conference (MAC).



Dick Schwarze/EMU Photography
Eastern Michigan University head women's basketball coach Suzy Merchant, a former OU assistant coach, holds the Mid-American Conference tournament trophy.

The bid to the NCAA Tournament is EMU's first-ever to go along with its first MAC title.

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Photo courtesy of Natalie Cole
Susan Brown, Helen Basberg and professor Cole spend an afternoon in Highgate Cemetery, London.

Good Grief

New course explores death and dying through art, film and culture

BY VIRGINIE PEROV
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Natalie Cole has been interested in the subject of death and dying in Victorian literature for many years.

But when the OU associate professor's sister, Cheryl, died from lung cancer in May 2002 at the age of 48, nothing could prepare her for the difficulty of the situation.

"It was so different from reading about it," said Cole, "and no one in my family was willing to talk about it."

A new appointment, as director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program in February 2003, gave her the opportunity to explore the possibilities of teaching a class on the subject.

"Death and Dying in Literature, Culture and Film" is a core class of the MALS program, instituted a year ago.

The colloquium, whose theme will change annually, is a requirement students must fulfill as part of the 37 credits they need to complete the program.

These also include six elective courses, two liberal studies core courses and a master's project.

When graduate student Helen Basberg heard about the subject of this year's colloquium, she told herself: "that's the way it is."

"I accepted it," Basberg said. "I wasn't upset and it did not bother me."

According to Cole, the course started the semester with 13 students and two months later, three have dropped: one for financial reasons, the other two for personal issues regarding the material studied.

"I know this is a hard subject," Cole said, "so the first night of class, we (students and professor) exchanged our own personal experience with death."

And each week, the students have the opportunity to put their own experience in conjunction with the material read.

Cole worked on the preparation and formatting of the class for six months, starting last spring, before she was ready to teach it.

The structure of the class emphasizes open discussions on the reading assignments, including Dickens' "Christmas Books," as

well as movies or TV series, including "Six Feet Under," that the students have to watch.

"I thought lectures would not be appropriate for that subject," Cole said, "because nobody can be an expert on it."

The first day of the semester, the students took a quiz that placed them on "The Death Anxiety Scale."

They will take the quiz again on the last day of class and analyze the changes that occurred in their perception of death.

Before the course started, Cole was not really afraid of the way it would be received by the students.

"I was excited about it," Cole said. "But after the first class, I realized that the subject of the material was going to be hard to read, week after week."

Basberg admits that the course has affected her emotionally.

"There are no tears in the class," she said. "But we are all affected (by the subject) and it's accepted. There is room for this in the course."

Susan Brown, another student in the class, obtained her Master's in English from OU last April and

"The course can be emotionally draining, but it's worthwhile."

~Susan Brown, graduate student

agrees that the course can be emotionally draining.

"At the beginning, it took some adjustment," she said, "but it's healthy to look at this subject in different ways. I really think the class is worthwhile."

Cole and her students try to find various methods to deal with the difficulty of studying "Death and Dying."

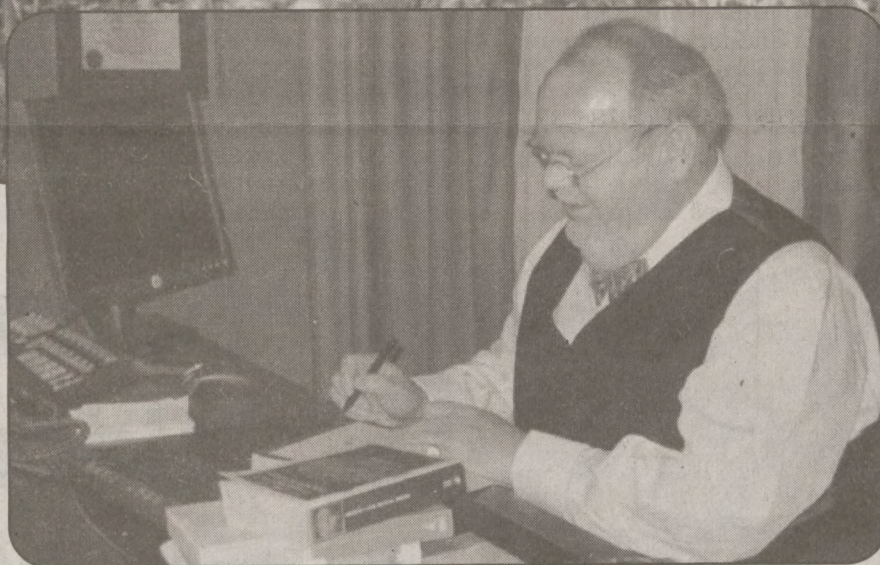
Cole talked about Raymond Carver, poet and short story writer, who said: "Eating is a small, good thing in a time like this" (referring to death and grieving).

"We try to apply this (concept) to the classroom," said Cole.

She brings coffee and cake to



Photo courtesy of Natalie Cole.
Above: One of the statues in Highgate Cemetery, London, where the travelers study mortuary statues and gravestones.



Left: Poet and funeral director Thomas Lynch reads some of his poems to the class during a trip to Lynch's funeral home.

Virginie Perov/The Oakland Post

class, and they all read humorous poetry, joke and lighten things up.

The students all come from different backgrounds, from a retired chemical engineer to a landscape architect and a teacher, with an average age of 37, which according to Cole, is typical of this type of program.

Their reasons for enrolling in the MALS program are various: some take it to be able to teach and others just for personal enrichment.

"I want to learn. I love reading and I want to be smarter- expand my horizons," said Basberg.

Brown wants to continue taking classes that will allow her to learn about diverse subjects.

"I take it strictly for me," she said, "because I enjoy going to school."

The MALS program is a non-vocational degree with a 60 percent admission rate and the colloquium is an important part of it.

According to the OU catalogue, the MALS is "an interdisciplinary program for intellectually questioning people who seek challenge and fulfillment in a wide range of subjects, study and in interdisciplinary work."

"I am excited to be teaching in the program," said associate professor Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, from the art and art history department. "The students are ideal in many ways: mature, motivated, intellectually curious, and willing to spend energy on research and learning for learning's sake."

Cole said the "Death and Dying" course is important for its interdisciplinary potential.

She said death is represented in various mediums like art, literature and plays. But it can also be studied in topics like political science.

"I think all these possibilities to explore the subject make it a good

fit for the MALS program," Cole said.

According to Cole, other schools around the country have offered similar classes on "death and dying," with emphasis on theology or medicine.

But this course is different, she said, because it focuses more on fiction, poetry and film.

To enrich the learning experience, Cole has included several out-of-the-classroom components to her course.

During spring break, for instance, she organized a trip to London. Two students joined her to explore London's famed Highgate Cemetery where the three travelers studied mortuary sculpture and gravestones.

The group also visited the Dickens House Museum, where Charles Dickens lived at the time his beloved sister-in-law Mary Hogarth died in his arms.

"I love traveling," Basberg said. "The trip to London was a different type of vacation; it was more educational. It wasn't easy, but nothing was very hard."

Basberg's favorite part of the trip was the conversations with

"The trip to London was a different type of vacation; it was more educational."

~Helen Brown, graduate student

the other student and the professor, but also with people they met.

"I consider myself pretty literate," she said, "but we talked about people I had never heard of

before."

Brown also traveled to London.

"It was great to be able to see things, such as the Dickens Museum, with people whose interests aligned with mine," she said.

Cole is also very pleased with the way this trip went.

"It was a pleasure to travel with mature students who were up for everything," Cole said. "They had such stamina."

After studying all day in the British Library and walking all over London, she said, the students still managed to stay awake to attend a play.

"These students had energy," Cole said. "They were good humored and intelligent. It made them the perfect traveling companions."

Besides the trip to London, the class went on a field trip to Milford to visit Lynch and Sons Funeral home.

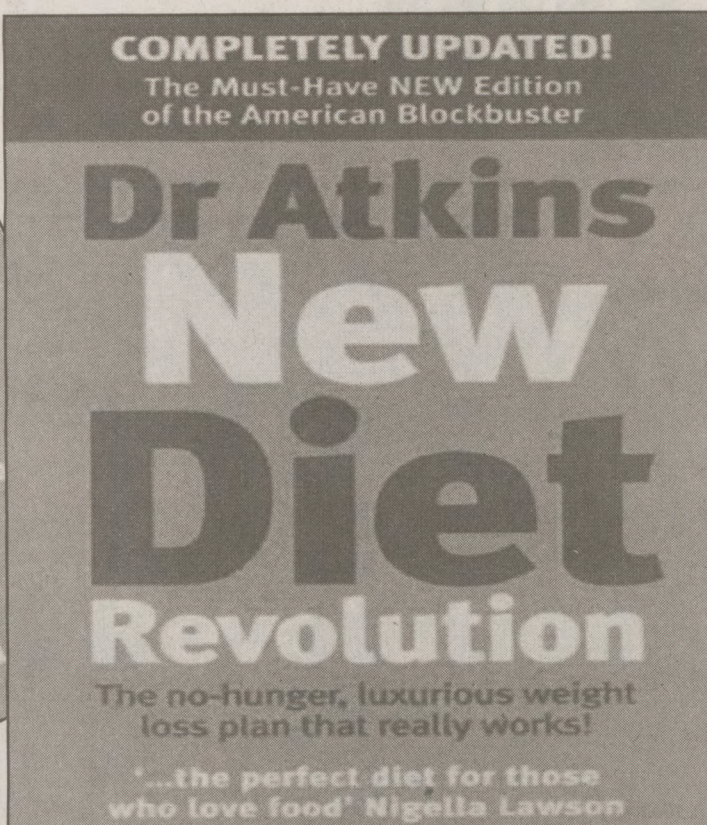
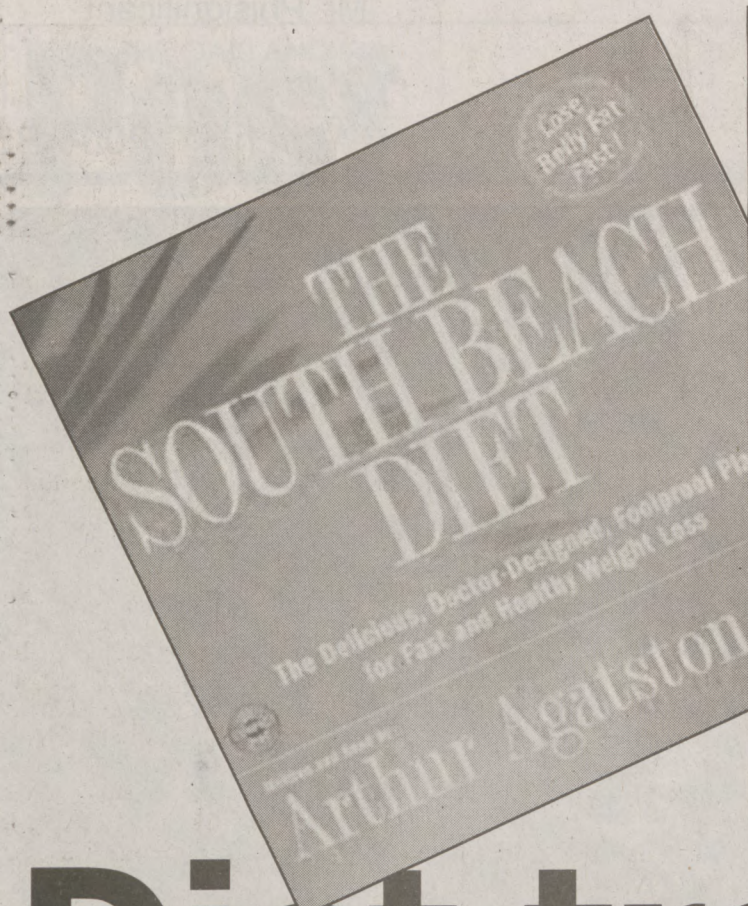
There, students and professor had the opportunity to converse with poet and funeral director Thomas Lynch, author of "The Undertaking." Lynch's writings were part of the inspiration for the series "Six Feet Under."

"The colloquium is an opportunity to learn," Basberg said. "I will retire in July and I'm happy that OU has this class and that it leads to a masters."

In the winter 2005, Cole will teach a colloquium on the image of the city, and plans another trip to London during spring break.

In the winter 2006, the MALS program hopes to offer a core course, taught by Machmut-Jhashi on Russian art, culture and film, with a potential trip to Moscow.

For more information about the Master of Arts Liberal Studies program, contact Cole at cole@oakland.edu, or visit www.oakland.edu.



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Diet trends exposed

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

South Beach, Atkins and the Zone. No, they aren't popular spring break vacation spots.

They are the latest crazes when it comes to dieting.

Trend diets are becoming all the rage, even on OU's campus.

Maybe it's because spring and summer are almost here and people are worrying about fitting into last year's clothes.

Maybe it's because Detroit was named the fattest city.

According to Atkins' Web site, the diet is built on a four-phase approach to eating with vitamins and regular exercise.

In the first phase, dieters restrict carbohydrate consumption, getting the most carbs from salads and other non-starchy veggies.

The Web site said the first

phase "kick-starts your body into lipolysis/ketosis."

Jodi Brucia, family nurse practitioner at Graham Health Center, said ketosis causes the dieter to lose his or her appetite and feel nauseous.

In phase two of the Atkins diet, carbs are added back in through fiber-rich foods, adding a little more each week until weight loss stops.

After losing the desired amount of weight, more carbs are added in to help with lifestyle maintenance.

The first day of an example Atkins diet would be a breakfast of zucchini frittata with cream cheese, a broiled cheeseburger and a large salad with tomatoes for lunch and for dinner, Cajun pork chops with sautéed kale and garlic.

Dieters can also enjoy a low-carb vanilla shake as a snack.

"The danger of the Atkins

Diet is that it doesn't limit fat," Brucia said.

She said the diet incorporates a lot of red meat high in saturated fat, which can increase the risk for heart disease and colon cancer.

The Zone diet is designed around a person's body type and requires eating within blocks, "only enough protein to satisfy your body's requirements" but not cutting out carbs entirely either.

The Web site states, "Because you are always consuming more carbohydrates than protein with the Zone, you will not experience ketosis."

While the Zone claims to be safe for type I and type II diabetics, the Web site states type I diabetics should work closely with a doctor to mon-

itor insulin.

The South Beach Diet is a three-phase plan designed to teach the dieter to eat the right types of carbs and fats.

The first phase also cuts out carbs, but it allows the dieter to add them back during the second phase.

During the third phase, information about eating is applied to the rest of the dieter's life.

The first day on the South Beach diet includes a breakfast of vegetable juice cocktail, quiche cups and decaffeinated coffee or tea.

A midmorning snack of mozzarella cheese sticks comes next, and lunch includes sliced grilled chicken breast on romaine with balsamic vinaigrette dressing and sugar free gelatin.

"It isn't healthy to lose more than 1-2 pounds a week..."

~Jodi Brucia, Graham Health Center



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Hall
The living room of Meadow Brook Hall provides the perfect atmosphere for books set in the early 1900s.

Classics come to life

MBH launches book club on American and English novels

By KRISTIN SOMMER
THE OAKLAND POST

Meadow Brook Hall (MBH) will attempt to make the pages of classic American and English novels come to life.

MBH is launching a monthly book club that will center on life in the upper class during the early 1900s.

Shannon O'Berski, marketing manager at MBH, said the books were selected because of the setting MBH offers.

"We thought MBH would provide the perfect setting for the topics of these books, which is wealth and home," O'Berski said.

Since MBH was built in the '20s, the décor will give club members a glimpse of the world the characters in the novels lived in.

MBH is expecting 25-50 people to attend the first discussion.

"I think this is a good thing, especially for students who enjoy reading novels," said Laney Shaw. "I like reading, but none of my friends do. So I never have anyone to talk about the books with. Hopefully, these are good books."

F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby," a novel about the rise and fall of wealth in the '20s, will be the topic of discussion April 6 from 7-9 p.m.

Melodie Monahan, Ph.D., an English professor at Wayne State University, will lead the discussion.

Monahan has conducted reading and writing workshops in the

Rochester area for the last 14 years.

Every month until August, a different book will be read. A discussion held in the library of MBH will follow on the first Tuesday of the next month.

For the month of April "The Age of Innocence," by Edith Wharton will be read. This novel deals with the restrictions of society in New York in the late 1800s.

"Howard's End," by E.M. Forster, a book about two families from opposite ends of the social spectrum and their affect on one another, will be read in May.

Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway" will be read in June. The book examines a day in the life of an English member of Parliament's wife.

The final book to be read is "Rebecca," by Daphne Du Maurier, a gothic story about a widower, his new wife, and his dead wife Rebecca.

O'Berski said MBH is treating the book club as a pilot program. "This is the first time we've ever held a program like this," said O'Berski.

If there is enough response, it will likely become an annual event at MBH.

All of the books will be available for purchase at MBH the month they are read.

The book club is free to attend, but a reservation for the discussion is required.

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Depp dominates "Secret Window"

Johnny Depp gives a praise-filled performance, making the film worth watching

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Normally, hearing that a movie is based on a book doesn't tell you anything about it.

That is unless the author of the book is Stephen King.

King has writing credits for 41 movies, including "Secret Window," which has been adopted from a novella in King's collection "Four Past Midnight."

"Secret Window" opens with Morton Rainey (Johnny Depp), a semi-famous writer, catching his wife Amy (Maria Bello) in bed with another man, Ted (Timothy Hutton).

Still distraught from his unofficial divorce six months later, Rainey is harassed by John Shooter (John Turturro), a Mississippi farmer who thinks Rainey has plagiarized a story of his.

At first, Rainey worries he might have a lawsuit on his hands.

After finding his dog nailed to a dumpster with a note urging him to keep the law out of it, he knows he has bigger problems.

Plagiarism is a capital crime in the writing world, and for someone like Rainey it would mean the end of his career.

Already unable to write since Amy and he separated, Rainey's conflict with Shooter pushes him to the edge.

Anyone familiar with King's work should know what to expect from the rest of the film.

Few actors can carry a majority of a film by themselves, but Johnny Depp is one of them.

Depp is known for playing

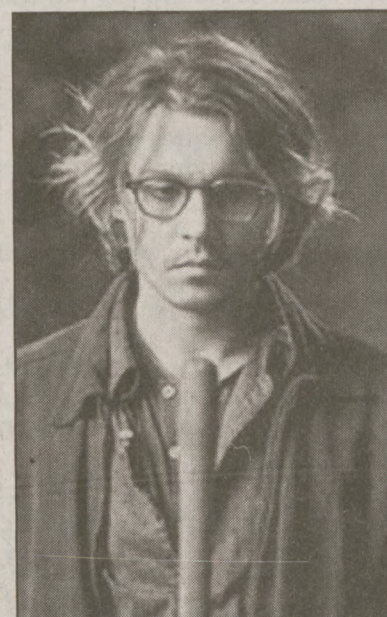


Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures
Morton Rainey attempts to protect himself from being attacked by John Shooter.

unusual roles, and his character in this movie is no exception.

Half the film has Depp alone on screen, sometimes with little to no dialogue, but he still manages to captivate the audience as he shows us the life of a mentally tortured man.

Rainey is forced to fill the emptiness of his life with internal dialogue.

This leads to one of the best scenes in the movie where two Depps' are on screen arguing with each other, a technique made famous by but not exclusive to Gollum in "The Lord of the Rings."

Despite the serious nature of the film, one can't help but be amused at the darkly humorous quips Rainey makes toward

himself and Ted.

Turturro's role as the homicidal Shooter is a big change of pace for the actor who has had mostly comedic roles in the past, including several appearances in Adam Sandler films.

But he plays the part well.

Unfortunately, the other supporting cast members give less than great performances, which leaves the scenes without Turturro or Depp in them relatively boring.

The movie only suffers from being made 10 years too late.

King originally published the story in 1990 and even admitted in the foreword that it was not his most original idea for a story.

But pointing out the irony of this would spoil too many of the movie's twists, which have become predictable to most movie-goers in the 14 years since the story was written.

"Secret Window" exemplifies why there is a big difference between scary and creepy.

While there are several instances that will make you jump, its overall purpose is to leave the audience disturbed when the movie is over.

No matter how quickly you can guess the ending, that doesn't make it any less troubling to watch.

Every one knows the ending is the most important part to any story.

Ironically, screenwriter David Koepp decided to change the ending to "Secret Window" from the way King did it.

The movie is just as entertaining, but don't let that stop you from reading the book.



Let's go clubbin'

Pontiac has all the hot spots for OU students to go clubbin'

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
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Downtown Pontiac offers the hottest club spots for OU students.

Any night looking for a good time only has one main road to travel, Saginaw St.

The quarter-mile strip has five dance clubs and plenty of bars open on various nights.

Tonic night club entices guests with its "three floors of fun" and a variety of music and atmospheres.

"The club has something for everyone with a DJ on the main floor spinning top-40 hits all night, hip-hop on the top floor and trance and techno music in the basement," said Manager Vladimir Mirkovich.

Each level has a lounge area where clubbers can sit down and relax.

Tonic is open Thursday through Sunday from 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

College nights are Thursdays and Sundays.

Fridays and Saturdays are reserved for the 21 and over crowd with ladies getting in for free on Fridays.

Cover is usually \$5 other nights.

Right next door to Tonic is the Hawaiian themed club, Tiki Bob's Cantina.

This tropical luau features a large dance floor, ten televisions playing non-stop sports and movies as well as three pool tables.

Tuesdays are not only college



night, said bartender Kelli Haskins, but also "bring your own mug every night."

"Bring in your own mug and we'll fill it for just \$1," said Haskins.

Tuesdays, 18 and over pay \$10 to get in, while cover for those 21 and up is \$5. The cover charge is \$6 every other night.

Tiki Bob's is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

On Friday, clubbers can groove

from 7 p.m.-2 a.m., and Saturday 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Around the corner from the hula hangout is club Sevin.

One of the newer clubs to the area, Sevin has already been named most popular.

"The dance floor is always full," said Manager Jim Maceroni.

Sevin also has a VIP room, jazz club and a salon inside. Maceroni also said that the club features an

outdoor deck that will be opening as it gets warmer.

College night is Wednesday, doors open at 9 p.m.

Cover is \$13 for 18 and over, \$7 for 21 and over with \$2 drink specials from 9-11 p.m.

Sevin is also hosting one of the only 18 and over St. Patrick's Day parties in the city tonight.

The club is also open Friday for 80s night with 75 cent drinks until midnight.

Saturday is ladies night with cover ranging between \$5-\$10.

For those more interested in the bar scene, JD's Key Club is also located right on the Saginaw strip.

JD's, known for its piano bar atmosphere, is a favorite hangout for many OU students.

"Me and my friends like to head up there after classes on Wednesdays," said senior Aaron Gaston.

"You don't have to pay to get in and the drinks are cheap."

JD's is open Wednesday through Saturday from 7 p.m.-2 a.m.

Wednesday and Thursday is open for 18 and over and there is no cover.

There is a \$6 cover charge on Fridays and Saturdays.

These days are reserved for the 21 and over crowd, and the club features dueling pianos and drink specials all night.

Whether students like to dance long into the night or go out for a drink after a long day of classes, there is somewhere nearby to satisfy a variety of interests.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, March 17

The Meadow Brook Theater will present the dramatic comedy "Talking With" until April 11.

For more information or tickets, call the Meadow Brook Theater Box Office at (248) 377-3300.

Dr. Mark Mason and the department of chemistry, University of Toledo, will deliver a lecture entitled "Green Chemistry: What it is and Why should I be Interested?"

The event will take place at 1:15 p.m. in 372 School of Engineering building.

Thursday, March 18

The Honors College will hold an Art of Slavery Colloquium from noon-1 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

The College of Arts and Sciences will host a production by Stephen Sondheim entitled "In the Woods" at 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theater.

The Arab American Student Organization will present an Arab Exhibit from noon-5 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. The organization will also hold an Arabian Night from 6-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. Admission is free, dessert and drinks will be provided.

Friday, March 19

Friday Night Live series continues with Sabrina Mathews at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center. The event is free of charge on behalf of Residence Hall Programming.

Saturday, March 20

The National Pan-Hellenic Council presents NPHC Step Show 2004. Doors open at 6 p.m., the show begins at 7 p.m. The step show will be held in the Shotwell Pavilion. OU students are admitted for free, NPHC Greek: \$7, general public: \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the CSA window.

Project Upward Bound Annual College/Career Day will begin at 9 a.m. on the 3rd floor of South Foundation Hall.

Monday, March 22

OU Student Congress Elections begin. Campaigns and voting will continue through March 24.

Tuesday, March 23

The Scholastic Book Fair continues through March 25 from 9-5 p.m. on the third floor of the School of Education and Human Services Building.

Jazz Improv/Jazz Singers Ensembles will take place at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. Vocal and Instrumental Jazz will be performed by some of OU's top musicians.

The Meadow Brook Art Gallery exhibit "75 Works from the OU Collection" continues through April 11 in 208 Wilson Hall.

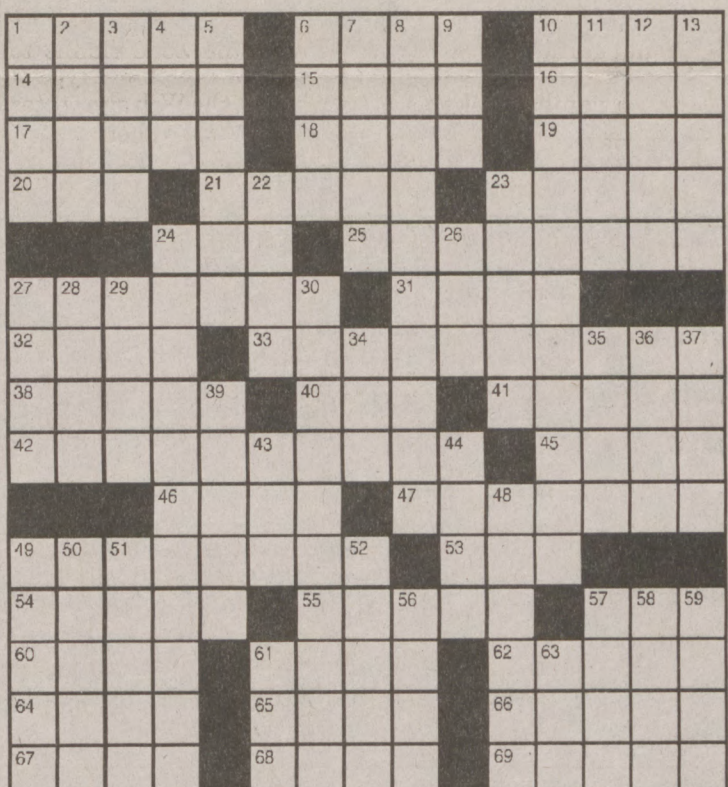
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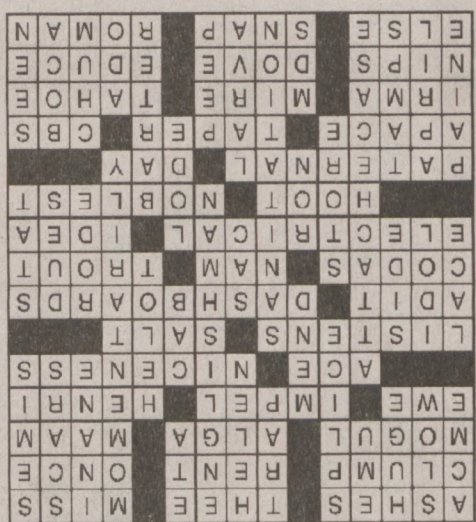
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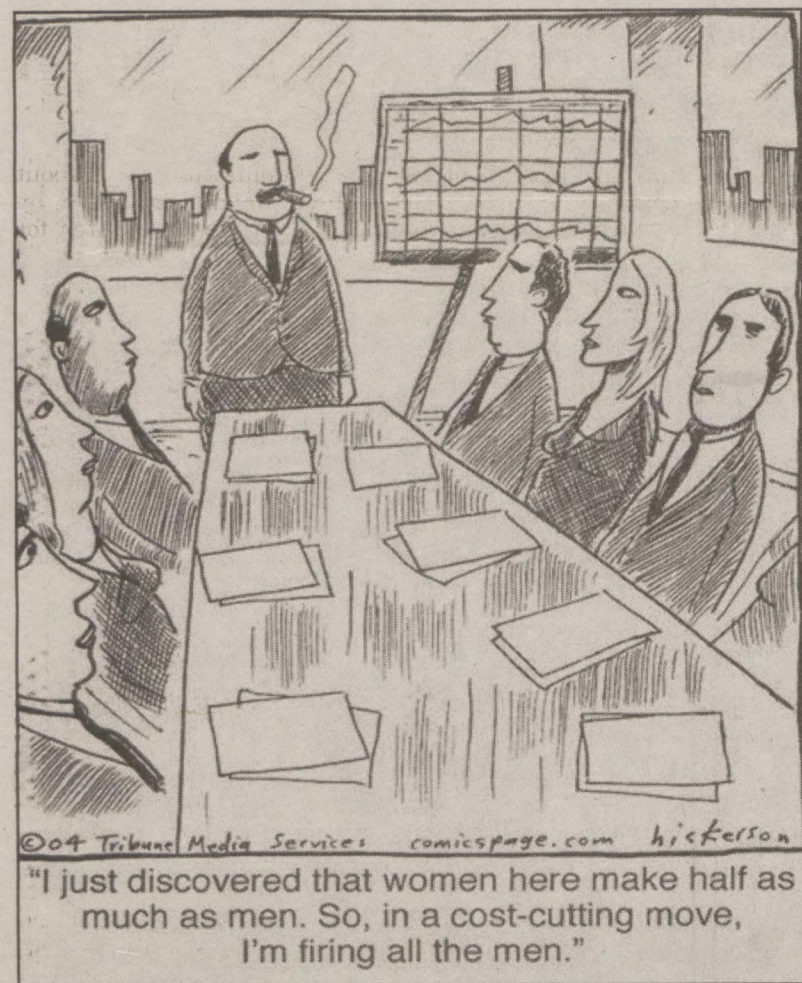
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BY LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday (March 17). It's not a bad idea to move slowly and methodically this year. It will help you avoid mistakes and injuries. You may even want to think twice about things you already know. You'll discover exceptions to every rule.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 7 _ I's OK to like someone without going along with all of their crazy schemes. Use your own judgment and just say "no" or "later."

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 6 _ Continue to inhibit yourself, even if it's the last thing you want to do. It'll save you a lot of grief. No quick movements.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 7 _ It's not a good day to travel, to send out requests or packages, or to run errands. Put it all off until tomorrow. Prepare.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 5 _ You like to be careful with money. It's a game to see how much you can save. You do it even when you don't have to. Don't take any risks today.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a

7 _ If you think an older person will kick up a fuss if you propose anything more than minimal expenditures, you're right. Look at it as if the money you save will be yours.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _

Today is a 7 _ It's not a good day to travel, mail packages or even make phone calls. There are too many things that can go wrong. Hide out and make plans, if possible.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _

Today is a 7 _ The person who has your attention now is a charmer, no doubt about that. Don't offer to pay for everything, though. You aren't made of money, you know.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _

Today is a 7 _ Your partner wants to race off and do something that you're not sure is right. Before you allow any major changes, hold off for a couple of days. Conditions will improve.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _

Today is a 6 _ Remember to finish your job before you get into anything else. That includes magazines, books and long telephone conversa-

tions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 7 _ Don't bring up the subject of money with a person who's already nervous enough. If you're owed some, you can collect it later. Don't rub salt in a fresh wound.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 7 _ You're full of great

ideas, but you need to be practical. How will you actually make them work? Ask for help.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 6 _ Hopefully you've done your homework and are now ready to take action. It's important to be certain about what you're doing. Either way, be methodical.

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