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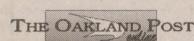
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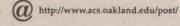
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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

Basement renovation beginning on time

By NATASHA VANOVER Staff Writer

One of the favorite campus hangouts is scheduled to get a major makeover starting this spring, with the goal to create more student-accommodating atmosphere.

The anticipated changes to the lower level of the OC were discussed last Tuesday, as the University Affairs Committee went on a guided tour of the area.

Plans are not finalized, but after the

student

Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 5, students will have a chance to preview the heart of the OC. The the anticipated \$1.9 million renovation centralized location of of the lower OC.

Detailed bluederings, and finishing boards showing atmosphere. color schemes will soon be on display outside the OC Reservation Office.

The renovations are scheduled to begin in May 1998.

Richard Fekel, director of the OC, along with the OU design committee comprised of students, faculty and staff members, planned



Illustration courtesy/Richard Fekel

GAME TIME: The new game room will be located in the lower level of the OC and will include table tennis, pool tables, and video games.

the lower OC with destination points in ed for those looking for peace and quiet in the student union. mind.

"Learning takes place outside the classroom," Fekel said.

'Downstairs will become "Students need a creative A key improvement

will include American organizations Disability Act standardprints, artist ren- will create a community ized entrances restroom facilities.

The Abstention room and cafeteria area will make way for one of OC Director . the future plans to create a new food service called

"Pretzel Logic." Those who can dine in the cafeteria below should not fear that the quiet study retreat will disappear, Fekel said.

Richard Fekel

A new enclosed study area will be creat-

A section of old cafeteria will be transformed into space for a game room, as well. The glass-encased area will be equipped

environment so that can with five pool tables and at least one table tennis area, Fekel said. He said the arcade on the first level will

be relocated downstairs in close proximity to an enlarged TV lounge. After-hour access to a section of the

lower OC will also be accessible to Congress, WXOU, and others. Entrance into the building after-hours will be monitored by individual electronic ID cards.

Four new meeting rooms and two conference rooms will be added.

'Students will be shocked to see the games room. The design is cutting edge," said Diana Pletz, journalism senior and

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Keith Gisser, herpetologist, visited campus with over 20 different reptiles and amphibians. Gisser entertained the audience with interesting information regarding the animals' habitat, survival, and care.

...lizards and turtles could touched, and held in the OC yesterday at the Herps Alive Show, sponsored by SPB.



Post Photos/Jaime Shelton

OU student awaits trial on possession charges

By ERIKA MILLER Staff Writer

OU senior Wade Egdish pleaded guilty on charges of delivery of marijuana and possession of opium at his Jan. 15

arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac. Egdish, 23, music major, was arrested in his dorm room by OU

Police on Dec. 14. After Egdish pleaded guilty, a sentencing hearing was scheduled for Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Nichols.

Ken Birch, is hopeful that his client will only get probation. Egdish has no prior convictions.

'Wade presented himself as a fine young man," Birch said. "He'll put this behind him and move on."

dential campus hearing earlier return to his music studies at OU this month about his campus conduct.

of the meeting.

"During my hearing, they the opium," Egdish said. "They led me to believe that's what hurt me the most."

Egdish also faced a confi- attending classes, but plans to for the spring semester.

OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy Nancy Schmitz, former said that in the recent past, the tion laws are a source of concern assistant dean of students, han- campus police have typically

dles the conduct cases. She confiscated marijuana, but they His court-appointed lawyer, refused to comment on the result also have found LSD, opium, and occasionally crack cocaine.

> In 1995, for example, four expressed the most interest in drug arrests were made on cam-

In 1996, Gilroy counted \seven, but said that the number Egdish is currently not of arrests during the Silo X exhibition distorted those figures.

> Very few arrests are of OU students, he said.

The nation's drug prohibi-

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Board to consider new Ph.D.

By LISA VALENTINE Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees will consider taking the step next month to give OU students a Ph.D. they have been asking for.

The Board will consider approving a new School of Education and Human Services degree on its Feb. 4 meeting.

The Ph.D. is designed to offer three areas of specialization: counseling, early childhood education, and educational leadership.

According to Bill Keane, coordinator of the educational specialist program and temporary liaison for the emerging doctorate program, this degree is something many students have been waiting for.

"People who like OU and have other degrees from the university have been asking for this kind of doctorate program," Keane said. "This is another way OU can respond to its consumers and give them what they

Keane said the degree will offer varied opportunities to those who are fortunate enough to be selected for the program.

"It is mainly a research degree," Keane said. "There will be opportunities to go into higher education, as well as into practicing positions."

He said some of these positions include school administration and clinical counseling.

Keane also said by offering this degree, OU could obtain more state aid, an added benefit for the university.

Additional faculty will be required for the implementation of the degree program, according to the proposal report.

It is anticipated that one new faculty member will be hired in the second year of the program, two faculty members in the third year, and one more in the fifth year.

Some part-time lecturers will be also needed, with two being hired in first year, 10 in the second year, three in the third year, seven in the fourth year, and eight in the fifth year.

Dagmar Cronn, vice president of the academic affairs and provost, said the cost of faculty will be covered by additional revenue from tuition and fees.

"We have budget projections showing the cost and expenditures to be in overall alignment," Cronn said.

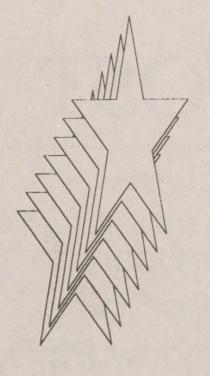
Selection of students into the program will be based on several criteria, Keane said.

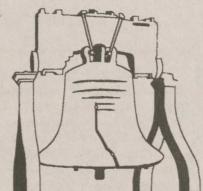
Applicants must have at least a 3.5 graduate degree grade point average. They will also take an exam, write a paper containing personal goals, and sit for an interview with members of the department, he said.

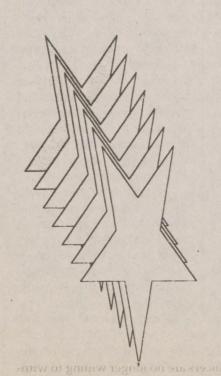
Keane said admission to the program will be limited to a maximum of 26 in all three specialization areas combined for the first year.

"I already have more applicants than I have spots to fill," Keane said.

Keane said the program is currently in the pre-planning stages and is set to begin in Sept. 1998, if it gains Board approval next month.







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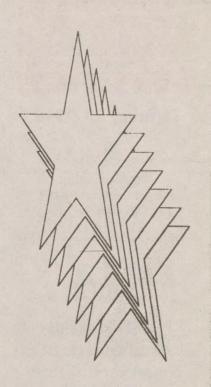


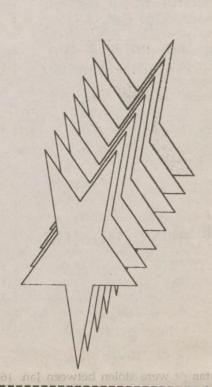
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If your student organization is interested in this program, please submit your nomination forms on the second Tuesday of each month to the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development Office, 49 O.C.

CAMPUS NEWS



Book Store Suspicion

A book store employee reported a suspicious person at the University Book Store, located in the OC, last Thursday.

In the police report, the complainant stated she was working in a back isle when she noticed a shopper with an unidentified book partially inside his coat.

Following the incident, the complainant notified the police. She then met the reporting officer at the north stairs and pointed out the suspect.

According to the report, the officer approached the suspect. At that time the officer questioned the suspect, and he said he did not steal anything. He held his coat open.

The suspect was asked to leave the building and was told he was not welcome in any of the buildings on campus.

Hot Item, Stamps

An occupant on second floor of the Science and Engineering Building (SEB) reported last Thursday that on Dec. 13, someone entered his office and stole a \$20-roll of stamps.

Another occupant, also on second floor of SEB, reported Thursday that stamps were also stolen from his

This report stated \$3.20 worth of stamps were stolen between Jan. 16

Liaisons urge for staggered two-year term

By DIANE FRKAN Staff Writer

The student liaison to the Board of Trustees is only three years old, but this year's appointments are looking for a

Currently, in the works is a recommendation by Student Liaisons Bridget Green and David Lingholm to modify the positions to become a staggered two-year appointment.

As it stands now, the position is one year of service, beginning in June.

"I think it's an advantage to the students and the university as well as the liaisons. The more knowledge and experience you have, the better you can serve the entire community," Green

The student liaison position serves the Board by attending all scheduled open meetings, providing student views and opinions, making reports regarding the activities of the Board, and participating in an orientation pro-

The recommendation was presented to Congress last Monday to gain support and understanding that the liaisons' acclimation to the Board is a lengthy process.

In the recommendation, it is stated that if the liaisons receive a staggered two-year appointment, the students could gain greater experience, become more comfortable with the process and contribute more efficiently to the Board.

The recommendation was voted on for its approval and passed, but is pending further discussion at the next Board meeting in February.

In other Congress actions:

· Winners of the Congress scholarship contest were announced. Each winner will receive a \$500-tuition stipend and a certificate from Congress.

· Congress' budget was also discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday at 4 p.m. in the OC.

Congress on search for next year's office

By SARA BUCK Special Writer

Student Congress elections are around the corner, and Rebecca Forster, you'll join.

"If you feel that you want to change anything on campus, you should run for Congress," Forster said.

Positions available for interested potential candidates are: president, vicepresident, and 25 legislator positions.

for the presidency, and there weren't entire 25-seat legislature.

Orientation sessions will be held Feb. 16 through Feb. 20 to explain the process of running for an office. Each session is expected to last for 20 min-

Congress Vice President Hemant Mahamwal said, in order to be successful, candidates first need to decide how to present their ideas to others.

Mahamwal said that he and his runelections committee member, hopes ning mate Bryan Barnett had a campaign manager who kept them organized.

> He also said he got help from volunteers who made posters, advertised, and handed out flyers.

"If you are going to run for a position, this is a commitment involving Last year, only two candidates ran time and dedication to Student Congress," said Jennifer Czapski, psyfunding board chair.

"It's a great opportunity and a and April 13. learning experience, and through Student Congress you become involved as a participant at OU and not just a student," Czapski said.

Potential candidates can now pick up an application form the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development Office.

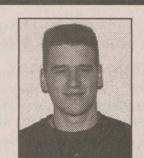
Applicants must also turn in a petition signed by 20-25 students, and must be in good academic and conduct stand-

The campaigning begins Feb. 16 and continues through mid-March.

Elections will be held from March 17 through March 20. The winners will be announced during a press conference the following week.

The new Congress is required to enough students to initially fill the chology senior and student allocations meet two times before the end of the semester. Tentative dates are April 6

Elected officers are required to attend mandatory Congress meetings every Monday at 4 p.m., usually in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.



Chris Floeter

Damaging Clinton damages country

President Clinton has testified under oath that he has committed adultery, and we as Americans should not be concerned.

Allegations of sexual misconduct by the president with a White House intern have been made by a former White House secretary, and we as Americans should take no more than a passing interest.

All is well in the good ol' U.S.A. The economy is still booming, inflation is near an all time low, crime is down, the welfare state is being reformed, and oh, yes, in case you hadn't heard over all the whoopla, we have balanced the budget and can expect yearly budgetary surpluses for the next 10 years.

For the first time in nearly 50 years, we have the opportunity to reverse the national deficit, and all Sam Donaldson can talk about, all we can see, read and hear about is the sexual improprieties of one 24-year-old intern with Bill Clinton.

This despite the fact that nearly every president in this century, with the probable exception of Jimmy Carter, has been suspected of enjoying extramarital daliances.

Times have changed. Editors and producers are no longer willing to withhold juicy stories to protect the reputations of journalism, the presidency, and most importantly, the country.

Our image is tarnished by the way we have turned this matter into a circus event, and our national reputation is the real casualty in this most recent sex scandal. Put your politics aside for the moment, and let us put this scandal into perspective. Saddam Hussein is threat-

To the rest of the world, we must look like fools for concerning ourselves with such a trivial matter, while ignoring more pressing issues within our country, such as how to allocate our budget surplus.

Some politicans and journalists are even talking impeachment over possible perjury and obstruction of justice committed by the president, saying that Clinton urged White House intern Monica Lewinsky to lie.

Even serious talk of impeachment would disable the president. He would become powerless - a lame duck. The country would be thrown into turmoil.

For starters, as consumer confidence crumbled, so would the stock market. Interest rates would skyrocket. Our government would almost certainly grind to a halt. Most likely Clinton would resign.

Certainly history would look poorly upon the media's handling of the events unfolding right now. Journalists would carry with them the painful lessons learned from creating the news in order to sell it. An image of an overzealous news media would become just one more sad picture to be filed along with the one of photojournalists lying atop the wreckage of Princess Diana's car.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt engaged in extramarital affairs, and yet it didn't stop him from wielding the most power of any president in the nation's history.

The whole sad affair with Clinton conclusively proves that sex sells. Sort of ironic in a country that prides itself on it's puritanical moralty at a grass roots level. In this case, however, everyone might be a little safer tuning into a fictional soap opera to fulfill their naughty, little desire for sexual intrigue.

My world is unchanged knowing Clinton cheats on Hillary. Truly, which is more important, the sexual morality of one man, or the health of a nation as

Chris Floeter is a comunications junior.

Lending helping hands



Last Saturday, the baseball team took time away from practice to help out at the Special Olympics. Team member Adam Sokoll, left, stood at the finish line showing encouragement and cheering the kids on.

"The president's a powerful person, no matter what his philosophy is. There are a lot of people out to get him, to demonize him. I think it's a discredit to women. It'll get to the point people won't want to work with young women alone."

> Christian Rhodes ,Senior, Accounting and Finance

"Based on conversations with my family members visiting from Europe, I've gotten the impression that Clinton is viewed by many people in Europe as unreliable, shifty, and a comical excuse for a president. They also find it hard to believe that the American public allows such abuse of the laws by him on such a continual basis, and that no one seems to care."

> Erin Duggins, Junior, Biology and Secondary Education

"I think this is all the result of the public wanting sex scandals. Someone's sexual life should not be public."

> Heather Brownfield, Junior, Psychology and Political Science

Students react to the Clinton controversy

"It's a shame when their private life conflicts with their role as president. I think he'll step down. There are benefits to resigning compared to being impeached."

> Eric Coulter, Senior, Psychology

There are more important issues to be looking at as a nation right now, before we concern ourselves with this other stuff. It's just distracting our leaders, that could possibly endanger our country."

> Melissa Tolstyka, Counseling Graduate Student

"As a president, he's done an outstanding job. And as a Republican, I'm still saying this. It's better for the nation if he stays as the president."

> Zackary Lipov, Junior, Accounting

"The man we're supposed to be looking up to is committing crimes that we're all supposed to be against."

> Lena Heffernan, Sophomore, **Elementary Education**

"This isn't his first offense. The American people forgave him and forgave him, and were very lenient on him. Him behaving in such a weak way makes us look less powerful."

> Lauren Mathews, Senior, Political Science

"He's not God, and can't get away with everything. It makes me sick to my stomach that our leader is running around with all these women. That's not someone I want for my president."

> Nicole Karris, Sophomore, Pre-nursing

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Scandals seem to bring out the worst in everyone

Dince last week, President Bill Clinton has dominated the airwaves and print media.

Each venue thinks it has the biggest scoop in a story that has developed into nothing more than a scandal. His presidency is in turmoil, and suspicions of impeachment seem to abound. Yet, Clinton has not been convicted or even tried of anything.

So many rumors are rushing around that there no longer seems to be any concern for the truth.

·Even in the hallways of campus, distanced from Washington D.C. where all the whoopla is taking place, you can easily overhear many conversations between students relating to his alleged sexual engagements.

A chorus of "Did you hear what Clinton did?" could be heard throughout campus. But many of us have forgotten that the question should be "Did you hear what Clinton may have done?"

Shortly before the controversy, Clinton's approval rating in a television poll showed that it was the highest in many years. As soon as the news broke about his alleged affair, the numbers plummeted.

Yet, the only thing the media and public is aware of is that there are many discrepancies which may or may not hurt Clinton's presidency.

Did Monica Lewinsky tell the truth to her friend, or did she merely relate a fantasy? Did Clinton give the okay for his staff members to tell her to lie, or is this simply a rumor?

Until the whole truth is known, the public can only speculate who knows what, and what facts are

But, for the past week, we have been consumed by the allegations and rumors.

In the Jan. 27 edition of "The Detroit News," the main headline on the page was nearly 1.75 inches tall. It read, "WHO'S LYING?" The second largest headline was only one inch, and that was even two

Even the Pope's first visit to Cuba, a country where Catholicism has only recently been tolerated in limited circumstances, received miniscule coverage on the nightly news in comparison to a story that is nothing more than a scandal.

The White House controversy is news, and it should receive some coverage and be the topic of conversations in hallways all over the nation. But the talk should stick to the facts.

We are human, and often our curiosity and imagination gets the best of us. It's normal. But there comes a point when we must say the coverage got the best of us and that we need a reality check.

OPINION

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Letters to the Editor

Conservation article praised, discrepancies corrected

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the favorable article on the energy conservation and air conditioning project. I want to point out a couple of discrepancies in the article.

First, the "painted metal panels" on the South Foundation "fishbowl" are insulated panels, which greatly reduce heat transfer (thus reducing the load on the new air conditioning equipment and on the heating

greater space comfort while saving energy). could in the previous six years.

And lastly, the university did NOT spend \$2 million to research how to save energy on campus, and the energy savings agreement has NOT been in the works for about six

The truth is that the university has spent about two million dollars over a six year period (1990-1996) to design and implement energy conservation projects.

The energy savings agreement has been in the works for the last two years (1996-1998) and allows us to accomplish more energy Second, it is 14 buildings that are receiv- conservation measures (along with the air Campus Facilities & Operations ing new control systems (that will provide conditioning projects) in 18 months than we

I know your staff writer, Kim Connell, tried to reach me (probably to confirm these details), but I've been very busy with the construction projects making it difficult to return phone calls in a timely fashion.

Thanks once again for your attention to our project.

Sincerely,

Richard Perhai Plant Engineer and Energy Manager

Former student asks for further investigation into textbook prices

Dear Editor,

I have a few comments to make about the recent on-line Post edition I read.

"Do professors and faculty realize how much the textbooks they assign cost? (Not to insult any of their intelligence, of

This was taken from the article on book prices.

"Intelligences" or "collective intelligence" might sound better than just "intelligence." It's a calculate how often textbook singular noun, but the author was referring to something that intuitively should be plural

With respect to this issue, a

never seriously backed, recom- is. mended establishing a committee to investigate a theory regarding book prices.

looking in to even now.

A study needs to be done to requirements change for each books are for the same class taught by different faculty.

student Congress member DO try to keep an eye on the

idea, which I championed dur- they?). Working together WITH only getting worse. ing my unsuccessful bid for the the faculty to document how Student Congress presidency often books are required to change is the first step in getting The proposal, which Congress a handle on how big the problem

Does a Biology 101 student necessarily need a 1998 edition of a book, when then 1996 ver-The theory seemed (and sion will have the exact same seems) logical to me, and bears material that will be covered in a

> Questions like this need to be looked in to more seriously.

Unfortunately, as most stuclass, and how varied the text- dents are only there four or five years, they just grin and bear it.

Having attended Oakland for To be sure, many departments six years, and having been gone some time now, I look back on-

YEARS ago came up with a good book recommendations (or do line to read that the problem is

One credit hour cost around \$63 in 1989. Nine years later what is it? I'd guess more than \$100 now, correct? Has the cost of living for everything else gone up eight to ten percent per year?

Why do we let the educational system get away with it? We just take out larger loans and indebt ourselves longer and longer in search of that sheepskin, when the situation doesn't have to be this way.

Michael Kimsal 1995 Philosophy Alumnus 1991-1993 Student Congress

Thomas' father clarifies his responses

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank you and THE POST for the coverage you have given to the death of my son, Jonnathan Thomas.

I read the Jan. 14 article where I was quoted. I would like to correct some statements that were in

tem in Oakland County, the that is a problem.

Prosecutors Office and the judges who are on the bench.

wrongful death will be dealt

Knoche, if proven guilty of causing my son's death, receive the

Next, I would like him to get I do believe in the justice sys- help for chemical dependency, if

full 10 to 15 years in prison.

Then, upon his release, I being his visiting other college or Honorable Judge David Breck. university campuses lecturing I would like to see Christopher about what happens when substances are abused.

> Jon's family would like to David Thomas invite Jon's friends to come to Jonnathan Thomas' father the Circuit Court House on March 4, 1998, at 2 p.m., in support of our family.

The court house is located at would like to see something pos- 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. I also believe that my son's itive come from all this -- that The presiding judge is the

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The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development College Bowl Results

The Oakland University College Bowl was held on Saturday, January 24, 1998. Six teams competed in a round robin competion. The top four teams then competed in a double elimination tournament.

The first place team, winning a \$1000 and the right to represent Oakland University at the Region 7 competition was: Scott Andrews, Clifford Stuemer, Bjorn Hanson & Scott Pettigrew.

The second place team, winning a \$400 prize was:Dave Shirkey, Zachaire Azzan, Brad Smith and Jae Schalk.

Oakland University's Campus Tournament was being supported by EDS.

> Michael Dyson Lecture "Between God and Gansta Rap" January 29, 1998

An award-winning author, ordained Baptist minister and acclaimed scholar, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson has been hailed as "one of the youngest stars in the firmament of black intellectuals." Author Naomi Wolf observes: "He embodies the ideal intellectual for our time: translator, boundary-breaker, and healer of a war torn culture." Dyson's commitment to urban youth and passion for popular culture has inspired him to take black studies "to the streets." His lectures draw from sources ranging from Foucault to James Brown, from Heidegger to Tupac Shakur. Scholarly critics term him "one of the most important voices of his generation".

Dyson's writing is also held in high esteem. He has contributed to such publications as The New York Times, Vibe, Emerge, The Nation, and Rolling Stone. His books, including Reflecting Black: African-American Cultural Criticism; Making Malcolm: The Myth and Meaning of Malcolm X; Between God and Gangsta Rap; and the bestselling Race Rules, have all earned critical acclaim. His eagerly awaited next title will be What Have We Come To? Bridging the Generation Gap.

With the voice of a preacher and the heart of a young man from the ghetto, Michael Dyson explores the myriad ways that race affects the broad canvas of American social and cultural life. In his own words, Dyson says "I am an oppositional African-American cultural critic. Such criticism revels in black culture's virtues, takes pleasure in its achievements, laments its failed opportunities, and interrogates its weaknesses."

National Discussion on Race Tuesday, February 3,1998, at noon in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland University faculty and staff along with

students, will be discussing issues related Race Relations on a national level. Possible topics are: Affirmative Action, Stereotypes, and some possible methods to improving race relations nationwide. Please feel free to join us to listen or share your perscpective.

The Center for Student Activities, in conjunction with The Department of Modern Languages, The Center for International Studies, The Honors College and The Department of Alumni Relations is pleased to announce a great international travel opportunity:

Trip to Spain

May 5-16, 1998

\$1,975 per person Highlights: Tours of Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Cordova, & Granada

If interested Contact Gina Onyx at DeWald Travel at (800) 228-0707 for trip information and reservations. Trip brochures are available in the Center for Student Activities.

Student Organization Leaders

Attention all student organizations and student leaders!! Opportunty is "knocking" on your door. If you are a new officers for this semester, please don't forget to sign up to attend an Officer Training/Workshop.

The Winter Semester Student Organization Day will be held on Wednesday, January 28th from 10-3:00 p.m. The Winter Semester Leadership @3 Leadership Series will take place on third Wednesday of each month. Stop by the Center for more information.

All Campus Leadership Retreat

Watch for news about the All Campus Leadership Retreat on Friday March 6 and Saturday, March 7. Sign up will begin Wednesday, February 4, 1998.

The Center's Service Window

The Center's Service Window is there to provide convenience to Oakland University Students. At the service window we have:

•Film Processing

•Kodak film at low prices!

•single envelopes

• sign up for College Bowl Tournament

° Michael Dyson Lecture Sign up and get tickets for the following SPB events:

°January 30 WhirlyBall

°Chicago Trip

Crossword Puzzle Challenge Lower Level across from the Patio Can it be finished by the end of the Semester?

8235 Across - Dancer perfume 5709 Down - One Celled Creatures

THIS WEEK:

- · Virtual Job Fair! Students interested in working with computers will continue to have the opportunity (through Monday, Feb. 2) to apply online at www.viewnetinc.com for interview opportunities via VIEWnet with DSC Communications Corp. Actual interviews will take place Feb. 17 through Feb. 19. Visit the Placement and Career Services website at phoenix.placement.oakland.edu, or call (248) 370-3250, for additional information (must be registered with Placement and Career Services to participate).
- Student Organization Day -- Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the OC Heritage Room and Fireside Lounge.
- The Academic Skills Center is looking for tutors for Winter 1998. Visit 103 NFH or call Helen Woodman at 370-4215. Email address is asc@oakland.edu.
- Interested in shooting some pool? Entries for the Intramural Billiard Tournament will be available in the Campus Recreation Office, 261 South Foundation Hall, beginning Jan. 22. For more information, call 370-4REC.
- Winter Semester campus recruiting continues at Placement and Career Services, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250). Employers recruiting during the week of Feb. 2 include Accountemps, Act I, NBD, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Emro Marketing, Hawtal Whiting, Federal Mogul, Interim Services, and Comerica Bank. Contact Professional Placement, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250) to register and to obtain additional information.
- · CO-OP on-campus interviewing! Students interested in participating in on-campus interviews for CO-OP positions should consider Experiential Education, 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213) to register. Federal Mogul will now be interviewing for Arts and Sciences majors on Feb. 19 (changed from Feb. 5), and EDS will be interviewing for MIS, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Arts and Sciences majors on Feb. 17. In addition, students interested in participating in the Careerrelated or Internship Programs should also contact Experiential Education to become registered. There are jobs available for all majors, and all positions are paid.

UPDATING OU.

- Many thanks to the 65 employees and 310 students who participated in the Spirit of Diversity Career Fair on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998. It was also nice to see so many of our Alumni serving as recruiters. Congratulations to the Placement and Career Services Office on an outstanding event.
- Memberships for the new RECREATION CENTER will be available in the late spring/early summer prior to the GRAND OPENING in September of 1998. The Department of Campus Recreation suggests to faculty and staff who have memberships in local health club/fitness centers, who will be considering purchasing a membership for the new RECRE-ATION CENTER, that you may wish to plan that your commitments to those memberships expire in a timely manner to coincide with the opening of the OU RECREATION CENTER. Please feel free to call the Department of Campus Recreation, 370-4REC, for further information.
- · Cheaper Than A Movie Ticket! For one of the best entertainment values around, check out the Student Rush Tickets at Meadow Brook Theatre. For only \$5 per ticket, you can see productions at this award-winning professional theatre. Buy one or two tickets per ID for \$5 each at the Box Office in Wilson Hall the day of the performance. Call 370-3300 for a free brochure.
- · AmeriCorps Oakland continues to recruit qualified students! If you enjoy working with children, and would like to gain job experience and earn money for college, AmeriCorps may be for you. If you are interested, please contact Experiential Education, 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213), for an application.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mayor Dennis Archer will be the featured speaker at 2 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre on Monday, Feb. 16, 1998. Please watch for upcoming publicity. The lecture is free.
- The Center for Leadership and Student Development offers a series of programs for experienced student leaders. The

Leadership @ 3 series will be 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. as follows: Wednesday, Feb. 18 in 128 OC: Understanding

your student organization account. Wednesday, March 18 in 126 OC: How to motivate your members with Effective Delegation.

Wednesday, April 15 in 126 OC: Make the transition as a new officer/member.

· Nominations are now being accepted for the Michigan Association of Governing Boards Outstanding Student Award. One male and one female student from each of the 15 Public Universities will be recognized in Lansing later this spring. For an application, please contact the Dean of Students Office, 144 OC, by Feb. 12, 1998.



TRIP TO GHANA, AFRICA Departure: Thursday, February 19, 1998 Returning: Wednesday, February 25, 1998

Monday, January 19, 1998
MLK MARCH & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARTY
15:00Noon, Yandenberg Hall & OC Gold Rooms
UNITY DAY & CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
7:00pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center
Tuesday, January 20, 1998
COLLEGE BOYE

Tuesday, January 20, 1998 COLLEGE BOWL: TEST YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN KNOWLEDGE 8:00pm, Oakland Rooms

Wednesday, January 21, 1998 SPIRIT OF DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR 11:00am-3:00pm, Oakland Center

Saturday, January 24, 1998 LITERATURE BY AFRICANS IN DIASPORA FOR YOUNGER AND OLDER CHILDREN 9:00am-12Hoor, 110 O'Dowd Hall

Monday, January 26, 1998 STORYTELLERS: ALMA GREER & IVORY WILLIAMS

Thursday, January 29, 1998
SPEAKER: DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON, AUTHOR
OF "BETWEEN GOD AND GHANGSTA RAP"
3:00pm, Yamer Recktla Hill
Admission will be charged.

TEST YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN KNOWLEDGE
8:00pm, Oakland Rooms
MBT PLAY: THUNDER KNOCKING ON THE DOOR
8:00pm, Meadow Brook Theater
Wednesday, January 21, 1998
SPIRIT OF DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR
8:00pm-11:00pm, Gold Rooms 8 & C, Oakland Center
MULTICULTURAL FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR
8:00pm-11:00pm, Hamilin Lounge

Tuesday, February 3, 1998 NATIONAL DISCUSSION ON RACE 12:00Noon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oak Thursday, January 22, 1998
ENDING RACISM:

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19:00Hoon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

"Wednesday, February 4, 1998

> MALE/FEMALE CONFERENCE 6:00pm, Oakland Rooms 125-130, Oakland Center Friday, February 6, 1998 SPEAKER: COCO, WJLB RADIO 8:00pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center

BLACK UNITY DANCE 9:00pm-1:00am, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Monday, February 9, 1998 BLACK & WHITE: ROLE REVERSALS Facilitated by Dr. Kevin Early, Assoc. Professor of Sociology 10:00pm, Hamlin Lounge

Wednesday, February 11, 1998 AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION DINNER SPECIAL 4:30pm-7:00pm, Vandenberg Dining Hall

"CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS" DANCE CONCERT 6:30pm-8:30pm, Varner Recital Hall

Thursday, February 12, 1998
"SHAPING INFLUENCE: FROM THE
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT TO NOW"
19Noon, Oakland Room

Friday, February 13, 1998
"ALL THE WAY LIVE" TALENT SHOW
7:00pm, Location TBA

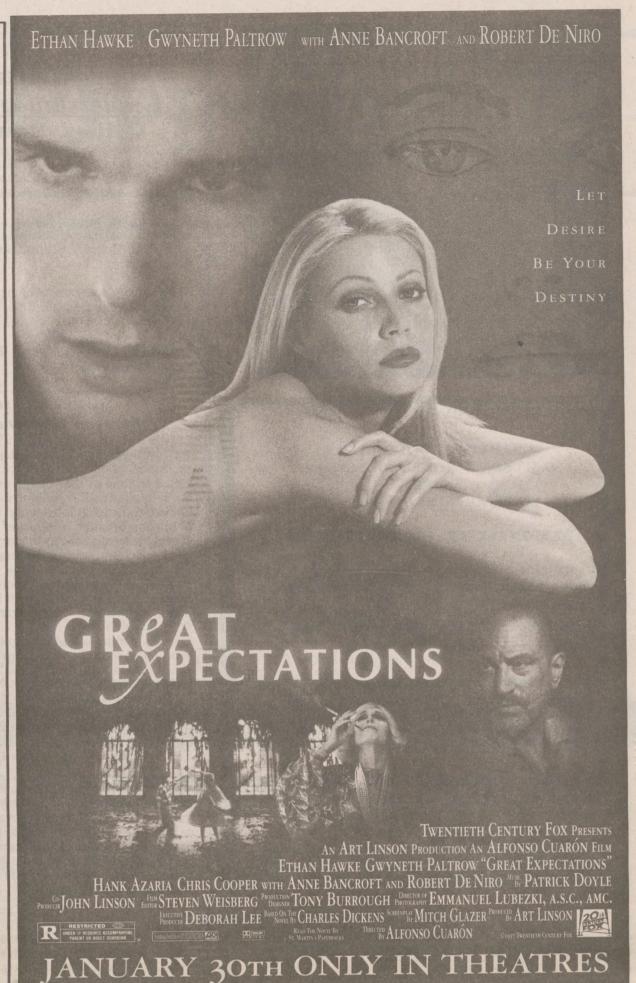
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SPEAKER: HONORABLE DENNIS ARCHER,
MAYOR OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN
"From This Day Forward:
Laying Down Foundations To Greatness"
£00pm, Meadow Brook Theater
PLAY: "LEARNING FROM THE PAST
TO ENGINEER THE FUTURE"
6:00pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center

Thursday, February 19, 1998
"KEEPER OF THE DREAM" BANQUET









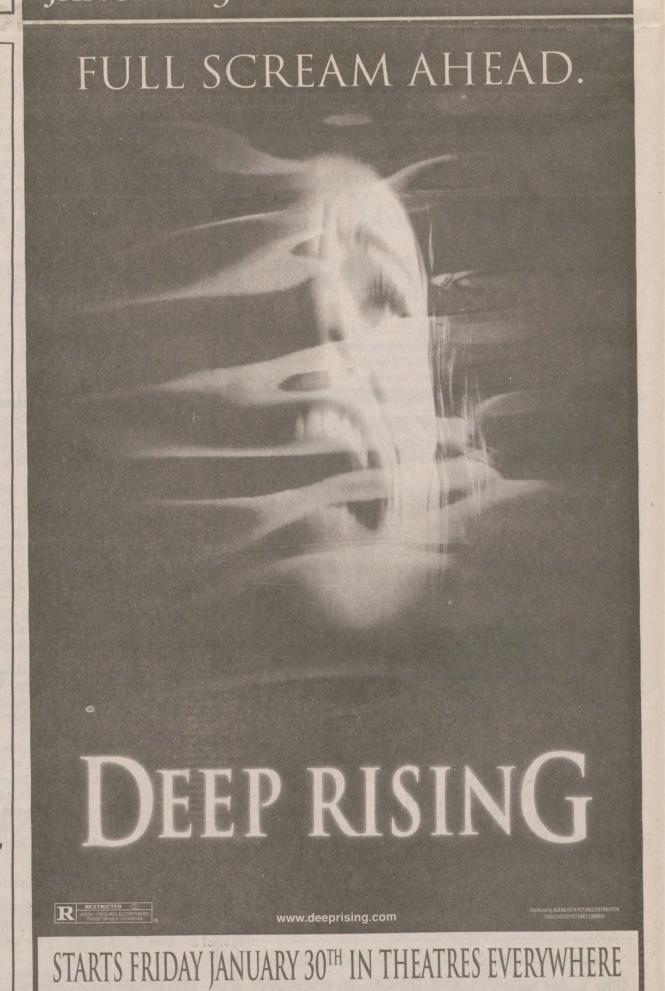
presented by the Center for Student Activities & Leadership Development



Don't miss this great opportunity!! Attend the Leadership Series Workshop

"Understanding your Student Organization Account" February 18, 1998 3:00 p.m. in 128 Oakland Center

Remember, Leadership is Good Medicine!!



FEATURES

Stru SHO

By JULIE WAGNER Staff Writer

rofessors are sometimes thought of by students as super-humans, intelligent beyond comprehension. What students may not realize is that those professors may have a comic of a man picking his nose taped to

Professors, like everyone else, have a sense of humor, and many use their doors to display it.

David Lau, associate professor of rhetoric, communications and journalism has his sense of humor taped on his door and filing cabinet inside his office. "I collect comics but only those that explain my sense of humor," he said.

He enjoys comics that point out human oddities or those that verify things we do.

"BC" comics frequently adorn his door. Sibling interaction comics also always end up on his door. "I like those about the younger ones taunting the older ones — it reminds me of my own children," he said.

The dilemmas of "Cathy" and the off-the-wall humor of "The Far Side" keep him reading, also.

Since the Detroit newspaper strike, Lau has stopped reading "The Detroit Free Press and News," where he said many good comics are. He manages to find one or two in "The Oakland Press" that may make it on his door at 428 Wilson Hall.

Karen Miller, assistant professor of history, decorates her door with comics and news clippings as well.

"Some date back to before I came here in 1992," she said. Her oldest comic

is nine-years-old and the newest one was put up a month ago. Miller said she doesn't read the comics with any consistency because she

doesn't get The Washington Post, which has the best.

Her very favorite door ornament is not a comic but a tabloid news clipping. is titled "Teacher Kills Student for Failing History Test." She used to post it next to her exam grades at her previous job.

"The more perverse, the better" is Professor Miller's motto. She once hung an official portrait of Richard Nixon on her door. Shortly after hanging it up, the picture was defaced.

She cannot bear to throw away any of her clippings. She has a file in her cabinet that holds old comics, which have been know to come down and go up again.

Most of all, Miller posts comics on her door for students to read while they wait to speak with professors at 368 O'Dowd Hall. "It is a form of public entertainment," she said.

Paul Graves, associate professor of philosophy, has every square inch of his door covered with new and old comics. "According to the philosopher, Vickdenstein, 'a philosophy book could be written entirely in jokes'," he said.

He gets his comics from all over. Some come from students, others from his own reading. He reads comics daily, but finds most of them only mediocre. "The more exotic and imaginative comics catch my eye," he said.

He makes daily visits to the "Dunesberry" website and is beginning to become a "Dilbert" fan. "The Far Side" and "Calvin and Hobbes" are among his favorite, but his prize possession is that of "Captain Fish" by "Peanuts" creator Charles Schultz. "If you're not having fun, you must not be doing it right," is the punch line.

Graves said he decorates his door to satisfy his need for self expression at 525 Wilson Hall.

Todd Estes, assistant professor of history, is in his third year teaching at OU and his second year of comic display. "My first year I had to concentrate on getting adjusted, but now I have fun," he said.

Estes never reads newspaper comics, he prefers editorial cartoons in The New Yorker. "I like those that poke fun at institutions and authority figures."

Though he has not used comics in his classes yet, he plans to use political cartoons that accentuate certain features. It helps students to remember the meaning behind the cartoon.

Estes doesn't look for things that are subject related and often likes those that are slightly off beat. His favorite cartoonist is Matt Groening, creator of the "Simpsons." He has never watched the television show but received a book of Simpson cartoons as a present from a friend.

His favorite cartoon, "Life in School" is by Groening. "In a way it goes against every thing I teach, but I like it anyway. He has opened his door to find a few people reading this particular cartoon at 358 O'Dowd Hall.

While most students only see the professional side of their professors, many see the humor and humanity of their professor posted on the door.

DIFFERENT WORLDS: (Left) This cartoon can be found on the door of associate professor of rhetoric, communications and journalism David

Lau in Wilson Hall. OSMOSIS: (Upper Left) Paul Graves, associate professor of philosophy,

has this cartoon on his door in Wilson Hall.

HISTORY MAJORS: (Top) This is one of the cartoons on the door of assistant professor of history Karen Miller.

THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES" YUP. RIGHT. AND THEY SAY WE DON'T KNOW U.S. HISTORY. AND "THE BRADY BUNCH" RAN IN THE SEVENTIES. EXACTLY. Photo Courtesy/Karen Miller Cartoon Illustration/Oakland Press

Cartoons that adorn professors' doors can offer insight into their humor and

character





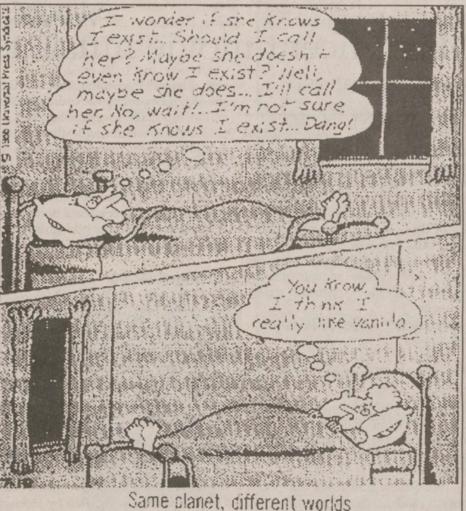


Photo Courtesy/David Lau Cartoon Illustration/The Oakland Press



Sandy Issacs

It pays off to save money instead of using credit

If you're like most people and use credit cards, let me give you the best advice you'll ever receive: stop using them NOW!

Maybe you're one of those people who occasionally pay more each month or who charges small things

Regardless, if you're using credit cards and not paying off your balances entirely each month, the credit card system is working against you.

Most people who apply for credit cards think, "Ah, what a brilliant idea — buy now, pay later." But the amount you pay later can be substantially more than you think.

Assume today, you have approximately \$36,000 in total debt, including car and student loans, with the annual percentage rate (APR) varying between 12 percent and 22 percent.

Even if you stop using your credit cards today, this is what you face by only paying the minimum each

• You will not be debt-free until approximately March of 2006. That's 8.25 years.

 You will pay approximately \$16,500 in interest alone. That's 46 percent of your total debt - almost half of the original debt.

When I was 18, I thought it was such a concept to be able to buy anything I wanted by charging it.

I lived a good life for many years - vacationed in California every year, had a wonderful wardrobe, had a CD collection that took up a room in itself - but now, what do I have to show

The vacations were mere memories, the clothes are out of style and the CDs merely collect dust.

Was it worth it? Not at all.

If you can't afford to pay cash — YOU DON'T NEED IT! If there's something you want, but can't afford now, start saving your money and

That little bit of waiting and sacrifice will save you a bundle in the long

If you've already gotten over your head in debt, there's still hope. The first step is to stop using the cards.

Try a consolidation loan with a lower interest rate.

You may want to write your creditors and explain your situation. They might offer lower payments or freeze them for a while.

If that doesn't work, try Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a national non-profit organization that provides free or low-cost counseling and can arrange more affordable monthly payments.

A last resort would be to contact an attorney to file for bankruptcy.

I don't recommend this at all, but if the burden of debt is too much for you and nothing else seems to work, it is an option.

Keep in mind, bankruptcies stay on your credit report 7 to 10 years, depending on which chapter you file.

The best advice would be to steer clear of credit cards if you cannot handle the responsibilty that goes along with them.

Senior Sandy Issacs is a journalism major and a staff writer for THE OAKLAND POST.



OU EVENTS

STUDENT ORGANIZATION DAY, Wednesday, Fireside Lounge, Heritage Room & adjacent hallway, Oakland Center.

HARPIST/STORYTELLER -AMI WITH LOVE THE FABRI-CATORS, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Varner Recital Hall.

COMEDY HIP HOP SHOW, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Gold Rooms, OC.

GRAND OPENING PARTY OF THE ADVANCED GRAPHICS & COMPUTATION CENTER, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, 133 Science and Engineering Building - East Wing.

DISCUSSING IRA OPTIONS: ROTH, TRADITIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL, noon - 1 p.m. Thursday, Heritage Room, OC.

SPEAKER: DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON, - "BETWEEN GOD AND GHANGSTA RAP, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Varner Recital Hall.

MTD PRESENTS "OUR TOWN," 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 1 p.m., Varner Studio Theatre Call (248) 370-3013.

SPEAKER: CLAUDE ANDREW CLEGG, III noon -1:15 p.m. Friday, Gold Room, OC.

SPB PRESENTS WHIRLY BALL, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sign up at the center service window. Call x4295.

SCHOENBERG, STRAVINSKY & SATIE, 8 p.m. Saturday, Varner Recital Hall.

TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, Gold Rooms B & C, OC.

MULTICULTURAL FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR, 8 p.m. -11 p.m. Monday, Hamlin Lounge.

SPEAKER: JESSIE HUBBARD "THE STRUGGLE IS JUST **BEGINNING: ARREVING AT GREATNEWW IN SPITE OF** ALL THAT WAS LEFT OUT, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rooms 128 - 130 Oakland Center.

NATIONAL DUSCUSSION ON RACE, noon - 1 p.m. Tuesday, Fireside Lounge, OC.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MOCK WEDDING, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Gold Rooms, OC.

THEATRE

"THUNDER KNOCKING AT THE DOOR," 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. today & Saturday, 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday; 2 p.m. Sunday, Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (248) 251-5835.

"OF MICE AND MEN," 2 P.M. & 8 p.m. Saturday, Hilberry Theatre. Call (313) 577-2972.

FILM

BREW AND VIEW -- "PINK FLOYD - THE WALL," 9:30 p.m. today, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

BREW AND VIEW II -- "FULL METAL JACKET," 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

Mr. Potato Head gives away money



SPUDTACULAR: As part of the huge Burger King campaign, ARAMARK hired Mr. Potato Head to give away prizes.

VANOVER

Features Editor and Staff Writer

ARAMARK recently proved there weeks prior to the drawing. are 102 uses for the common potato.

The food service recently sponsored a contest with Burger King to give away prizes related to Mr. Potato Head.

"There have been peo-

ple who weren't happy

with the food court, but

it is time for us to give

back to those who have

given us patronage."

Mr. Head is the new mascot for Burger King's

"We wanted to give some good will and some positive feelings;" said Matt Wilton, ARAMARK retail director.

During the past week, ARAMARK invited Mr. Potato Head to Pioneer

worth of \$2 bills to Burger King cus-

"Many people who get the \$2 bills said 'Is this real?' and I said 'Yes'," Wilton said. The finale of the contest, though,

was not until last Friday. There was a drawing hosted by — who else — Mr. Potato Head for five Oakland Express gift cards — one for \$300, one for \$200,

The drawing was also for a Mr. Wilton.

By DAMON BROWN and NATASHA Potato Head talking doll and the standup cardboard poster that has been in front of Burger King for the past month.

Entry forms were collected two

The grand prize winner was junior Christine Pletz, psychology, who won a

\$300 Oakland Express gift card.

Pletz, perhaps from studying psychology, attributes her win to positive thinking.

> "I'm not usually lucky, but (Thursday) night I said 'I'll win,' and it came true," she

She won't be eating \$300 worth of Pioneer Court food alone, how-

"I told my

boyfriend I would Court to randomly give away \$1,200 split the prize with him if I won," Pletz

Matt Wilton

ARAMARK Retail Director

Wilson said this is just the begin-

ning of contests for students.

"In the future, we will hold a NCAA Coca-Cola/Sprite sponsored contest and the 'Spring Break Away' raffle," said Wilton, in which a free spring break vacation will be given away in February.

"There have been people who and three for \$100. The gift cards can be weren't happy with the food court, but used for purchasing food in the Pioneer it is time for us to give back to those who have given us patronage," said

Varner Studio's "Our Town" gives justice to classic play

By MELINDA ROCHON Special Writer

Through months of hard work and dedication, students and staff outdid themselves once again with their exemplary performance of Thorton Wilder's "Our Town.

The classic drama, directed by Karen Sheridan, is a dramatic slice of everyday life set in the town of Grover's Corner, N. H. While set back at the beginning of our century, "Our Town" deals with issues that transcend time so that anyone between the ages of nine and 85 can relate to it.

Acts I through III take you traveling in time to let the experience of life be felt to its fullest. From the birth of twins to childhood crushes, from marriage to death, the audience is taken through an entire life cycle within a mere two hours.

One of the main reasons this play is enjoyable is its simplistic realism. The children are children, playful and giggly, always joking with one another. And even back in 1901 parents still had to scream for their bratty children to come down to breakfast.

Another part that is amusing is the technique Thorton Wilder employs in using the stage manager, played by Jennifer Smith, as the storyteller. She let the audience in on all of the history, the who's who and small town gossip.

But the talent turns an ordinary script into a fabu-

Facts

What: "Our Town" by Thorton Wilder

Where: Varner Studio Theatre

When: Jan. 29 - Feb. 1 Call (248) 370-3013 for tickets

lous performance. Most of the cast and crew are seasoned in their field of choice and have performed in several other campus productions. There are a few newcomers to the Studio Theatre, and yet not one person would have suspected this to be their debut

It's very important for everyone participating in a production like "Our Town" to pull together as a team for a performance like this to come off as wonderfully as it does. The actors are needed to tell the story as well as make the audience believe that they in fact are watching life unfold before them.

The set designers and costumers relate the time and place visually, effectively and creatively. The sound and light designers set the mood well, as the audience is treated to a low, cool blue glow and the wind whistling in their ears.

Sheridan did an excellent job on directing, making Varner Studio's "Our Town" a great production.

Author to talk about youth

African-American author Michael Dyson will speak at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Varner Recital

Tickets are \$4 for students, \$7 for OU employees and alumni, and \$10 for the general public.

Tickets purchased by Jan. 28 will be discount-

Dyson will talk about his recent book, "Between God and Gangsta Rap," which deals with the psychology of the current young genera-

Part of the book's focus is on the seemingly destructive nature of black youth.

"I am an oppositional African-American cultural critic," said Dyson in a recent interview.

"Such criticism revels in black culture's virtues, takes pleasure in its achievements, laments its failed opportunities, and interrogates its weaknesses," he said.

The lecture is part of OU's African-American Celebration Month, which began festivities Jan. 19 with the Martin Luther King, Jr. March. The celebrations will end Feb. 19.

Other activities include a black unity dance, the International Fashion Show and "The Keeper of the Dream" banquet.

Dyson is a Baptist minister and the author of many other books, including "Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line."

His next book, "Bridging the Generation Gap," will be available later this year.

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

Magnificent movie music is as magical as it is mystical

By GABE GAZOUL Staff Film Critic

Though film can create beautiful sounds for the ear, music invokes intense feelings from our emotions. Music in film, therefore, becomes the bridge between the thoughts and feelings of those on the silver screen and those in the audience.

Often those films that are considered the best in achieving their effect are "Titanic" (****) also those with the best musical accompaniment.

Here is just a list of a few favorite soundtracks ...

"The Fifth Element" (***)

Composer Eric Serra and Director Luc Besson (who previously teamed up on "La Femme Nikita" and "The Professional") gave to the film industry, erful reminiscence of the tragedy. The as well as to musical scores, what was range of feelings in the soundtrack is needed ... something different.

Though the film itself did poorly critically and in domestic gross, "The Fifth Element" did have a unique sound

Fifth Element" soundtrack has a feel Song, "Titanic" has become the and playful harmony not usually found front runner in the music catein film, especially science fiction.

The main fault with the album, images for the eyes and intriguing though, would be the decision to replace the most invigorating song in 13," and his best work, the film (during the flying car chase) with a pointless remix of quotes from the film over of a previously used song.

> Thanks to Serra for giving us something interesting to listen to.

Ever since his powerful score of "Aliens," which has been used in more movie trailers than should be legal, James Horner has proven himself to be one of the strongest film composers in the last decade. "Titanic" is solid evi-

Using choral voices and orchestration, Horner presents a hauntingly powalso its strength, moving from romantic to eerie to suspenseful. Even the Celine Dion addition, also written by Horner, is worthwhile.

gories for the Academy Awards.

Other greats from James Horner: "Braveheart," "Apollo "Legends of the Fall."

"The Rock" Sdk. (****)

Just like the film, the motion picture score to "The Rock" is full of adrenaline and excitement. The credit does not go to a single composer, but rather the work was a collaboration between Hans Zimmer ("Crimson Tide") and Nick Glennie-Smith with production Gregory-Williams.

the true thrill of the film. The

album has so much momentum it becomes difficult to sit through a complete listening, but is just as exciting when selecting specifics.

"Rocket Away" and "In The After winning the Golden Globe for Tunnels" are like mini-action sequences Quirky, fun and full of energy, "The Best Original Score and Best Original in and of themselves. And if "The



rights shared with Harry MAKING WAVES: "Titanic" has a great, intense soundtrack that matches the inten-Each and every song pro- sity and romance of the movie. The score vides what ultimately becomes was written and conducted by James Horner.

> Chase" doesn't get your blood pumping, nothing will.

> There should be a warning on this album: "Do Not Listen To While Operating An Automobile ... You Will Be Tempted To Out Run The

SPORTS

Out with a victory splash

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving are number one at this weekend's four team invitational — the last dual meet in Lepley Pool

By JAY ONYSKI Special Writer

Lepley Pool was dominated with the Men and Women's Swimming and Diving teams placed first.

The men's finished with total score of 880. Clarion University placed sec-Ashland University with 361.25.

The women finished on top with a Northern Michigan finished third with cy." 402, and Ashland took fourth with 328.

Men were sophomore Courtney Dunlap, with a time of 48.16 in the 100meter freestyle, sophomore Ido Meron in the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 1:56.44, and junior Kevin Bobzien, with a time of 21.66 in the 50-meter

Also placing first were sophomore Thiago Orso in the 200-meter freestyle, sophomore Yoav Ritter in the 200 and 100-meter butterfly, and senior Karl Kozicki in the 400-meter individual medley.

Freshman Matt Henderson clenched three first-place titles, in the 1,650-meter freestyle, the 500-meter freestyle, and the 200-meter individual medley.

OU women finishing first included freshman Peggy Strauss in the 200meter butterfly, 2:07.57, and the 100meter butterfly, 1:00.14.

Senior Laura Juncker also came in first in the 500 and 200-meter freestyle, as did freshman Yvonne Lynn in the 100 and 200-meter backstroke.

Junior Lisa Van Tatenhove finished first in the 50 and 100-meter freestyle, as

Freshman Michelle Haley finished more on the road.

third in the 400 individual Medley.

decorated swimmer this year, set a new play at Eastern on Jan. 30.

Lepley pool record time of 4:34.39 in the 400-meter individual medley.

OU took first place in seven relays.

It has been a successful 10 years for Pioneer power this weekend when both the Women's Swimming Coach Tracy Huth. Both the men and women paid tribute to the Pioneers' last meet at the Lepley Center.

The banners hanging from the walls ond, scoring 598.75. Placing third was speak louder than any words from the

Huth said, "Our success is due to all score of 677, to Clarion University's 605. of the swimmers' focus and consisten-

Since this was the last meet at this The first place finishers for the OU facility, Huth said it was a factor in the back of all swimmers' and divers'

> These team members seem to know a challenge when it awaits. There was a feeling in the air that even though it was the end of an era, it was the beginning of a whole new one.

OU will soon be bumping heads with some top Division I-AAA schools on a more regular basis next seasons.

Men's Swimming Head Coach Pete Hovland said, "We're anxious to get out there and swim against D-I schools. We are definitely qualified."

Another key factor in their winning ways could be the dedication and support of one another.

Huth said one of his senior captains, Clarice Gelmine, was the most emotion-

Gelmine had surgery on her knees was unable to swim. However, she till

shows up to all the practices. "She isn't swimming today, but she

is here like always -- Clarey," Huth said. Statistics prove that Pioneers were fast at the meet.

The men have one more meet at home, but the both teams still have

The men play Eastern Michigan at Christina Tillotson, Clarion's most Lepley at 7 p.m. on Jan. 30. The women



RAISE THE ROOF: Sophomore Courtney Dunlap, freestyle, won the Men's 100-meter freestyle and was on the winning 200 & 400 medley relay teams.

Coach calls it quits after 11, makes time for administration

Women's Swimming and Diving Coach Tracy Huth puts pool on hold to commit to assistant duties

By KRYSTAL KALTZ Special Writer

OU's Women's Swimming coach at the administrative route." end of the 1997-1998

He will remaining at OU, however, as the assistant athletic director for compliance and student services, which he assumed in

season, his 11th year

as head coach.

the spring of 1996. Time was a key factor in his decision, he said in a press

Attempts were made to contact Huth, but he was unable to be reached before

Huth said he women swimmers to five chamdoesn't have enough pionships. time to devote his full attention to both jobs.

He said, "It's difficult to give your time and energy to both positions. It's years in the 200 and 400 IM, and particimpossible to do both jobs."

THE NOW: Coach Huth led OU

Freshman swimmer Laura Juncker, senior, said of his leaving, "He's ready to move on to bigger and better things."

Juncker said Huth was lacking in the amount of time he could devote to Swimming team to success during his

"My freshman and sophomore years, he was always around. Last year in his third season, the Pioneers won

he was busy with other stuff, and this OU's first national championship. year he is very busy."

Tracy Huth has decided to resign as to be made, and I decided to go the

Juncker added, "I now, it's probably the on the team."

history here at OU. He mers in the history of

American honors during his four seasons spring. from 1981 to 1984.

He was also named NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Year three times, in 1981, 1983, and 1984.

He claimed 13 national championships, dominating the individual medley events.

He also won the national title four ipated in champion-ranking relays.

His great ability in athletics at OU won him a spot in the Pioneer Hall of Honor in his first year of eligibility.

Huth has led the Women's 11 seasons at OU.

He became head coach in 1988, and

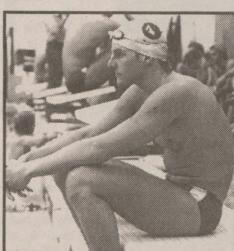
This win was the first of five con-Huth further stated, "A choice had secutive NCAA Division II titles.

OU has finished in the top three in the nation for nine straight seasons, with three second-place finishes after think that as far as right five consecutive wins.

As a result, Huth was named best move for everyone Division II Women's Swimming Coach of the Year on three separate occasions Huth has a lot of during his career at OU.

According to Amy Hirschman, is one of the most deco- sports information director, a replacerated Pioneer swim- ment has not been appointed, yet.

Huth will complete his 11th season as Women's Swimming coach, and will He earned 24 All- help find a replacement. A replacement will probably not be appointed until late



Post Photo / Bob Knoska

1980's FLASHBACK: Tracy Huth was named NCAA Swimmer of the Year three times during his OU career.

MASCOT

Students voice opinions about OU's mascot future

- Pioneers 155 votes
- Firecats 36 votes
- Sabercats 27 votes
- Grizzlies 24 votes
- Golden Grizzlies -23 votes

*The number of votes indicates the amount of times that each was named as first choice.



Joe Gray

"Must-See" TV commercials are real Super Bowl losers

I feel cheated. Super Bowl XXXII was the most exciting Super Bowl in the history of the game, but something was missing.

The underdog Denver Broncos pulled off a 31-24 upset over the defending champion Green Bay Packers for the first AFC victory in 15 years.

This contest had all you could ever ask for in a championship game high scoring, defensive stops, lead changes, and the outcome was in doubt until the final minutes.

The part that left me feeling empty was the commercials.

The Super Bowl has become the launching pad for new and innovative advertising campaigns.

Because advertisers spent millions of dollars for commercial time, they made sure to get their point across with memorable ads.

Usually in the annual NFC defeat of the AFC, I made bathroom breaks during the game so I wouldn't miss the commercials.

This year everything changed. The game kept me glued to the couch and the ads made me wish I had to go.

Don't get me wrong, there were a few good commercials. But for the most part, the ads were weak.

Here are the few winners:

Pepsi Cola, which must have spent the gross national product of a third world country for air time, gave us a computer generated horsefly, with Mick Jagger styled lips, singing The Rolling Stone's song, "Brown Sugar." Very cute.

Budweiser, who added the Bud Bowl to pop culture, put on the entertaining story of Louie the lizard hiring a ferret to "off" the frogs. Don't worry frog lovers, the ferret failed. Pretty cool.

Brisk tea produced the best commercial of the night - a claymation recreation of a New York Yankees game featuring Babe Ruth, Reggie Jackson and George Steinbrenner. Babe Ruth needs to slam down a Brisk tea to win the game. A home run.

Here are the worst of the worst.

Doritos tried to combine humor and sex appeal with a stunning beauty catching flying tortilla chips in her mouth. Did I mention the chips were thrown from a clothes dryer? Huh? Intel went the gimmick route for

attention. It aired a Mickey Spillane styled whodunit. Viewers vote online to find the culprit. Very lame. Royal Caribbean receives the honor

of the most uncreative ad in the history of the Super Bowl. They showed a cruise ship sailing in open waters to the "Rocky" theme music. At \$1.3 million for 30 seconds, they could have come up with something better.

I must combine all the cellular phone and internet provider ads into one big cesspool of boring air time.

Nokia, Qualcomm and Network and Associates felt the need to show people in Asia and Russia to convince us we need their products in the United States. Why?

Nike's new slogan is "I can." I hope that stands for, "I can make a commercial that makes sense."

It cast Michael Jordan and friends in a kind of surreal strip show. Go back to showing Jordan slam dunking... with his clothes on.

The commercials didn't live up to the hype this year. But at least we finally had a Super Bowl entertaining us.

Junior Joe Gray is Assistant Sports Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

PIONEER INSTANT REPLAY

Basketball

- · The women defeated UM-Dearborn 90-54 on Jan. 21.
- The men defeated Indiana-Purdue 76-61 on Jan. 24.
- The men defeated Hillsdale 71-69 on Jan. 26.

Swimming and Diving

· The men and women the Pioneer won Invitational on Jan. 23 - 24.

Basketball:

Thursday

• Jan. 29 - The women Ashland at 5:30 p.m.

 Jan. 29 - The men at Ashland at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

 Jan. 31 - The women host Siena Heights at the Bubble at 3 p.m.

 Jan. 31 - The men at Spring Arbor at 7:30 p.m.

Monday

 Feb. 2 - The men host Rochester College at the Bubble at 7:30 p.m.

 Feb. 2 - The women at UM-**Dearborn** at 7 p.m.

Swimming and Diving

Friday

 Jan. 30 - The men host Eastern Michigan at 7 p.m.

 Jan 30. - The women at Eastern Michigan at 4 p.m.

Men's basketball claims fifth in a row

By ANTHONY DELUCA Special Writer

Men's Basketball continued to roll on Saturday as OU beat Indiana University-Purdue at Indianapolis 76-61 to extend the Pioneer winning streak to five games.

In doing so, OU broke an eightgame winning streak for the Metros.

The Pioneers gof an early spark from junior guard Jeff Kennedy when he knocked down three consecutive three-pointers in the first five minutes of the game.

He continued his streak by hitting two more before the first half was over. He finished the game with a team high 22 points.

It was his accuracy early on that gave OU its lead, as well as setting the tempo for the rest of the game.

"We had been practicing all week on driving the ball low, and then kicking it out to the outside guys. We did that early on, and I was able to knock some down," Kennedy said.

At the end of the first half, OU maintained a lead it would never relin-

Up 37-29, OU didn't have a problem holding off the Metros attack.

The Metros didn't help their own chances of a comeback by beginning the second half with several turnovers and a four- minute scoring drought.

"We played very well defensively. It seemed like they got frustrated with our zone, and they didn't knock down their outside shots," said Dan Champagne, freshman forward.

During the drought, De'Andre



DEFENSIVE SWARM: Red-shirt freshman forward Dan Champagne gets a push from the Metro's Keith Cooper, left. His teammate, Rodney Thomas, witnesses the grudge down the lane in the Jan. 24 game OU eventually won.

Shepard, sophomore forward, was able said. to take advantage down low.

team needed them.

'De'Andre had a big second half. He was doing a lot of banging down the majority of the half, but the Metros low. He was a big threat," Kennedy never dug themselves out of their hole.

His 12 points, most of which were in was a formality. The Pioneers were the second half, came exactly when the never really in jeopardy of losing the

The two teams traded baskets for

The closest IUPUI was to cutting the For the most part, the second half deficit was eight-points, with six min-

> OU got contributions from all over that helped them eventually win the game fifteen points ahead of their oppo-

OU will remain football-free

Economic concerns kick out any chance of Pioneer pigskin in the near to distant future, but OU will take a swing at women's softball

By JOE GRAY Assistant Sports Editor

OU will not receive a visit from the National Champion Wolverine Football team next year, or any other football team for that matter — but don't blame Matilda Wilson.

There is a rumor floating around ed the land to build OU, she stipulated contact sports never be allowed at the

"That is a myth," said Tracy Huth, Assistant Athletic Director. "Over the years it has kind of grown."

WOMEN'S

SWIMMING

According to Huth, there are no participate in Division I. written documents forbidding contact sports at OU. The reason for no football women's sports and six men's sports, or hockey teams is economic.

sities to provide equal playing opportunities and equal money spent on men's and women's sports. "When you add football or ice hock-

campus that claims when Wilson donatey, you throw off the scale in terms of gender equity." said Huth. "You just ed to establish more women's sports. can't go out and add sports because it is This effectively doubles the cost of a more, Dan Champagne agrees, "I think expensive."

However, because of NCAA regulations, OU will be adding women's softball to achieve the 14 sports required to football.

The team will begin competition in Gender equity laws require univer- the 1999-2000 season and a coach is expected to be hired this spring.

> If OU were to add football to its rosequal money would have to be provid- tion. new football team.

root for, students have great passion for

Many students can be seen around Women's softball will give OU eight campus wearing hats and shirts sporting the logos of many different pro and college teams and would like to see the Pioneers on the gridiron.

"In order to stay competitive, I would say we need a big sport like footter of sports, not only would the school ball. It would bring in more money," incure the cost of starting the team, but said sophomore Marie Stricker, educa-

OU basketball player and sophoit would be great. It would give OU a Despite the lack of a home team to big university atmosphere, and liven things up around campus on the week-

Spotlight on the Bla LISA VAN **TATENHOVE**

By LISA VALENTINE Staff Writer

Most people don't typically think of swimming when they think of team sports.

But to OU swimming junior Lisa Van Tatenhove, freestyle, always being a team player is her biggest contribution to the OU Women's Swimming team.

"My strength for the team as a whole is that I am always a team player," Van probably be hurting," Juncker said. Tatenhove said.

"It's not as hard to be a team player (in swimming) as some people think. You're there as a team to win as a team," she said.

Sophomore teammate Erica Zuercher, backstroke and freestyle, agreed. "She is a really big team player. ... If the

team is not doing well, she's not happy," Zuercher said. "She's really focused on the

Zuercher also said Van Tatenhove is big team motivator.

said.

Being able to motivate herself and her teammates is something Van Tatenhove feels about swimming is that it is so rewarding. is one of her major strengths.

my biggest strengths," she said. "I am able to rewarding," she said. motivate myself."

Tatenhove's biggest contribution to the team is her sprinting ability and her consistency at

doing well at meets.

'She does well in both relays and individual events," Juncker said.

As a sophomore at OU, Van Tatenhove earned three individual All-American honors and four honors as a member of the relay teams at the 1997 NCAA Championship.

Juncker said Van Tatenhove is an intricate force in the women's relay teams.

"If we didn't have her, the relays would

Van Tatenhove feels that being a sprinter also contributes to her biggest challenge in swimming.

"My biggest weakness is my lack of understanding, sometimes for my other teammates. ... Being a sprinter, it is hard for me to understand what they have to do to be successful in their events," Van Tatenhove said.

She said she began swimming on a group team at age 10 because she thought it would be fun. She continued the sport through her high school years, captaining her Zeeland "She is really encouraging," Zuercher High School swim team her senior year, as well as playing on the volleyball team.

Van Tatenhove said what she enjoys most

"It is so hard (to swim)... and then go into "My motivation and my dedication are a meet and see your work pay off. ... It's very

Van Tatenhove is currently a junior in the Teammate and co-captain senior Laura elementary education program and said she Juncker, freestyle, said she feels Van plans to continue swimming after college "just for fun."

Changes

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member of the OU design com-

"Student organizations will be in for a real treat. The rooms are very conducive to team work. More interaction can take place while maintaining personal space," Pletz said.

Redstone Tiseo Architects of Southfield and interior designers Greenburg and Associates will incorporate wood accents and copper-like flooring in designated areas, Fekel said.

The inviting appearance is only one aspect of the rejuvenation process, he said.

"Downstairs will become the

Continued from page 1

Attorney Birch, who special-

Egdish claims that his sup-

izes in criminal drug cases,

frowns on the severity of punish-

porters have sympathized with

ment dealt many of his clients.

"absolutely outrageous."

for all involved.

heart of the OC," Fekel said. "The centralized location of student organizations will create a community atmosphere."

The design process of student organizations was created with the information gathered at two open student organization

Fekel said he discovered three specific levels of how organizations interact: dedicated space area, shared space area, and common work area. Incorporating the needs of all three was a primary goal of the committee, he said.

"This neighborhood area will host approximately 45 student organizations," Fekel said.

A common work area set in an open architectural space will be available for mobile organiza-

his use of marijuana, viewing him as a victim of the system.

"If (drugs) were legal," he

said, "they could be taxed. It's in everyone's best interest to legal-"I broke the law, and I'm

paying for it on just about every conceivable level," Egdish said.

"But the reactions from my He calls the punishment professors and friends lend credence to my beliefs on the drug laws," he said.



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porarily relocated. The sites

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tee to make the transition as easy

organizations located in the OC

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and April 16 in the OC.

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ready for occupancy by January

Tentative plans will take

stay updated with the project.

"It is the goal of this commit-

Recently a memo was sent to

During the renovations, stu-

space and work area.

as possible," he said.

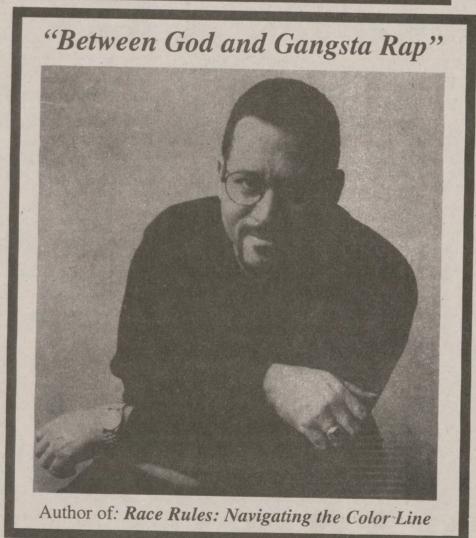
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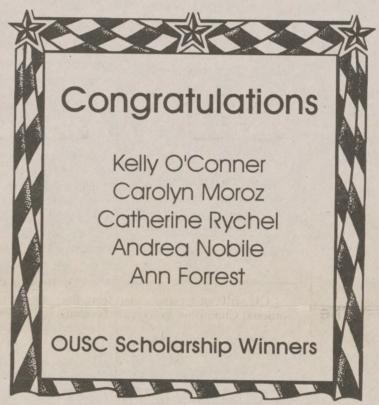
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