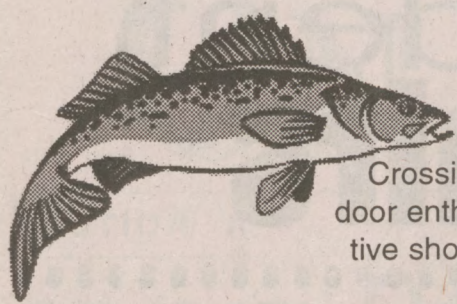




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Campus construction creates concern

By Lisa Remsing
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

OU students can expect at least one more construction zone to dodge this fall. The second or third week of October will bring the re-paving of the first entrance to campus, east of Squirrel, off of Walton Boulevard.

Unless you've been walking around campus for the last few weeks blindfolded, chances are you've noticed a great deal of construction. There are many projects taking place right now, and many that are being planned for the near future, on and off campus.

One of the biggest changes that residence hall students may have noticed was a brick privacy wall in front of East and West Vandenberg Hall. According to Grover Tigie, Central Heating Plant Supervisor, the wall is used to "make the area more appealing, or less unappealing to people who drive by." The wall is hiding the loading dock of Vandenberg Hall.

In addition to looks, the asphalt driveway has been changed to concrete, to better support the large trucks that make daily deliveries. The drainage has also been updated to eliminate odors around the residence halls.

The project has received positive feedback from both students and staff. "I think it's a good idea. Vandenberg looks much better now than at orientation," said freshman Amber Ellis.

Another big project that has taken place is the paving of 1.5 miles of roads on the West side of campus. The only road not paved was from the traffic circle to Graham Health Center. This project as well as the changes to the Vandenberg Hall entrance were slated to cost \$600,000. In future plans "The main parking lot is going to be redone, and that road is no longer going to be there," Tigie explained. Campus officials hope that by creating entrances to the main lot from Squirrel Road and eliminating that portion of the road, pedestrians walking to and from class will be much safer. The project is not slated to begin any time soon. At a June Board of Trustees meeting, Susan Aldrich Assistant VP of Capital Planning and Design, reported that the project would cost an estimated \$3 million dollars.

In addition to re-paving roads, all of the



Detour: Students traveling to and from residence halls have to figure out alternate routes due to construction zones.

Reena Sibayan/
The Oakland Post

pedestrian crossings near the residence halls have been made with glass dust. This is helpful at night, because cars' headlights reflect well off of the dust, according to Tigie. "This may become the standard for campus, I've been asked to look into it," said Tigie.

Tigie said construction was not finished during the summer because bidding for the project began in April and initial approval and financial planning was necessary. "We also had to keep summer traffic in mind," he said.

Off campus, many people are very concerned about the possible widening of Adams Road. History professor Linda

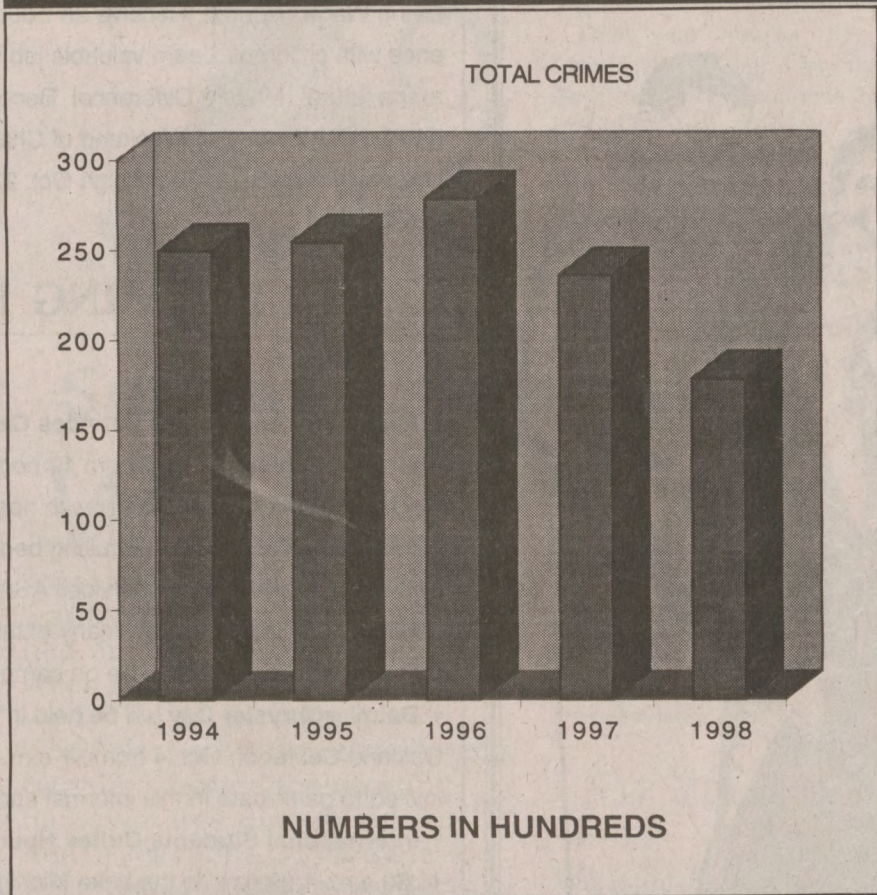
Benson lives in the faculty and staff subdivision off Adams. "Of course, with new campus planning, they have to think about the roads," Benson said. Many residents of the subdivision are attending meetings and are concerned with what widening of Adams road may mean to their homes. "It's not whether it's improved, it's to what extent," said Dean of Students Dave Herman "Is it going to become another Woodward?"

While the construction is necessary, "It's inconvenient now, and they probably could have done it at a better time," said Chris Wolfs, junior communications major.

OU crime reaches 10 year low

By Kelli Guzinski
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Total Crimes at OU From 1994-1998



OU's campus hit a record crime low last year, according to FBI crime data released recently. Serious crime offenses have declined from 141 to 93, the lowest OU has seen in over ten years.

Lt. Mel Gilroy of the OU Police said, "We knew that the results would be pretty good, but we didn't expect them to be that good."

Reducing the auto theft was a main focus for the OU Police. Seven car thefts in 1997 led OU Police to increase patrols in the parking lots between classes and at night. The increase in Police presence was effective. Car thefts in 1998 dropped to one.

Gilroy "give[s] a lot of credit to the officers working the streets. We're trying to create a climate to stop crime. With more officers on patrol, the more visible we are, making crime less likely to occur."

Larcenies plummeted from 119 offenses to 81, while breaking and entering fell from 11 to 5. Rape remained at one violation each year. No cases of homicide or arson were reported. One robbery occurred, while felonious assaults crept up from three to four. UDAA (stolen auto) plunged from seven to one.

Crimes of a lesser degree have also dropped overall from 94 offenses to 85. Vandalism slimmed from 36 violations to 33, while fraud has been shaved down from three to two offenses.

Some increases did occur, however. Assault and battery and driving under the influence of alcohol

increased from 8 incidents to 10. The reported alcohol violations for minors increased from 2 to 5. Those numbers do not reflect cases from the residence halls. Most underage drinking incidents in the halls are handled internally and are not reported to the OU police. While there are no recorded statistics from the halls, RHC President, Brian Jaye said, "I believe our aids are doing a good job controlling drinking problems [although] there aren't many problems with drinking in the dorms. Students are becoming more responsible."

Some students agree with the statement although they do say that people are drinking on campus. Residence Halls student, Tiffany Frost said, "Most of the drinking happens on the weekends when I'm not here, so I really don't see much."

For 1997, Oakland ranked fifth among 14 Michigan universities surveyed in the serious crime division, and seventh in property crimes.

The data is public under the Federal "Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990." The results from OU and other universities nationwide can be found in the FBI's Uniform Crime Report.

This law also requires higher learning institutions to create policies related to security on campus. "In the past year, students have been exposed to more safety and crime prevention programs," says Gilroy. Over the past five years security measures such as better lighting, blue light phones, and closed circuit cameras have been installed on campus.

Fights break out during Delta Sigma Theta dance

By Shajan Kay
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Multiple fights broke out in the Oakland Center at a Delta Sigma Theta sorority dance on September 17th. According to JeanAnn Miller, Assistant Director for the CSA, this particular dance attracted a large amount of off campus students, as well as high school students, who were not allowed in.

The fight was reported by police officers who were already on the scene at 11 p.m. At that time all other police units were sent to the OC to assist the other officers. When the back up officers arrived they found the other three officers and a male who had been

involved in the fight, surrounded by a group of male subjects.

The officers escorted the male subject from the building. The man told the officers that he had approached a female and asked her to dance. While they had been dancing, the man told police, he was struck by another male who said "I'm from Pontiac, and I won't stand for that."

After being hit several times the man said that "he fought back and kicked this unknown person's ass."

While officers were discussing the first fight with the individual, another fight broke out in the OC Gold Rooms.

"Officers re-entered the dance to find peo-

ple screaming, running, and chasing other people all over the 2nd floor area," of the OC. Officers announced that the dance was over and began making people leave the building. The dance patrons were asked to leave the building via the north doors of the OC.

Approximately 300 people gathered around the north entrance to the building. The crowd milled around the front entrance of the OC for 15 to 20 minutes. Auburn Hills Police and the Oakland County Sheriffs Department sent approximately 9 units to assist with crowd control.

According to Miller there will be some changes to the current dance policy to pre-

vent fights like this from occurring again. Miller said that no one under the age of 18 will be allowed to the dances and that appropriate ID will be required. Also no publicizing of dances will be allowed off of campus. People will also be encouraged not to sign in people that they don't know.

There were no injuries or property damage due to the fighting. Miller said that the Delta's tried very hard to assist in making sure everything was running smoothly, as well as trying to calm down people during all the fighting. "They weren't in neglect as hosts," said Miller.

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• **Campus Recreation.** Attention incoming freshmen and first year students. You are entitled to a FREE fitness assessment at the Rec Center. Call 370-4910 or 370-4911 for more information!
• Classes are in full swing. First tests are here and papers are soon due. Don't let all this change create too much stress on your body. **Graham Health Center** reminds you to take care of yourself. Eat healthy foods and get plenty of sleep. After all, you can't get anything done if you're sick.

THIS WEEK

• **Career Prep Week** is happening all this week! Your ship is coming in! Navigate toward a successful future! Events include Employer Open Houses, Health Careers Job Fair, a variety of workshops and MUCH more! Visit our web site for complete calendar of events <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> or call 370-3250.

• Would you like to gain experience for your resume, develop networking contacts, work with children and earn money for college? Have you thought about **AmeriCorps**? Applications are now being accepted for the September team. Orientation sessions and interviews will be conducted in the Oakland Center on Sept. 29 from 3-5 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room in the lower level. **You must attend a session to be considered for membership.** Earn a Living Wage Stipend! Receive an Education Award! Gain experience with children! Learn valuable job skills! Lend a helping hand to the future! Make a Difference! Become an AmeriCorps Cadet!
• **WOCO V is here!** Weekend of Champions at Oakland University runs Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. Watch for lots of exciting activities!

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Placement and Career Services Career Fair** will take place Thursday, September 30th from 12 noon-3:00 p.m. in the Student Recreation and Athletic Center with nearly 100 employers!
• **Seniors** — On campus recruiting begins October 4th. Register with Placement & Career Services ASAP to participate in this opportunity to interview with many of the most sought-after companies and employers right here on campus!
• **DaimlerChrysler Day** will be held in the Oakland Room, Oakland Center on Oct. 4 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. All students are invited to participate in this informal and free event. Dress casual.
• **International Students Coffee Hour** - join us on October 5 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room, OC.
• **Men's Ice Hockey Club at OU.** Opening game for the 1999-2000 season is October 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Rochester Onyx Ice Arena, 24 Mile (Parkdale) and Dequindre. This will be their first season in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference. Almost 30 games will be played against teams from Ferris State, Bowling Green, Ohio State, Michigan State and U of M. Cost is \$2 for students, \$4 for non-students.
• **Graham Health Center.** Watch for the upcoming flu clinics scheduled for October 19 and 26, November 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23 and 30, and December 7 in the upper level of the Oakland Center from 12 noon-3 p.m. Cost is \$8. Hepatitis B will also be available, \$37 for a series of three shots. For more information call 370-2341.

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CRIME watch

Residence Halls Student Harassed

A residence halls student reported that she has received five harassing phone calls over a period of two hours. The people calling were female and made threats against her and her roommate. A note was delivered to the student by an unknown person that stated that her and her roommate were going to be 'fucked up'. The student said that she was a freshman and did not have any enemies although she suspected someone from back home "because there had been an issue over a guy," and that guy now lived at Oakland as well. The student was advised to request caller ID from the telecommunications department. The case is open.

• Illegal use of Marijuana

A resident assistant in East Vandenberg reported that she saw a person place a bag of marijuana in his pocket. When the R.A. asked the individual what was put in his pocket, the person stated that it was a candy bar. Upon an officer's request for all his marijuana the individual handed over a small clear plastic wrap containing what was later found to be marijuana. A citation was issued to the individual to appear in court.

• Student Faints in O'Dowd

A student attending class in 202 O'Dowd passed out and fell from his chair. The man was out for no more than 60 to 90 seconds. An ambulance arrived to treat the student, however the man refused to be transported. The man indicated that he would seek treatment from his doctor.

24 hour computer lab opening soon

By Khaliah Walker &
Shajan Kay
OF THE OAKLAND POST

It's 2 a.m. and that paper you've been too busy to write for weeks is due tomorrow at 9 a.m. Sound familiar?

Well now OU students will have one last chance to do those nasty papers that tend to just sneak up on you.

A new 24-hour computer lab will be opening in Dodge Hall early in October. Having a 24-hour computer lab on campus has been an idea that students have voiced over the years.

The recent push for the new lab was instigated by Nick Mitchell, Student Body President.

According to Mitchell "A 24 hour computer lab was something that students would definitely use and Congress seemed to be the only organization that could push for it."

Mitchell approached Ron Cigna, Vice-Provost for Information and Technology, about the lab.

According to Cigna, he has wanted a 24 hour lab before, and this was an idea "who's time had come." The lab isn't quite complete yet. The lab will be enclosed in plexiglass so that it will have a more organized atmosphere, said Cigna.

The lab is located in the front hallway of Dodge near

the west stairwell. Currently there are six computers in the lab and one printer. Each computer is loaded with word processing programs and comes with internet access.

According to Mitchell, the biggest obstacle faced in making the lab a reality was to find a location on campus where people could only have access to a certain part of the building.

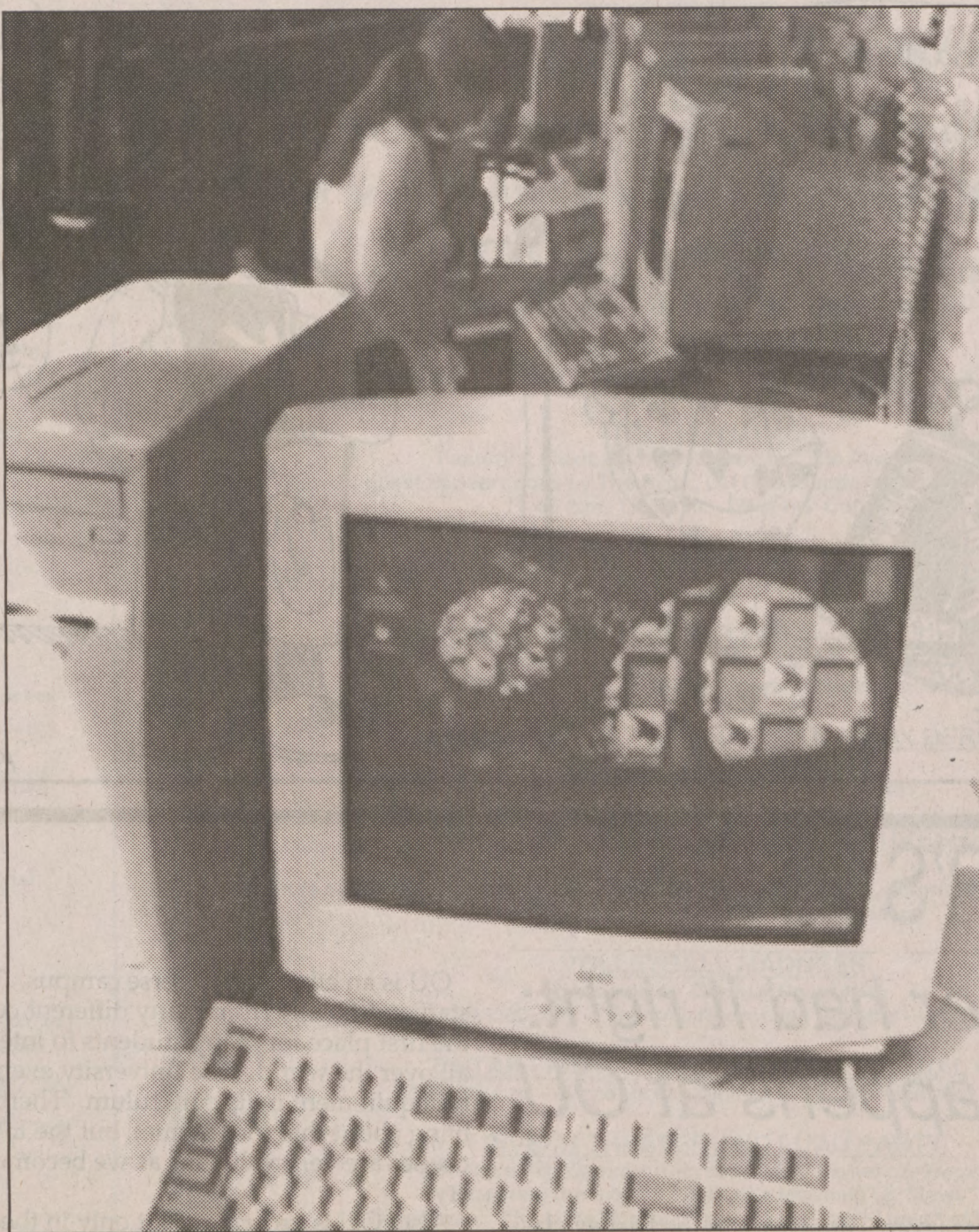
Dodge is the only building on campus where this could be done, and still secure the building for the night.

Mitchell stated that in the interest of security, the OUPD will be making random visits to the lab, to make sure everything is secure.

Mitchell also mentioned that a webcam might be set up in the lab in the future, however he doesn't have much to do with the actual running of the lab. Congress appropriated money to pay for the salaries of the people who will work at the lab.

Currently the lab is in need of student employees, according to Cigna, they need students for three shifts, but especially the third shift.

For information on employment at the 24 hour computer lab contact Chia-Poh Tai, Manager of User Services, at 370-4565 or tai@oakland.edu



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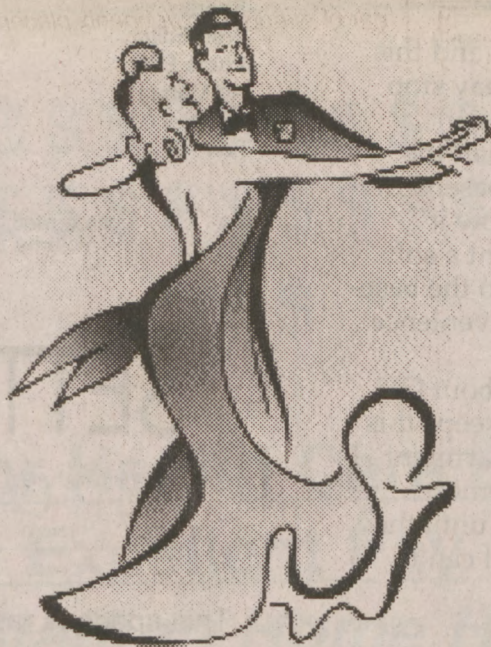
Dodge Hall is now the new home for OU's first 24 hour computer lab. Currently there are six computers for students late night use. The lab's 24 hour availability is not yet up and running. The lab is in need of student employees to cover the three shifts.

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The Oakland Post

Meadowbrook Ball waltzes back to OU

New changes will be unmasked at this year's Masquerade Ball

By Jenn Madjarev
OF THE OAKLAND POST



One of OU's oldest traditions is once again dancing its way back onto campus. The Meadowbrook Masquerade Ball will be held at the Meadowbrook Mansion on Saturday, Oct. 30. from 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

This year marks the 42nd annual Meadowbrook Ball. Over the past year there have been many changes added to the format of the ball.

Assistant director for CSA Jean Ann Miller, said, "Seven years ago, the late Marilyn Broderick was director of New Student Programs. She decided that she no longer wanted the position of advisor for the

Meadowbrook Ball. In fear of losing the tradition, I worked with students to keep it alive."

In the past, the ball was held on two nights back to back. Students who planned to attend the ball received their tickets through a lottery system.

This year, the ball is still held on two nights, but the first dance will take place on Oct. 30 and the second ball will be held Feb. 5.

Tickets are no longer sold as a lottery, they are offered to students on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets for this year's Masquerade Ball can be purchased at the CSA ticket office. There are 150 tickets available, fifteen tickets are for singles and 135 are couple tickets. Prices include, \$35 per couple

and \$17.50 per single.

According to Miller, tickets for last year's Meadowbrook Ball sold out in an hour and a half.

Entertainment for this year includes music, dancing, refreshments and magic. The masquerade theme follows along the Phantom of the Opera concept. Guests are encouraged to design their own personal masks. There will be a judging contest for the neatest most creative mask. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place winners.

"The Meadowbrook Ball is a real unique event for OU. It's formal, elegant and sophisticated. It's an opportunity for students to get dressed up and take advantage of a university treasure," said Miller.

Student body president urges Board to consider students first

While attending the Board of Trustees meeting on September 9th, I mentally went over what I wanted to say to the members. I had only learned the previous week that the Pepsi contract would be on the agenda and, since class would not start until two days before the meeting, had even less time to get student's reactions. Nonetheless, I felt it was necessary to address the situation in a manner that you, the students, would find acceptable.

I walked to the podium and thanked the Board for allowing me to speak. I then asked the Board to hold-off on a vote until Student Congress could hold an open forum on the issue, I reminded the members of the dreaded "golf course" scandal, thanked them again and politely sat down. The Board, in return, thanked me for my comments and went on to vote in "Board-like" fashion without any further discussion. And just like that, every soft drink now sold on campus is a Pepsi product.



NICK MITCHELL

We don't count for anything, do we?

YES WE COUNT FOR SOMETHING! We count for everything. Certain individuals on this campus refuse to accept the fact that their positions would not exist if it weren't for us students. Without the students, what exactly would Oakland University be? I'll tell you what it would be, a really nice place for deer hunting. You, as a student, need to realize that you are the backbone of Oakland University. Issues that may change the university in a drastic manner need your approval. Unfortunately, this seems to be a new concept at OU, but nevertheless, it is something that

I'll be honest. I didn't really expect the Board to hold off on the contract. I mean, come on, we're only students.

needs to be addressed.

I was recently told that I am taking the wrong approach with the Board of Trustees, that I'm "in their face" rather than working with the members. But that's not the case at all. In fact, I offered to work with the Board by sponsoring a forum for an official student response. It was obvious the Board of Trustees was not about to even pretend to be responsive to student concerns. And instead of compromising, the Board went ahead and voted right then and there.

It is not my intention to alienate anyone with this article. My intentions are very simple. I want students on this campus to be empowered enough to influence the Board of Trustees' decisions. Do not think that I don't have the utmost respect for every member of the Board. They are all very distinguished and honorable individuals in each of their respective fields. I can only hope that the Board members do not take my remarks personally. But do understand that, as the chief spokesperson for the near 15,000

students who attend OU, I am responsible for their well-being. As such, I will continue urging the Board to consider students first and foremost before making any more decisions that may change the face of our growing campus.

In the "students first" spirit, I invite and encourage every student to attend the first ever STUDENTS FIRST!! Student forum at 12 p.m. Friday, October 1st in the Fireside Lounge. This is your chance to state any concerns you may have about anything on campus, whether it's the parking problem, the Pepsi contract, or you just don't like 8 a.m. classes. (You can share any positive feedback as well, if applicable.) There will be a few brief remarks from myself just letting the student body know what initiatives Student Congress will be working on this year, and the rest of the time will be allotted for students to finally voice their opinions.

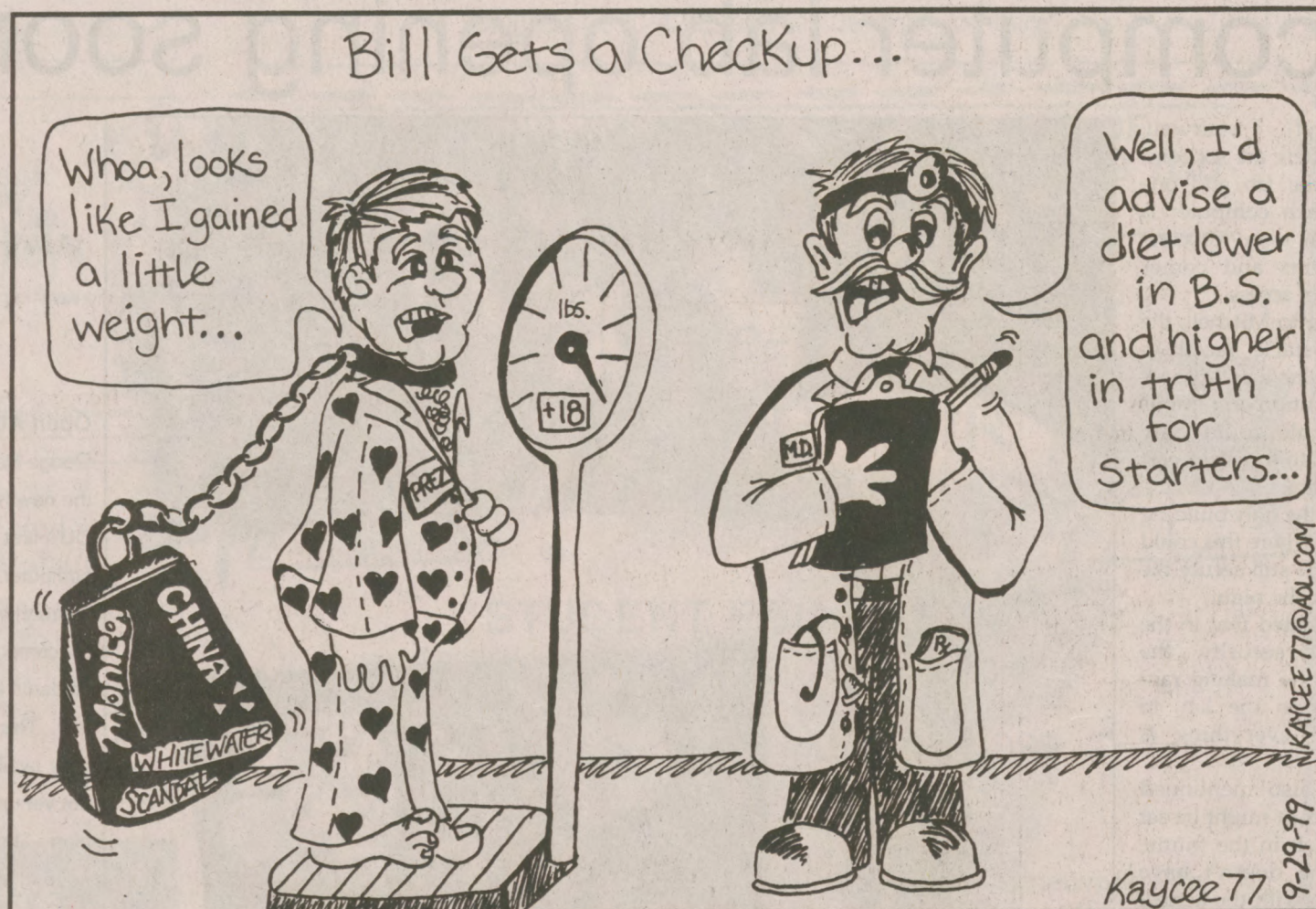
My name is Nick Mitchell and thank you for your support.

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EDITOR'S view

Thumper had it right: good happens at OU

Like most parents (even Thumper's in the Disney classic Bambi), my mother and father used to say "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

Unfortunately, that advice didn't sink in and I can be very critical at times. I have even thrown some criticism toward OU.

I have complained about the parking. I have criticized how much it costs to buy a bottle of water at the vending machines. I have whined about the cost of books and I have cried (literally) when my last tuition bill came in the mail.

It is fair to say, that if you have heard me speak lately (or read my last editorial) you would think that I hated my university. Well... I don't. In fact, believe it or not, I really like OU, and I am proud to be a student here.

I can see I may have to convince you, so from this point on, I am only writing about the positive things at our school. (Okay, just for the rest of this editorial and then it's back to my bitching).

The first nice thing I will say about OU is there are many things to do here, besides going to class. There are always plays, concerts and music recitals to attend. There is a place to play video games, darts and pool in the OC. The Recreation Center has aerobic classes, weight rooms and open swimming. The center even has a scuba class. OU has Division I sports. The teams compete against the likes of UM, MSU and Detroit Mercy. To lead these teams, OU has hired some very knowledgeable and enthusiastic coaches.

OU is an ethnically diverse campus. There are students, staff and faculty from many different cultures. OU may be the first place for many students to interact with people from all over the world. The university even has an ethnic diversity requirement in its curriculum. There has been some grumbling about that (not by me), but the international studies classes are very valuable, as we become more of a global society.

Also, OU is growing. Not only in the amount of students there are, but there are a lot of new buildings on campus. While there are problems with the expansion (some of which I pointed out in an earlier editorial), there is some good that will come with a bigger university.

OU is becoming more visible in the private sector. Businesses are recognizing OU as a big time school, and this should add value to your diploma. (Also, people may stop thinking "Oakland University" is located in California.)

One thing I truly love about OU is that someone had the brains to put the Pretzel Logic pretzel stand in the basement of the OC (only about 50 feet from this office). I know it doesn't seem like a big deal, but if you ever just want a soft drink, and you do not want to wait in a line, head to the basement and you can get a drink right away. This convenience has saved me a lot of waiting.

I just touched on a few of the many good things about OU. We also have great instructors, a friendly staff that keeps this university going and a very professional police department. I hope this makes some of you appreciate OU a little more.

I know I'll try to be a little more positive...at least until they raise the price of water at the vending machines or I can't find a parking spot or...

JOE GRAY
Managing Editor

LETTERS TO THE editor

Student questions suite assignment

Dear Editor,

As a long-time off-&-on student, I have seen quite a few changes on this campus. I really enjoy and appreciate the new version of the Oakland Center; having attended at other, we at OU are becoming comparable to schools around the country in terms of what the campus offers.

The new Fishbowl (Students Org.s Room), in the basement of the OC, was theoretically designed to equalize all the organizations by eliminating private offices to those who, by whatever reason, wound up with such an office due to overcrowding in either the original Fishbowl or the Greek Offices. This is fine by me - no one organization should have more perks than another.

However, there is a suite given over one organization, when I notice that there are several unused cubicle spaces along the back wall of the Fishbowl. If the Center for Student Activities (CSA) wants all org.'s to be equal, why is this suite in use?

Was there a lottery we were uninformed of? Is the determination based on merit, i.e. their GPA or some

other factor beneficial to the academic environment on campus? These questions are not based in racism - I am a member of a minority myself; I am deaf. Why this group and not the Fencing Society, or a sorority, or the Phi Beta Kappas?

It is not that the Association of Black students has a suite, but that any group has a private office when all (according to CSA) are equal?

I feel that the question of racism, in the form of affirmative action, be considered. Is it racist of the university to elevate the ABS over their contemporaries; or alternatively, does the university feel that they cannot subsist on their own among the Greek and non-Greek organizations?

It seems to me that a private office suite should be awarded, and not just given as a hand-out, to either a lottery winner or the organization with, for example, the best GPA, for limited terms of one semester or the academic calendar year.

Name withheld by request.

Graduate advises students to know their professors

Dear Editor,

I'm always excited to see the first Post of the Fall semester, however I would like to have seen a little less cynicism and negative news, and more focus on the new positive things happening on campus.

I thought Lisa Borich's advice to freshmen column was a good step in this direction. Although I feel she left out some important advice.

In addition to making the effort to read and actually show up for class, students benefit a great deal from getting to know their profs. You wouldn't believe how many students can't even recall the names of some of their current instructors, not to mention those in past semesters.

My advice to freshman would be to make sure you know your instructors' office hours, their phone numbers, and e-mail if they give that out. Attend class not just in body, but in spirit too. The more engaged you are in the educational process, the more you will benefit from it.

If something they've said has struck a chord, let them know. If you have a question, stay after class to ask it. It's worth it, really.

My second piece of advice is to keep a positive attitude. Yes, there are long lines, red tape, lots of hard work, and other things that you may not like, but you are each very privileged to be able to choose to continue your education this far. No one can force you to be here, to attend class, or do your homework. So please do yourself and everyone else a favor by not bringing negativity in the classroom i.e. how unreasonable the reading assignment was, how many minutes late the instructor was for class, how unfair the test questions were, how boring his/her lecture style is, how much you don't like his/her "attitude" or opinions, how he/she kept class for the entire allotted time or waited too long before taking a break, etc.

These folks deserve your attention and your respect. They've spent a lot of time and effort on their education, so that they can share it with you. And many instructors go above and beyond the call of duty for their students. You have these amazing, interactive resources right in front of you, don't take them for granted!

Samantha K Dwight
B.A. Anthropology, '98.

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FESTIVALS & SHOWS

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•**"Common Man, Mythic Vision"**

The paintings of Ben Shahn will be at the Detroit Institute of Arts until Oct. 31. Shahn paintings express and celebrate the human spirit. For information call (313) 833-7900.

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•**Dossin Great Lakes Museum**

"Folk Art of the Great Lakes" and "Racing on the Wind" also an exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Dr. on Belle Isle, Detroit. Admission \$2.10 a.m.-5 p.m. (313) 852-4051.

SPECIAL INTEREST

•**Middleton Berry Farm**
Fall red raspberries are now being picked. They have a petting farm and a pumpkin harvest also. The farm is located at 2120 Stoney Creek Rd. Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-6018.

•**Color Tour**

The first 10 days in Oct. should be the best time for fall colors. One suggested route is to start at Bay Harbor Marina located on U.S. Hwy. 31 between Charlevoix and Petoskey connect with Michigan Hwy. 119 drive the 20 miles linking Harbor Springs with Cross Village in Emmet County. You will see tunnels of trees and the Lake Michigan shoreline.

•**Free Counseling**
Telephone counseling, information and referrals are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Macomb County Crisis Center. Call 810-307-9100. Collect calls are accepted.

Detroit Casino Rocks

Bright lights and thousands of people fill the MGM Grand nightly

By Jacob Ellis

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The decor is bright, a myriad of colors and lights. Drinks are cheap and buffet food is inexpensive, with several types of cuisine to choose from. Sound appealing? Well, it can be if you're smart about your trip to the casino, but it could also lead to a dangerous addiction.

With the recent opening of the MGM Grand in Detroit and two others to follow, casino gambling is making its presence felt around the metro area like never before. The MGM offers baccarat, blackjack, craps, poker, roulette and slot machines.

"We have been very pleased with our acceptance in the market," said Nancy Ziolkowski, MGM's vice president, marketing. "We're averaging 18,000 visitors a day. We are pleased to be part of the revitalization of Detroit."

Besides the MGM, temporarily based in the old IRS building at Bagley and the Lodge expressway, the Motor City and Greektown casinos are slated to open in the next couple of months. Many younger gamblers are excited at the prospects.

"I like going down there because it's something new and different to do," said Allen Gough, human resource, senior. "It feels like

you're out of town when you're there."

"By far, this is a positive step for the city," said Harry Hayden, biology, senior. "Just the revenue alone should be able to help fix up parts of the city in need. People need more incentive to return to the city to spend their entertainment dollars."

However, not all people favor gambling in Detroit because sometimes the glamour wears off and the end result is a foe more menacing than the house odd. Those who have become addicted to gambling now struggle to rebuild their lives.

The glitz and glamour are all part of the casino atmosphere. The absence of clocks and windows can facilitate a sense of alienation from the outside world. These are all conscious efforts by management to add to the lure of gambling. Sometimes this allure has dangerous results.

I started when I was around 12 years old playing cards with friends," said one Gamblers Anonymous member. "Ten years later, I lost my apartment, my job and, most important, my family's trust."

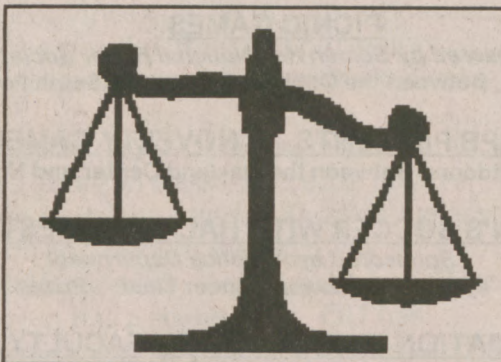
Gambling can be a fun hobby, but gamblers need to know when to cut their losses. Remember the odds may be stacked against you.



Pam Hendrix/The Oakland Post

GRAND ENTRANCE: Michigan has its own piece of Las Vegas in Detroit with the opening of the MGM Grand casino.

Pricing power hits Internet users



TIPPING THE SCALES: Surfing the net gives consumers purchasing power.

By DanMacNeill

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Within the last five years, the percentage of U.S. households with access to the Internet has shot from about 5% to 38%. That number is expected to leap to 56% by 2003 as projected by Forrester Research, Inc., an independent research firm that analyzes technological change and its impact on business, consumers, and society.

Of special interest to most businesses with an eye on the future is the ever-increasing number of those who shop online.

"You have one group, mostly the 55 and older, who use it as a means to get a better

price than they would at a traditional retailer. The growing demographics are the baby boomers and younger. They are using it for the information. They are probably the most informed set of buyers that ever existed," said Bill Doyle, account director for Mullen Advertising, Boston, Ma.

By 2003, almost one third of U.S. houses will have shopped online. The reason for this gradual shift from traditional stores to the Internet are many, but what seems to be one of the main reasons is convenience. "I waited in line at Oakland's bookstore for an hour, and they didn't even have the books I needed. I used varsitybooks.com and didn't have to wait. They came in a timely manner and I actually saved a little money," said Janice Pica, senior, finance.

For most items, prices don't seem to vary much from retail stores. For things such as books and CDs, the prices are a little bit cheaper, but usually round out to be the same as a traditional store after standard shipping and handling charges are applied.

"I think that most people are finding and willing to pay a certain premium for the convenience of being able to shop at home," said Doyle. "Usually the more expensive the item, the more variance you'll see in prices."

Aside from the Internet being a virtual storefront open 24 hours every day, many new ideas are beginning to take shape

in terms of providing the consumer with more information.

At web sites like ecompare.com you can get price comparisons of up to 10 online retailers for various products ranging from office supplies and electronics to software and pet supplies. Other sites allow you to make price comparisons on specialized goods such as cars, music, airline tickets and hotels. With the click of the button, ideas such as these begin to put the pricing power more into the consumer's hands than the retailer's.

In terms of the economics, "We're not exactly sure how the Internet's going to affect it. There are a lot of unknowns right now of what's potentially going to happen, but the potential is really staggering on changing the way we buy things and the way we make things," said Ron Tracy, professor, economics. Like a lot of economists, Tracy believes that more attention will be focused on e-commerce after the Y2K problem is over with.

"The Internet is going to change the world. The whole economy will be different," said Mukesh Bhargava, professor, marketing. "Information can change the nature of the industries. It saves money. It saves time. The ability to do things is increasing rapidly and obviously the functionality has increased - how fast we can do it and how little the cost," said Bhargava.

Four Day FORECAST

Forecast courtesy of The Weather Channel (www.weather.com)

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Scattered
Showers
High - 60°
Low - 45°

Friday



Partly
Cloudy
High - 66°
Low - 42°

Saturday



Scattered
Showers
High - 64°
Low - 44°

Sunday



Mostly
Cloudy
High - 70°
Low - 49°



Renter's Insurance

Q: Is renter's insurance a good idea, even if I don't have a lot of stuff to insure? — P.G., via the Internet

A: Hi there, P.G. Renter's insurance protects your stuff against theft, fire, internal explosion, vandalism, malicious mischief, riots and aircraft — among other things. That's right, if a 747 should happen to plunge through your roof and rain chaos down about your head — relax! Your laptop is covered. Similarly, when the baseball bat-wielding, wild-eyed hordes are lofting Molotov cocktails up through your window and screaming the latest slogans — relax! Your stereo is covered!

What the insurance people will tell you is that you're basically buying peace of mind. How much is this peace of mind going to cost you? Well, something on the order of \$150 a year for the minimum amount, which is generally \$25,000 in coverage. If you're like most students, that ought to be enough. You don't *really* have more than \$25,000 worth of stuff in your apartment, do you?

Ah, but there's more — it doesn't just stop at your door. Included in the price is usually \$100,000 of personal injury liability coverage. Say you go to a bar, get into a fight and you break someone's jaw, and they hold you liable. That's covered, up to \$100,000.

Say you go traveling and you lose your luggage. You guessed it — you're covered, for personal items that are either on- or off-premises! You fill out a police report and let the insurance company know about your loss. Careful, though: You may just be covered for the depreciated amount. If you have a Fool ball cap for which you paid \$12.50 in that lost suitcase, you might only get \$3 back for it. Unless, of course, you made sure that your policy covers the *replacement cost*. In that case you'll get the full \$12.50 back. The replacement cost feature will set you back about an extra \$20 for the policy, but it may be worth it. (Keep in mind that these policies usually come with a \$500 deductible. This means that you'll have to pay the first \$500 of your loss; they'll cover the rest. You can get a lower deductible if you're willing to pay more for the policy.)

If you've got a roommate, you can't just split the cost of renter's insurance and consider yourselves both insured. Each of you (technically) has to have his or her own policy, unless you're living together as domestic partners. Likewise, before those of you with impure thoughts begin scheming of ways to pretend to lose your luggage, remember that insurance fraud is a felony. Shame on you!

So now we're ready to answer the question of whether you need it. If you have expensive equipment lying around your room, if you're a type A personality and tend to get in lots of violent fights, and/or if you travel a lot and are disorganized with personal possessions, then get the insurance. You're bound to need it one way or another. If not, simply consider the value of your stuff vs. the price you'd pay out each year in premiums. companies, you'll find one at www.nfsn.com/Inscio.htm.

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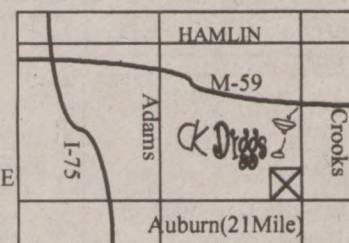
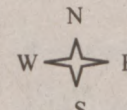
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Later that night stop by the Pool in the Athletic Building for a Drive-In Theater and Luau.

• **FRIDAY** between noon and 3 p.m. in the Games Room of the lower OC, CSA is holding a Billiard Tournament.

Starting at 7 p.m., SPB presents comedian Sherry Davey in the Pioneer Court, OC. At 8 p.m., The Gordon Bennett Band plays.

After that, stop by the Gold Rooms in the OC for the "Pump It Up" Talent Night.

• **SATURDAY** the American Heart Association holds a Heart walk on the East side of campus. The walk starts at 7:30 a.m.

For the SPB Road Rally meet in the OC at 11:30 a.m.

Later that night SPB presents the cast of Second City. The performance will be in Varner Hall at 8 p.m.

CONCERTS

• **JONATHAN RICHMAN** plays 7th House Oct. 6. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance.

• **Russell Simmons' DEF COMEDY JAM** will be at the Fox Theatre Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$27.

• **Tomorrow, SIX-PENCE NONE THE RICHER** with **BETTER THAN EZRA** play at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$16.

COMING SOON

• **BEN HARPER & the innocent criminals** will be at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor Wednesday Oct. 27. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 in advance.

OU opens its heart with walkers

By Krystal Byrd

SPECIAL WRITER TO THE OAKLAND POST

Saturdays on OU's campus are usually pretty quiet.

But not this week. More than 12,000 Nike, Addidas and other clad people are expected to converge on campus to participate in the American Heart Association's 8th Annual Detroit Metro American Heartwalk to raise money for research on heart disease and strokes.

Among the walkers will be high profile OU administrators including president Gary Russi, Provost Louis Esposito, Vice President of Student Affairs Marybeth Snyder and Finance and Administration Vice President Lynne Schaefer.

Registration for the event will begin at 7:30

a.m. at the Meadow Brook Festival's ticket office on east campus.

Pre-event festivities will begin at 9 a.m. Participants will be able to grab a bite to eat and warm up with some aerobics exercises and stretches. A ribbon cutting ceremony is set for 9:30 a.m., then the walkers set off along three different routes of varying lengths—one mile, 2.4 miles, and 4.5 miles.

Along the routes there will be water stations, first aid stations, entertainment stations, and educational displays. Music will be provided by bands, like The Blue Pigs, Sun

Messengers, Gratiot Steel band and area high school marching bands.

OU got involved last spring when Jean Ann Miller, assistant director of the Center for Student Activities (CSA), received a call from an AHA representative who wanted to hold this year's Heartwalk on the campus. Miller jumped on board contacting various campus people to help get the walk on the road.

Joann Burrington, of the

Nursing School, became immersed in the project right away by getting a large number of nursing students involved before the fall term started. Schaefer and her staff worked together with the AHA on traffic, parking and security issues. She will be leading a team of 28 walkers from her division.

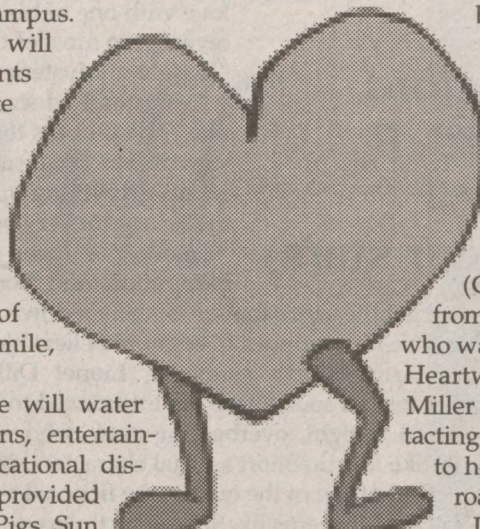
This is the first time that the Metro Detroit AHA is holding a combined walk inviting participants Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties and the city of Detroit.

OU was chosen because the large number of walkers, the campus' easy accessibility, beautiful landscape and facilities.

Among those participating will be some wearing red caps that says "Fighting Back". They are the survivors of heart problems.

Shirley Cobb, Russi's secretary, will be

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'One more time' around

Lynyrd Skynrd and ZZ Top hit the road, head to Detroit

By Ann Zaniewski

SPECIAL WRITER TO THE OAKLAND POST

For those who grew up in a generation weaned on MTV, it's sometimes hard to remember what music sounded like before top ten video countdowns and close-ups of Britney Spears' midriff.

The definition of rock 'n roll has especially been blurred in the last decade and a half, with music in that genre even more varied than the artists performing it.

Not many groups have been able to capture the purity and raw emotion of rock's early years. Even fewer have been able to stand the test of time without conforming to industry standards or fleeting trends. There are, however, some rare exceptions.

No two bands exemplify the spirit and power of rock 'n roll like Lynyrd Skynrd and ZZ Top. The legendary groups have recently joined forces and are touring the

U.S. together for the first time. The tour kicked off Sept. 15 in Pensacola, Fla. and will stop in 61 cities before the final New Year's Eve show in Houston, ZZ Top's hometown.

Both bands experienced their first taste of fame in the early 1970's but are in no way limiting performances to only classic hits. ZZ Top's latest CD "XXX" was released Sept. 28 and marks the 30th anniversary of the band.

What can fans expect when the Lynyrd Skynrd/ ZZ Top concert hits the Palace on Oct. 16?

In a phone interview keyboardist Billy Powell said, "One of the neatest things is the new stage and the new choreography. I'm on a riser that rotates 360 degrees, and there are ramps everywhere. It is really, really neat."

He paused momentarily and chuckled. "The stage is still smokin'" when ZZ Top

gets on."

Lynyrd Skynrd is also promoting a new album titled "Edge of Forever." Powell said, "Edge of Forever" captures the original roots of Skynrd."

Powell began piano lessons at a young age, but it wasn't until the Beatles debut that he said, "the light bulb went off." He then realized he wanted to pursue a career in music.

When the group first began to take shape in the late 1960's in Jacksonville, Fla., Powell was a roadie. Later, he signed on as a keyboard player.

The band frequented bars and clubs until producer Al Kooper saw them play one night in Atlanta. Immediately recognizing their talent, he signed them to his new record label and produced their first album, "Pronounced Lehn-nerd Skin-nerd." The 1973 release contained the anthem "Freebird" and went on to sell mil-

lions of copies.

Later that year, Lynyrd Skynrd hooked up with the Who's Quadrophenia tour. Some band members joked, "Only 22 and on tour with the Who." Few musicians their age had ever reached that level of success so rapidly.

The albums that followed the debut spawned numerous hits including "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Gimme Three Steps." The band earned worldwide acclaim and quickly built a reputation as both an outstanding live act and hardcore partiers. In the mid-70's, Skynrd was one of the biggest concert draws in the U.S.

On Oct. 20, 1977, three days after the release of the sixth LP, a plane carrying the band crashed into a swamp outside Gillsburg, Mississippi. Ronnie Van Zant, lead vocalist and founding father to the band, was killed instantly. Guitarist Steve

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Ending days at Tiger stadium encourages hooky

Last Monday, I skipped class - not for a very good reason. For baseball. And I don't regret it.

I know, I know. In the past few weeks, I've encouraged unlawful sex, condoned the potentially dangerous act of food fighting, and now I'm talking about skipping class.

I really ought title this column "This week in self-destructive collegiate irresponsibility." I'm like a chimpanzee with a flame-thrower - sure I don't look like a serious threat, but I'm really just about the most dangerous thing on earth.

We'll talk about how to steal pets and be insensitive to the elderly next week. This week, we talk about skipping classes for a game.

Not just any game. Here's why I skipped, and I'm sure you've heard - that same day, the Detroit Tigers played their last home game in Tiger Stadium. I had a ticket. I had class. I had to be there. (And I don't mean in class)

I could go on about the first game I saw in Tiger Stadium - in 1984, the year the Tigers won it all - and that my first impression as I saw the huge, beautiful field all at once from

the inside of the stadium for the first time was one of my first solid memories as a human being. I could talk about its history and tradition, all of which are important to someone who enjoys sports. I could talk about how seeing Tram and Lou walk out to second base one last time brought rushing back to me every sweet old emotion from my childhood that was



MIKE MURPHY

precious and pure.

But I won't bother. Even though the game and the people I was seeing it with meant so much to me, some of you will call me irresponsible for skipping. You might say that a baseball game isn't worth missing classes that I paid for.

But am I really going to tell my grandkids, when they ask about Tiger stadium, that I had tickets to the last game and let them go? No, I'm not.

And you might say that college is about going to class and getting an education and getting ready for real life, and supplanting any of it for a sporting event - even one this big - is as irresponsible as calling for sex in publicly private places.

And you're right.

But isn't irresponsibility what being young is all about? Isn't going a little crazy what college is all about? Now I don't mean anyone should pop amphetamines, skip a week of classes or introduce their 10-year old brother to the magical, mystical world of alcohol. That would be stupid.

But it's the all-nighters, road trips and baseball games during class time that make college. We're unleashed here, coming into our own. For the first time in our lives, we're behind the wheel and damn it, we're going out for a drive with no destination in mind. The world is here to see and touch and putter around in. And you bet I'm going to go out there and putter like a madman.

When you kiss that tuition check goodbye and hope the gods of the financial aid and student accounts office bless it with a non-problematic deposit, what are you really

buying? Are you paying for a set of college classes? Or the college experience?

How many of you sad souls think this place is just like high school, only with classes after 2 p.m.?

Wake up. The alarm's going off, and we've put it across the room so you have to get out of bed to turn it off. While you're up, look in the mirror. If you aren't having the time of your life right now, you're getting ripped off.

I can only hope that the professors that teach my Monday classes understand this.

But I'm confident. I know I have the most understanding, patient and kind instructors at this University.

Rather, I'd better. Because I believe I've just told them why I wasn't in class in a very public and somewhat embarrassing way. I could be in trouble, here.

But on any given day, I would rather be in danger and really live, than be safe and just exist.

Wouldn't you?

Editor's Note: The professor Mike had for the class he skipped also had tickets, but sold them.

Mike Murphy is a senior journalism major and columnist for THE OAKLAND POST.

'Mumford' has shrinking appeal

By Sarah Everson

SPECIAL WRITER TO THE OAKLAND POST

"Mumford" has quite the ensemble of well known actors and actresses in its cast, Alfre Woodard, Ted Danson, and Mary McDonnell, to name a few.

Mumford, (played by Loren Dean) is the name of the newest resident and who is also a psychologist. However, Mumford is also the name of the town in which the movie takes place.

"Mumford" is the tale of a man who has only been in town a short time and in that time has gotten to know practically every one in town. Also, he has more patients than the other two therapists in town. Mumford seems like your average psychologist, he is big on keeping doctor / patient privilege. However, he makes mention of the right to refuse service to anyone, the only person we ever see him say this to is Lionel Dillard (played by Martin Short). Mumford soon meets Skip Skipperton (played by Jason Lee), who is the town's chief employer, a skateboarding guru, and young like Mumford. So, they start to hang out, because friendship is what Skip needs. Pretty soon Mumford opens up to Skip and comes across as being big on being professional but still tells Skip about some of his patients. Soon after he gets a new patient, Sophie Crisp, who has been diagnosed as having Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. They do activities together like walking and delivering newspapers, instead of staying in the office. Skip soon feels like he can tell Mumford his biggest secret and in return Mumford confides in Skip and informs him that he is not even a real psychologist. He tells Skip that as long as he can remember people could always talk to him and confide in him. He tells

him that what he does is listen and tries to catch a glimpse of the patient's "secret life" and tries to help them. So pretty soon Lionel Dillard decides to investigate Mumford with the other two therapists in town. So Drs. Delbanco and Sheeler try to get to know Mumford to find out his background. This however does not get them anywhere so; they go to the State Certification Board and get Mumford placed under review.

However, by this time all of his patients have been able to get past their problem and it is Mumford who has a problem, he has fallen in love with one of his patients. Ironically his past is revealed to most of the town by his favorite show-"Unsolved Mysteries."

Mumford Rated R

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(Out of four stars)

we get the sense that he is really a down to earth guy. Throughout the movie he continues to be more believable.

Martin Short's character, Lionel Dillard is also very believable because as soon as we are introduced to his character, he comes across as an uptight, overbearing man, who gets under your skin. This is unlike Martin Short's usual characters, which make people laugh.

The setting of the movie, the fictional town of Mumford, is believable because it seems like the perfect place to start over. Half way through the movie it is still being portrayed as perfect, i.e. milk delivery, even though by now we know it is not perfect at all.

The R rating that "Mumford" has is appropriate because there is quite

a bit of vulgar language, too much graphic imagery and some drug use.

"Mumford" is a movie that deals with social issues like, obsession with appearances, unhappy marriages and ethical questions, such as doctors falling in love with their patients, the methods people use to help others with their problems, and thinking some behaviors are normal.



Courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

Beauty in the eye of the beholder



Courtesy of Dream Works Pictures

By Matt Garcia
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but beauty becomes interesting when seen through the eyes of opposing viewpoints. Beauty becomes a point of conflict when ideals collide.

Such is the case with the new drama/comedy movie produced by Dreamworks, "American Beauty."

Intelligent writing and a strong cast make American Beauty a powerful movie. The story takes place in suburban America and revolves around the lives of a few people who hold different ideals of what is beautiful.

The main character Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey) is a depressed writer who hates his job at a magazine and is unhappily married. His ideal of beauty is youthful exuberance.

His wife Carolyn Burnham (Annette Bening) is the materialistic, self-help junkie, real estate representative who is also unhappy being married. Her attraction is focused on career driven attitudes.

Their daughter, Jane is played by Thora Birch. Jane is the average, semi-gothic angry teen, who wishes to be what fashion calls beautiful. Jane is struggling to decide whether or not to be like Angela.

Jane's foil character and friend is Angela (Mena Suvari).

Angela is the pretty blonde cheerleader who yearns to be a model and finds that the most terrible thing to be is ordinary. Wes Bentley plays the most intriguing character. Bentley plays Ricky Fitts, the eccentric son of an ex-marine who lives next door and captures unique version of beauty on his ever-ready video camera. His father, Col. Fitts with his tough crew cut, finds order and disciplines the key to a good life. What makes this movie wonderful is that the characters are real enough to be believable. Everyone has met someone like Angela or Jane at least once in their life.

The prominent story line is Lester finds youthful beauty in Angela and wishes to relieve his youth through her by trying to strike up a relationship with her (to Jane's dismay). Lester finds

American Beauty Rated R

(Out of four stars)

American standards with social commentary, and sometimes it just makes you think.

Besides an original story line involving numerous characters the movie itself is visually clever. Settings often reveal something about the character before they speak. Wes's house, which is ruled by his ex-marine father, is a dreary brown with everything polished, in order, and aligned symmetrically. The message here is order and discipline. Often when the Burnhams are together in their house or dining room, every thing is a depressing blue.

Here's an inside tip; red roses are a motif in the movie. Whenever an important character changing conversation or action happens, red roses in a vase are in the same scene with Lester, or in the dream sequences.

Not only are the settings visually fun, but the actors themselves undergo transformations to accent the characters changes. Lester starts the movie out of shape, lethargic, and clumsy. When he finds rejuvenation through the thought of getting together with Angela, Lester worked out and got in shape not only to impress Angela, but the bring out his character's

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Now you can buy 'Happiness'

By Cara Plowman
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Making a fan network from its nine time platinum album "Clumsy," made a name for Our Lady Peace. A name that also won them two Juno awards in Canada last year and a spot in the Woodstock '99 line up.

Now, and as strong as ever, the new album "Happiness... is not a fish you can catch" is enticing fans of yesterday and may surprise those who only know them from radio play of "Superman is dead."

For lyricist Raine Maida, the world is still an enigma. No worry though, his poetry-like songs are only made better.

"Happiness..." has 11 tracks where Maida opens his mind to the world and pours out his confusion. With that, he drops a masterpiece onto our laps.

The band's first release "One Man Army," which also has a video where Maide is flying through the air, is in heavy radio rotation.

To get to the really good stuff, I mean really good, listen to "Happiness..." and ask 'what took so long?' "Clumsy" was release in January of 1997. With two and a half years since then, hard core fans have been begging for it. They even formed a on-line fan club arena called Clumsy Congress (www.clumsycongress.com).

So how bad can the world be for Our Lady Peace? Both "Naveed" (the band's first album) and "Clumsy" showed a dark and almost insane look at the world and love. But, with so much acclaim for the band on both sides of the border, the fear that they might leave the pity party crossed my mind. The loss of such a rare commodity would be a loss in deed. I mean, of course, the loss of a brilliant talent like Maide to happiness.

Our Lady Peace is Raine Maida, lead vocals and lyrics, Mike Turner, guitar, Duncan Coult, bass, and Jeremy Taggart, drums.

The lyrics really are the first thing your ear will notice. They tap into emotional wells that you can somehow relate to in some way. They aren't cheesy or overdone. Instead, they are subtle, and each has an abstract story to tell.

In "Is anybody home?" the melodic upbeat guitar line drops off into a chorus with Maide's flawless voice jumping octaves within one word.

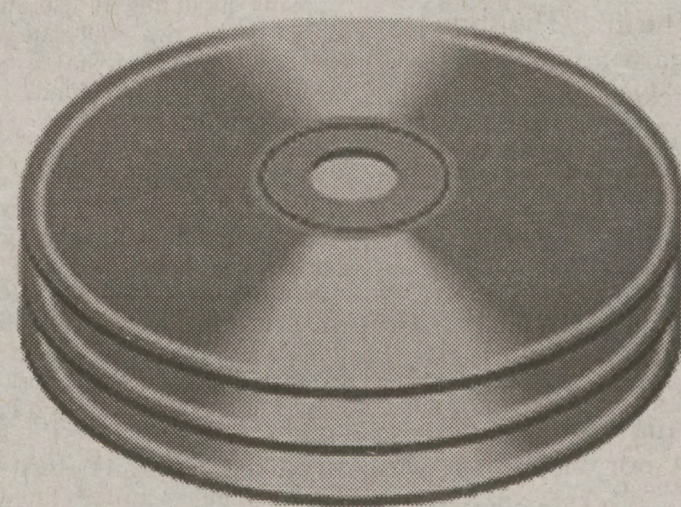
"Blister" is probably the best example of Maide's confusion in the world.

He sings "Only I wonder why. If only my hands weren't tied. The world's a blister. But I'm okay with it... No one listens, but I'm okay with it."

This, like other Our Lady Peace CD's, is a sing along album. You'll take pride in knowing every vocal feat and guitar chord.

The title track "Happiness and the fish" predictably may be the next single to be released. In many ways it sums up the bands style on the album.

The chorus says, "I'm upset happiness is not a fish that you can catch. Imagination can't resist this laziness that pins you down."



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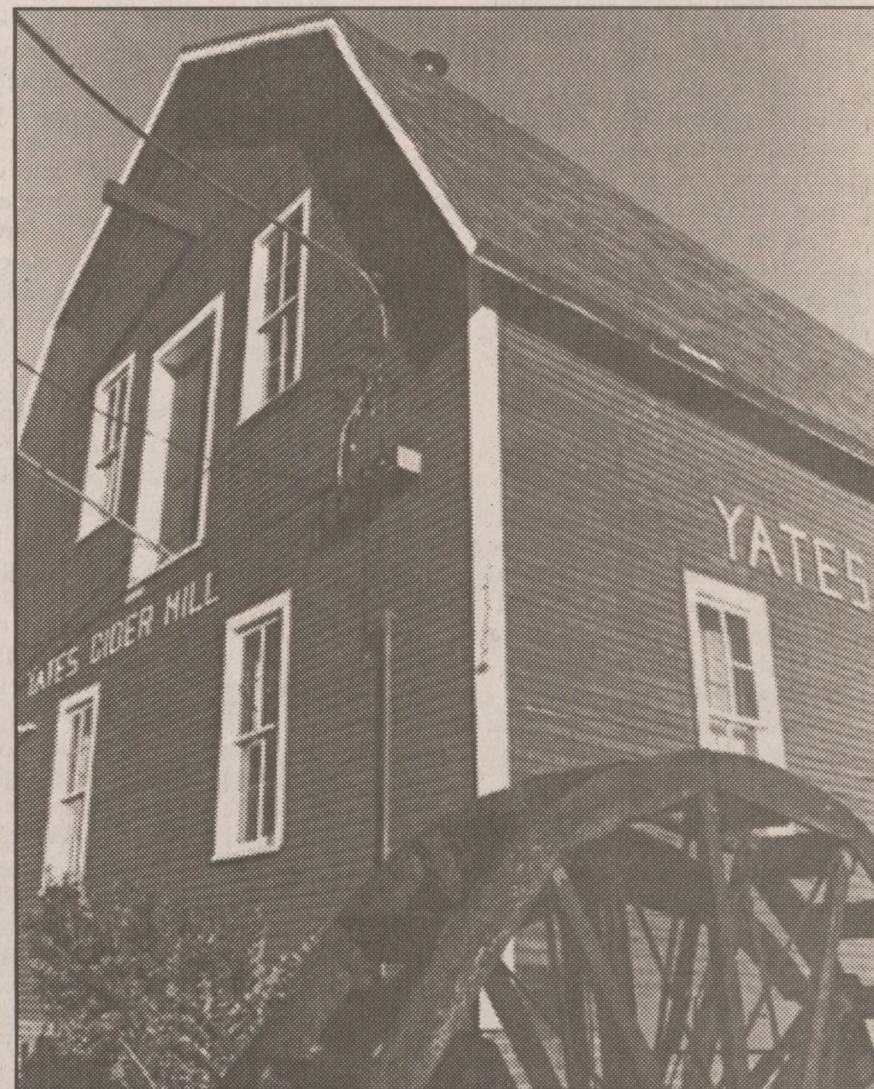
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Reena Sibayan/The Oakland Post

HORSING AROUND: Children of all ages, young and old, may enjoy horseback riding.

Run of the Mill



Reena Sibayan/The Oakland Post

MILLING AROUND: With fall comes the harvesting of apples. Cider Mills offer a different place to relax.

By Kathryn Pina
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Imagine, for a moment, a place where you can relax away from the rigors of school, under a blushing oak tree with a cup of warm apple cider, with a doughnut in one hand, and a pumpkin for Halloween at your side. Sound surreal?

Now that it's officially Fall, it's time to start thinking about visiting Rochester's cider mills. Cider mills are a great place to relax, and an alternative to the

typical student entertainment options.

"It's a fun place to go off-campus. It's a different pace. It's relaxing outside. The atmosphere is refreshing," said Sarah Long, junior, journalism, and an employee at Yates Cider Mill.

Yates Cider Mill, located at 23 mile and Dequindre, offers pasteurized apple cider, doughnuts, fudge, pony rides, a goat pen, an old-fashioned water mill, and (of course) apples. There is even a hiking trail

along the Clinton river for nature-lovers. Yates is open Monday through Sunday 9-7.

Other choices in cider mills include the Rochester Cider Mill, three miles north of Rochester on Rochester Road, open Monday through Sunday 8-6. They have unpasteurized cider, doughnuts, jellies, pumpkins, honey, corn stalks, apples, hot cider, pies and fresh unpopped popcorn. They boast pens of sheep and turkey, with an indoor playground and picnic tables.

Goodison Cider Mill is the farthest from campus, four miles away from Rochester on Orion Road in Goodison. Open Monday through Sunday 9-6, Goodison also offers apples and apple-related products. In addition, it has "knickknacks" and crafts, in case you're looking for a last minute birthday present on the way to your mother's house for dinner.

Most of the cider mills maintain regular business hours throughout the fall, until Thanksgiving.

e-mail cards

Online e-mail greetings take on a new and animated look. E-cards invade some websites and offer an alternative to sending a letter.

By Carmen Abrego
SPECIAL WRITER TO THE OAKLAND POST

Is your e-mail lacking the attention it deserves these days? Do you need to add a more creative look to your letters?

E-cards are something a friend or relative can look forward to reading when they open their e-mail. You can't beat the cost, because it's FREE!

Greeting cards have moved into cyberspace with companies now offering virtual cards for any occasion.

Matthew Catalano, senior, elementary education, discovered a web site when the Detroit Red Wings were in their two winning Stanley Cup playoff runs. Catalano was devoted to the team and their progress. Information on the web site included statistics, news stories and player profiles. One of the features of this site

was a greeting card that you could send to someone via the Internet.

There was an action card of Steve Yzerman shooting a hockey puck into a goal and an animated card of an octopus splattering your computer screen. All you had to do was pick the card you wanted to send, type in the e-mail address of the person you were sending it to and leave a personalized message inside.

The person you sent the card to would receive an e-mail message telling them to go to a certain web site where they could view their greeting card, as well as a password to confirm authenticity.

Electronic greeting cards can be sent to your e-mail friends or relatives from Yahoo.com, Amazon.com, or AOL.com, just to name a few.

"I like to use E-cards for special occasions instead of having to use regular

greeting cards," said Matthew Seville, senior, computer science.

There are literally hundreds of free cards to choose from on various web sites. People are most familiar with the South Park animated greetings, found on the Comedy Central web site.

"When I need to send a friend a card from far away, Comedy Central.com always has entertaining cards that I know can perk anyone up," said Jeffrey Stoffer, Kresge Computer Lab Administrative Consultant, sophomore, english major.

You can celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and special holidays with e-cards. Or send that special someone a message of affection.

"E-cards can be very useful. I'd use it if I had someone special and could send it to them just for fun," said David F. Cotter II,

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Photo courtesy of Amazon.com

SUPER DOGS: "Together we can do anything."



Photo courtesy of Amazon.com

FLOWERY: "I really, really, really like you." These and many other types of cards are available at Amazon.com under e-cards. There are also other sites that offer this service.

For Your ENTERTAINMENT

literature

"Tis: A Memoir"
by Frank McCourt

This book picks up where Angela's Ashes left off. Set in 1949, the 19 years-old McCourt was born in New York but more recently lived in Ireland. Now, he faces the trials of having no secondary education, prejudices and desperation during his return to America.

• 367 Pages
• \$15-26

Also by McCourt
-Angela's Ashes: A Memoir

Check out Amazon.com
for more information

the arts

The Detroit Film Theatre
presents movies by
Francois Truffaut

Movies spanning 25 years, emotion filled and moody stories compose the 23 films for the festival at the DFT. The shows run regularly until the end of November. The French director died in 1984 which left the rights to all of his films scattered. Some were not available for theatrical view until recently.

The Detroit Film Theatre is located with in the Detroit Institute of Arts at 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit.

Call 313-833-2323 for show times and details.

concert

"Run DMC"
at the Fox Theatre

This Saturday
• Tickets range in price from \$29.50- 50.
• 8:00 p.m.
• All ages show

With special guests
The Sugarhill Gang
Grandmaster Melle Mel
Kurtis Blow
Whodini

The show is celebrating 20 years of Hip-Hop. Who could do this better than the originator's Run DMC?

Fox Theatre Detroit
2211 Woodward
Ticketmaster 248-645-6666

local music

Small venue concerts

"Nobody Special"
Wired Frog Coffee House
21145 Gratiot Ave., Eastpointe
This Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6.

Patricia Barber
Bird of Paradise
207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor
Four shows: Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50.

"Ratt"
Harpo's Concert Theatre
14238 Harper Ave., Detroit
This Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.50.

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Gaines and his sister Cassie also perished. The rest escaped with injuries and made the painful decision to disband.

Dealing with the devastating emotional trauma was very difficult. Drugs and alcohol began to work its way deeper and deeper into the lives of some crash survivors.

"For a long time, we were very bitter," Powell recalled. "Because the rug was pulled out from under us so fast, that's when we got real bad."

Four of the remaining members created the Rossington-Collins Band in 1979. The group was mildly successful but never really managed to rekindle the

vibrant magic of the original band. They broke up in 1983.

Powell soon joined a Christian rock band and played several small clubs, always trying adamantly to spread the groups anti-drug message. Powell began to notice an interesting trend at these performances.

"We played some Skynyrd songs, and people would shout 'Play more Skynyrd.' I thought, man, those fans still love us. They're so loyal. It would be a sin to let it die. Ronnie and Steve wouldn't want it to happen," he said.

One decade after the plane accident, a new Lynyrd Skynyrd formed. Ronnie Van Zant's younger brother, Johnny, took over the lead vocal position, and the 1987 reunion tour was immensely popular.

Tragedy struck once more in 1990 when guitarist Allen Collins died of pneumonia in January.

"Every band I know that's made it really big has gone through some hell," Powell said. "No one really makes it overnight."

Powell said the secret to Lynyrd Skynyrd's longevity has been the ability to constantly remain grounded.

"We're good at what we do, but we never let it get to our heads. Some bands get a big ego, and that brings their downfall. We're all just regular, honest, hardworking guys, just as normal as you are."

Fans have always felt they can relate to this band on a personal level. That unique connection between band and audience further heightens their appeal.

Lynyrd Skynyrd's current roster includes original members Gary Rossington, guitar, Billy Powell, piano, and Leon Wilkeson, bass, along with Johnny Van Zant, vocals, Ricky Medlocke, guitar, Hughie Thomasson, guitar and Michael Cartellone, drums.

Before each show, the whole group gathers backstage for a prayer. They have a lot to be thankful for. The band has been blessed with tremendous strength that has allowed them to conquer countless obstacles and hardships over the last 30 years. Also, drugs and alcohol, which dominated their lives for so long, are no longer a part of the scene.

"It's been a long road. We're all very grateful."

WALK

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wearing her red cap at the walk. She is a survivor of congestive heart failure. "I am so thankful to be alive," she said. She will be participating in the one mile walk.

For those who can't walk on Saturday, there are other ways to join in.

Students can donate money to the AHA by buying a paper heart for a \$1. at the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development Office.

"The hearts are a community effort to donate money. These paper hearts will be hung on the windows of the Pioneer Food Court giving recognition to the people who contributed.

At a Friday raffle in the Pioneer Food Court, seven people will have a chance to

win one reserved parking space for a month from October 1999-April 2000. Raffle tickets are \$1. each. All proceeds will go to the AHA.

Walkers also have the opportunity to win prizes depending on how much money they receive as pledges as a group or as individuals. Some of the prizes include t-shirts, cooler chairs, Minolta 35mm cameras, deluxe travel kits, Berber vests, rain jackets, Movado museum watches and travel bags.

Student participation on campus is also very important to Miller. She has rallied up the support of campus organizations, such as Golden Key National Honor Society, Pre-Medical Society, Pre-Physical Therapy Club, and Greek fraternities and sororities.

Senior, Jeffery Kennedy, Phi Beta Sigma's secretary, will be taking time out for the event by assisting with pre-walk registration. He has a very positive attitude about this event. "There is a need for young peo-

ple to be aware of this problem, because often times, young people feel that nothing can affect them. But this event helps raise awareness about heart problems," he said.

"(Fifty) nursing students have been planning for this event since August, by developing posters and educational displays that will zero in on a particular aspect backed by the AHA, such as cardiovascular diseases in women, and heart attacks," said Burrington.

This will be the fourth year that the Nursing School will be participating in the American Heartwalk. In previous walks, which were held at the Detroit Zoo and Bald Mountain, they managed to raise almost \$3,000 for the AHA.

The Nursing Department is extremely proud of what our students are doing," said Burrington.

vice in 1998. During the holidays, there were 20,000 to 30,000 registrants.

George Aposporos, Vice President of Business Development at Amazon.com, said that in 1997 Amazon blossomed into a one-stop web shop for books, music video's, and electronic greeting cards. Aposporos still believes that the realm of e-commerce is still in its very early stages of development.

The Virtual Card Shop (www.bizshoppe.com/cardshop.html) has a unique message that is seen on its web site. "Our greeting cards express inner life experiences...thoughts, lessons, inspirations intended to support close ones or acquaintances, whether they are in joy or in distress. These electronic communications act as reminders of our mutual connections as we travel similar paths."

So the next time you send an e-mail to someone special, add something different to it. Include an electronic greeting card, you may just brighten up someone's day.

the title of the movie and underneath it states "look closer" says a lot about what the movie it about. It is about getting away from our social programming of beauty (skin deep) and thinking about it on the personal level.

For a night of laughs, serious insights, and great conversation material for later, see American Beauty. It is a movie with so many emotional levels and plot twists that it is hard to label for accurate description. It definitely is one movie worth seeing and one you won't forget for a while.

The Center for Student Activities

"What's Happening" This Week!

If you want to find out "what's happening" on OU's campus, this is the weekly column to read. This column is brought to you by The Center for Student Activities (CSA) Office. We are located in Room 49 in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Our phone number is 2400, on campus, or (248) 370-2400, off campus.

Experience a "Five Star Weekend" at

WOCOU V

Weekend of Champions
at Oakland University
September 30-October 2

Check out the complete schedule on bulletin boards or pick up a schedule in the CSA Office or the 20/20 Information Center. Remember, WOCOU is for the enjoyment of the entire Oakland University community, so please participate and enjoy!

Students: Pick up your FREE ticket to the University Appreciation Dinner, held on Friday, October 1, at the CSA Service Window.

Some of the highlights of this three-day Fall Festival are:

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| Thursday: | Pancake Breakfast; Student Organizations Day; Career Fair; Dive In Theatre and Luau Party |
| Friday: | OU Spirit Day; Eight-Ball Tournament; Picnic Games; Novelty Games; Men's Soccer Game; "Meet me in the OC" University Appreciation Dinner; Comedienne Sherry Davey; The Gordon Bennett Band; "Pump it Up" Talent Night |
| Saturday: | The American Heart Walk; SPB Road Rally; Basketball Jam' 99; Second City Improv Touring Group. |

WOCOU V

All Campus 5 Star Eight Ball Tournament

The tournament will be held, Friday, October 1, will begin at noon in the OC Games Room. The tournament is open to all Oakland University students, faculty and staff. The entry fee is \$5 per person. Participants can sign up between now thru October 1 in "Bumpers" Oakland Center Games Room. The tournament will be limited to the first 32 persons who enter.

First and Second place winners will receive trophies and prizes.



OU Annual Blood Drive

Oakland University will be having its annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday-Wednesday, October 18-20. The Blood Drive will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, OC.

The Red Cross is in a critical need of blood. Each donation of one pint per person can help save the life of up to three people. The average adult's body contains about 10-12 pints of blood and the body continuously makes new blood. Giving blood is safe.

This year, to show that giving blood is not scary, The Red Cross will provide a free pass to the "Trilogy of Terror" Haunted House, located in Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills to those people who make an appointment and give blood. To make an appointment, please call the CSA Office at 370-2400.

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

located directly next to the CSA Office

Oakland University events you can sign up for are:

- > WOCOU V Appreciation Dinner Tickets for commuter students on October 1.
- > SATE Professional Conference
- > The "Fall Meadow Brook Ball" at Meadow Brook Hall on October 30th

SPB events you can buy tickets for are:

- > "Second City" Touring Company on October 2 at Varner Recital Hall.
- > Trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul on November 4-7.
- > Tickets to "Footloose" on November 14 at the Fisher Theatre (starting on October 4).
- > Sign up for the Annual "Murder Mystery" at Meadow Brook Hall on November 13.
- > Sign up for the Annual SPB Ski Trip, January 21-23 at Shanty Creek

Campus Week of Dialogue, October 4 - 8

Campus Town Hall Meeting On Racism at Oakland University

Facilitated by Dr. Kevin Early, Associate Professor of Sociology

Monday, October 4
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Gold Rooms, OC

All students, faculty and staff are urged to attend and participate in this important discussion.

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SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S SOCCER

SEPT. 22

Oakland 1
Western Michigan 0

SEPT. 27

Oakland 6
Detroit 1

MEN'S SOCCER

SEPT. 23

Oakland 4
Eastern Michigan 0

SEPT. 26

Oakland 3
Akron 0

VOLLEYBALL

SEPT. 24

Oral Roberts 3
Oakland 0

SEPT. 25

Akron 3
Oakland 0

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The Alumni beat the Men's and Women's Swim teams on Sept. 25 and 26.

UPCOMING GAMES

WOMEN'S GOLF

SEPT. 29 & 30-at
Chicago State University,
Time TBA.

SEPT. 3 & 4-Northern
Illinois University
Invitational, Time TBA.

MEN'S SOCCER

OCT. 1-BUTLER, 4 P.M.

OCT. 3-at Western
Illinois, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

OCT 1-at Western
Illinois, 3 p.m.

OCT 3-at Wisconsin-
Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

OCT 2-BLACK & GOLD
INTRASQUAD, 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

OCT 2-at Youngstown
State, 3 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

OCT 2- at Loyola
Lakefront Invitational,
Time, TBA.

TENNIS

OCT. 2-at Bradley, 9
a.m. & vs. Eastern
Illinois(at Bradley), 1 p.m.

The great outdoors

The Bass Pro Shop in Great Lakes Crossing Mall is an indoor adventure for the outdoor lover



Photo courtesy of www.basspro.com

STOREFRONT: The Dallas, Texas store will soon be joined by a new store opening in Houston, Texas.

By Kelli Petrove
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Even though the winter months are coming on fast, don't let the great outdoors be forgotten. With the help of the Bass Pro Shop in Great Lakes Crossing mall, guests can get the feel of the outdoors without the wind-chill factor. Bass Pro offers classes, activities and shopping for any outdoor lover and family.

"We have very unique 'WOW' classes, wonders of the outdoor world, at no charge," hunting manager Jeff Kibler said. WOW classes and seminars are free of charge to the public and are taught by experts in the specific field. Classes currently offered are archery and youth fishing. Starting the first of the year hunter education and safety courses will begin. Golf and camping seminars are offered in the summer months and a GPS, global positioning systems, education course has just finished.

"Most people return GPS because they don't know how to use them," Kibler said. "We offer classes to show folks how to use their new units."

Bass Pro also offers licenses for all state of Michigan hunting and fishing seasons.

Bass Pro has many departments to cater to any outdoorsman's needs. They include camping, fly fishing, marine, gifts, golf, hunting and fishing. The store also offers a large selection of apparel. Different sections offer a camouflage department for hunting which includes all accessories

needed, golf apparel, footwear, casual, outerwear and swim wear.

"We are an all season store," Kibler said. "In the spring we have fishing, summer is camping, fall for hunting and late fishing seasons and we have the holiday season, and then it starts all over."

To fight the winter blues, Bass Pro has a wide variety of activities for people of all ages. There is a laser arcade with interactive figures for the children and families which costs 50 cents a game. For the more advanced there are live fire shooting ranges. Guests over the age of 12 can participate in a 20-yard ten station 3D pop up archery range for \$7 an hour. For the over 14 crowd, there is a six station handgun range for \$5 an hour. Also, there is a two station rifle and shotgun range for \$9 an hour.

For those not interested in the firearms there are several water areas. The first is a 30,000 gallon aquarium which houses almost all of the fish that are native to Michigan waters. These fish were taken directly from the waters in and surrounding the Michigan area. The aquarium is highlighted with a three-story high waterfall.

There is also an in-house trout stream with a working mill.

"We have something for everybody in our store," Kibler said. "While the father is looking for hunting supplies, the children can look at the trout stream or use the laser arcade."

Kibler said that the majority of the guests are families,



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ADMIRING NATURE: Guests at Bass Pro check out the three story waterfall and the Michigan native aquarium.

however, there is a very diverse group of people in the store.

"We are a very family oriented facility, but we see everything from moms pushing strollers with newborns to folks in their 80's and 90's," Kibler said.

The history of the Bass Pro chain makes the store what it has become today. The Great

Lakes store opened on May 6, 1999, but the company was started in 1970 by John L. Morris in Springfield, Illinois.

"It all started with two small aisles of fishing tackle in a family liquor store," Kibler said.

Since the 70's the store has grown nationwide and now has stores in Springfield,

Missouri; Dania, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Atlanta, Georgia; Islamorada, Florida; Dallas, Texas and Charlotte, North Carolina. New stores will open soon in Houston, Texas; Nashville, Tennessee and Orlando, Florida.

The largest store and the company's field store is in Springfield in a 300,000

square feet facility.

The company turned from a family owned business into a partnership between Morris and Gaylord Entertainment.

Bass Pro in Great Lakes Crossing mall is open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sun. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hunters become the hunted when protesters go wild

Hunting seasons are starting soon, and hunters aren't the only ones who know about it. Animal rights protesters are well aware of the start of the season. The animals are aware of it, too.

Goose season started a couple of weeks ago, which could account for the excessive population of them on OU's campus. OU is among many protected areas that the geese flock to in the fall months.

The geese aren't simply trying to complicate our lives on campus with an array of goose poop, they are hiding from the hunters. They'll be safe until a student steps into one too many little piles of poop.

Hunting is a necessary population control issue and

plays an important role in maintaining a safe society for humans.

Without deer hunting season, there would be a large increase in the deer population, and this could cause harm to people. There would either be many more deer hit by cars or there would be a herd living in the middle of downtown Detroit.

As much as I think that hunting season is important for our society, I do not condone needless killing of animals. If animals are killed for their meat and actually used for food, then hunting is serving two purposes: population control and helping to

feed the hunters' families.

The benefits of hunting are clear to hunters who can live all winter off the meat they have frozen from their kills during the season. They are killing for survival, not sport.

Every day cows are slaughtered for their meat in mass numbers, but protesters see deer hunting as a larger problem.

All protesters of hunting are not vegetarians, so why is it okay to eat cows, but not deer?

Protesters attack hunters in other ways than picketing and carrying signs. An aunt of mine has protested hunting for years. So much that she refuses to step foot into

my sister's home because my sister is a hunter. This form of protest, which is common, has torn apart a family and severed relationships.

Yes, my sister hunts. And she is darn good at it too. She has been on television as the first woman to get a buck in a season and has many times been more successful than her husband who has been hunting all of his life.

Why is hunting an area of such controversy? Yes, it is taking the life of a living creature, however, people kill people everyday, and the protesters are not out there fighting for safer streets. They are more concerned about killing animals. People are more important than animals, as harsh as that sounds, it is true. If protesters of hunt-

ing would focus some of their attention on writing letters to Congress to change gun laws and education maybe the streets would be safer for people.

Animals are an important part of our lives, whether for food or companionship, and needless killing is wrong. However, any killing of a person is also wrong and should be looked at as a more important issue than hunting seasons.

So, why not concentrate on saving the lives of fellow humans, instead of intruding on the lives of those who enjoy hunting.

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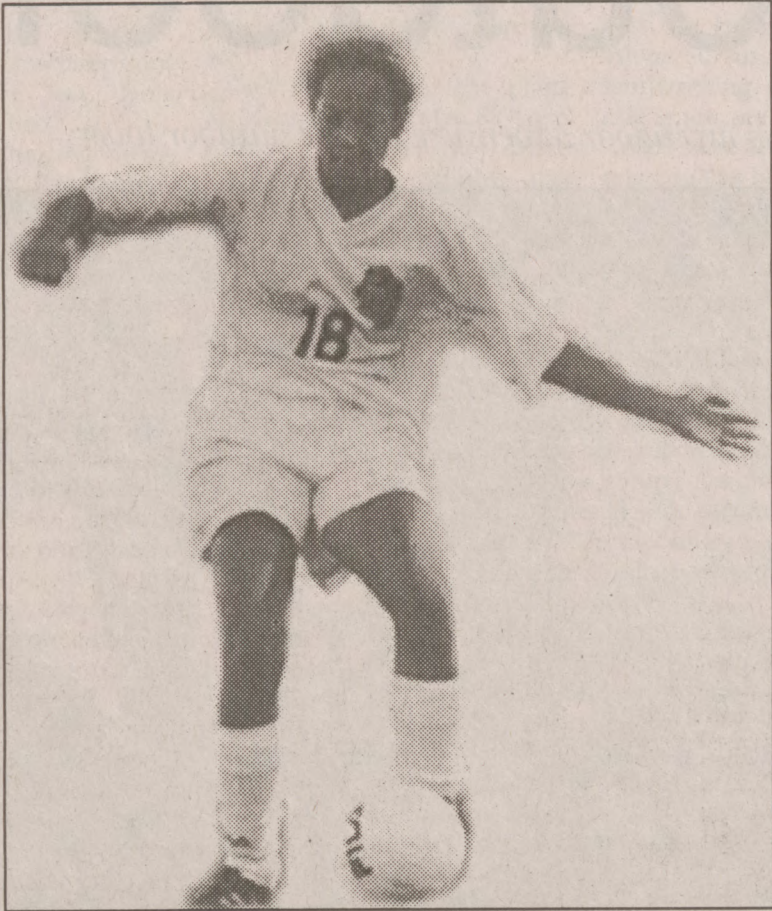
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Spotlight on the

Black & Gold

LINDSAY
STOVER



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By Anne Hansen and Chelsea Charles
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Soccer is Lindsay Stover's first love. This love has shown in her impressive soccer career at Hartland High School. In 1998-99 she was named team captain, made the All-District soccer and academic team and was team MVP. This 5'6" freshman now graces OU's soccer field, playing defense for the Grizzlies Women's Soccer team. Stover notices a big difference between high school and college play. "It's a lot different, but it is better." Stover had to get used to the fact that the players are a lot bigger at the college level. "The speed of the game is so much more intense," Stover said. In high school she recalls pushing into rivals and them backing up. "Now if you push a player they will definitely push you back," Stover said. To psyche herself up for the intense playing, she listens to Kid Rock's song "Bawitdaba" before every game. "Everyone thinks I'm crazy, but it's relaxing," she said. It would seem difficult to stay relaxed juggling such a rigorous lifestyle. Stover practices from 4-6

p.m. every day except game days, and balances a 12 credit class load. She is undecided as to her major, she thinks law school may be in her future. Yet, she still makes time to socialize with her Grizzly teammates. Her roommate Debbie Cartnel, traveled from England to play on the soccer team. "It's cool. There are a lot of players from different countries on the team, so I'm learning something new everyday," Cartnel said. "They're wonderful, I love hearing all the different accents." Presently, there are two players from Norway, one from England and three from Canada playing on the team. Stover has not had much playing time this season due to a sprained ankle. Stover says that it's hard to see field time as an underclassman, but it is twice as hard when you're injured. Head Women's Soccer coach Nick O'Shea has high hopes for Lindsay, but says that getting used to the difference between high school and college level soccer is her biggest difficulty. Stover has a good attitude toward the situation. "I know I haven't been playing well lately," she said. "Soccer is so mental, hopefully I'll get out of the rut and improve."



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KICKING AROUND: (right) Junior midfielder Jeppe Lagerbohm shows his skills in an attempt to maneuver around an EMU player on Sept. 23. (left) Junior defenseman, Nick Stockyj charges ahead of the competition at the EMU game. The Men's Soccer team has an overall record of 6-1-1 after its weekend games against EMU and Akron at home. OU defeated EMU 4-0 and Akron 3-0.



By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Get ready to go insane! For the first time ever, OU is going to have a Midnight Madness party which will mark the beginning of basketball season. By NCAA rules, OU's basketball teams can't begin practice until the third Saturday in October, so OU took the lead of other schools and decided to have a Midnight Madness party of its own. Assistant Athletic Director, Barry Neuberger, said, "We anticipate the doors of the O'rena opening at 10 p.m. on October 15. The first 500 students in line will each receive a free T-shirt. We don't know how many are going to show up, but we get a feeling that it's going to be a healthy amount of students." At 10:30 p.m., there will be a student slam dunk contest, a student three point shooting contest, a male/female team shooting contest, and there will be

lots of prizes for student's to win. At 11:30 p.m. all the non-basketball OU student athletes will be introduced as a team. "At midnight the men's and woman's basketball teams will come out on the floor, and at that point the men's team will have a slam dunk contest, and then

run midnight madness, and I will be interested to see how our students will react to this, and how it goes. I hope that it becomes a year-long event." At 12:45 a.m. the students will get cider and doughnuts donated by the Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant in Rochester. Neuberger said, "That weekend will also mark the start of alcohol awareness week at Oakland, so we wanted to make it a nice wholesome thing, and at that time of the year, what's more Michigan than cider and doughnuts." "The whole thing will be done by 1:30 a.m., but it will be a nice, fun thing and we anticipate that we will get a healthy turnout," Neuberger said. OU basketball season tickets are \$24, and each ticket is good for both the men's and women's game on a double header night.



we may have a shoot out contest from the three point line, a couple players from the women's team at one end of the court, and a couple players from the men's team at the other. Just for fun though, no prizes," said Neuberger. Men's basketball head coach, Greg Kampe said, "All the big time programs

Midnight Madness

1999 Men's Basketball Roster			1999 Women's Basketball Roster		
Name	Year	Position	Name	Year	Position
Charles Ford	Fr.	Guard	Jamie Ahlgren	Jr.	Guard
Mychal Covington	So.	Guard	Becky Barok	So.	Forward
Myke Thom	Sr.	Guard	Christina Blandford	So.	G/F
Tim Fralick	Fr.	Guard	Romica Clint	Fr.	Guard
Steve Houston	Jr.	Guard	Terry Hermanova	Sr.	Center
Steve Reynolds	Sr.	Guard	Sarah Judd	So.	Forward
Ryan Williams	So.	Guard	Jessica King	Fr.	Guard
Jason Rozycki	So.	Guard	Tish Martin	So.	Guard
Dan Champagne	Jr.	Forward	Courtney Ruffing	Sr.	Guard
Alex Miller	Fr.	Guard	Sara Skutt	Sr.	Guard
Brad Buddenborg	So.	Guard	Katie Wolfe	Fr.	Guard
Jeff Mullett	Sr.	Forward	Heather Wooldrik	Jr.	Center
Sebastien Bellin	Jr.	Central	Beth Zeone	Jr.	Guard
Jon Champagne	Jr.	Forward			

Head Coach: Greg Kampe
Assistant Coaches: Eric Stephan, Harold Baber and Jennifer Johnston
Manager: Ben Ransier

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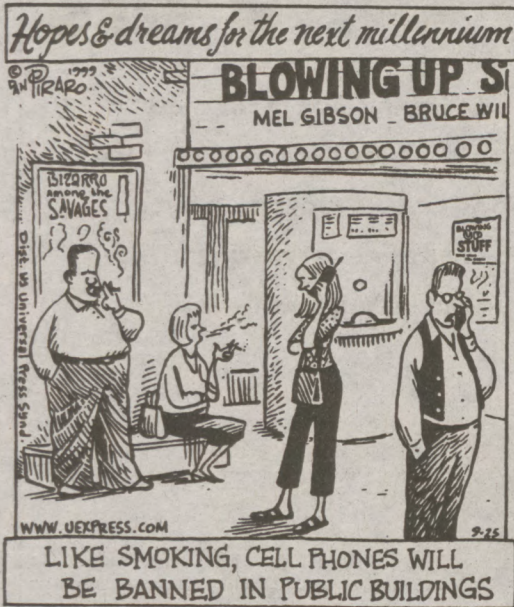
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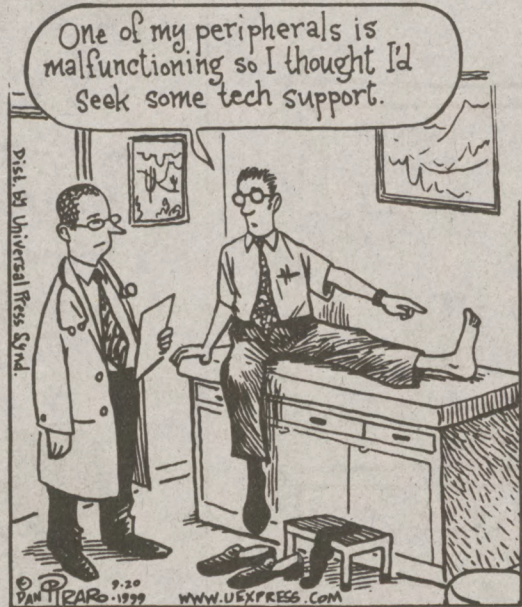
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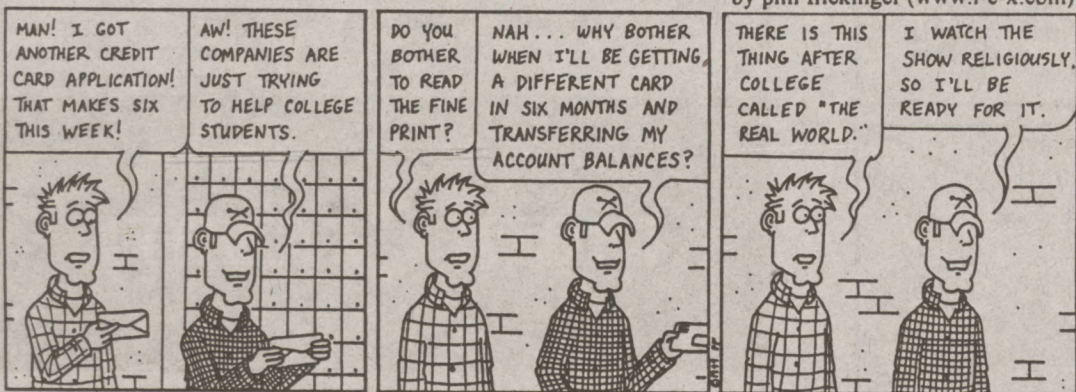
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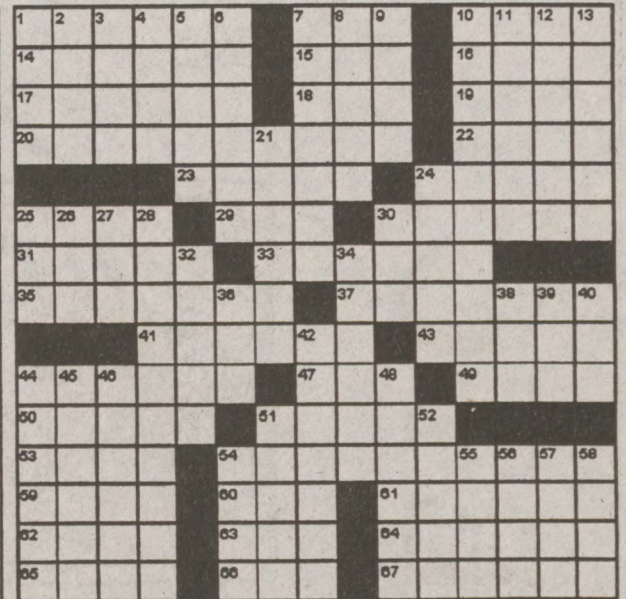
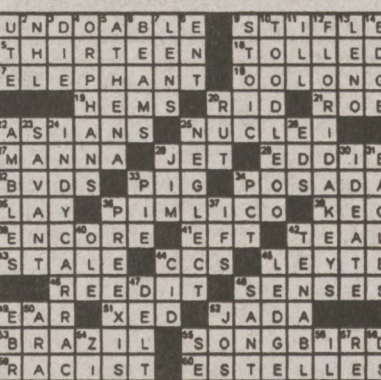
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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11 Francis of "What's My Line?"
12 Its back is up against the wall
13 Ballerina Melissa
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56 Pick the litter
57 Virginia willow
58 WWII craft

Damon's Signs of the Times

September 29 - October 5

- Aries** Sudden changes in your life may be for the better; stop fighting life and accept those things that are not in your control. Even though you are usually independent, others have insight that you need.
- Taurus** Recent setbacks are getting on your nerves and your not going to take it anymore! Dig into your reservoir of patience and you will find some peace. Your insight will help you find a more suitable career.
- Gemini** You probably are not calling the shots right now, or at least don't feel like it. Use the time during current delays and setbacks to reevaluate your own motivations and maybe you are contributing to the current friction.
- Cancer** Home or domestic life rejuvenates you this week. Past or revisited frustrations with a partner may resurface, take it as a sign that you didn't get it right the first time. Dealing with these past issues may unlock some hidden potential.
- Leo** Your lust for life may be high, but keep your playtime in check and make sure you can pay the bills. An incredible romantic partner may be found through your family, but it may fizzle just as quickly.
- Virgo** Getting your finances in order will calm your nerves. Be careful traveling this week and keep your eyes open for deception. Surprising setbacks may happen at work and just go with the flow.
- Libra** Communication is the key this week and talking with others could further your career, make your life easier, or create a good friend. Reevaluate your handling of your past relationships and be honest with yourself.
- Scorpio** Cool your jets on recent money issues because the war is nearly over. Family life is good, but make time for yourself, too. Partners can be demanding this week, so just be sure you are being fair to yourself.
- Sagittarius** Your personal power is strong and this is the time to make changes in your life, and your loved ones can and will probably help in the process. Though you will probably be traveling it will require some type of work.
- Capricorn** Work issues are resolved by accepting or perhaps initiating change. Romance may be one step forward and two steps back, but there are probably other bigger concerns in your life right now anyway.
- Aquarius** Life is probably pretty crazy right now, but this is also a good opportunity to reexamine your life and get ready for the future. A partner is a money source, though make sure everything is kosher.

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WEB girl

Web Girl is the newest edition to THE OAKLAND POST. Check her out every week and discover some of the internet's most unusual, interesting and informational websites. Be sure to follow Web Girl as she travels deep into cyberspace and discovers sites that you won't want to miss. Take it away Web Girl.....

Trying to make every penny work for you? Check out the Dollar Stretcher online, at www.stretcher.com and see small ways to save your hard-earned money that you may have never thought of.

The Millennium is approaching fast, so check out its "official" site at www.Millennium321.com to share party ideas and learn about what the future holds for us. Join the interesting debate over whether it really starts in 2000 or 2001.

Do you have your own cool website? Web Girl is looking for sites created by OU students. If you have one or know of one, please send a link to ouwebgirl@writeme.com

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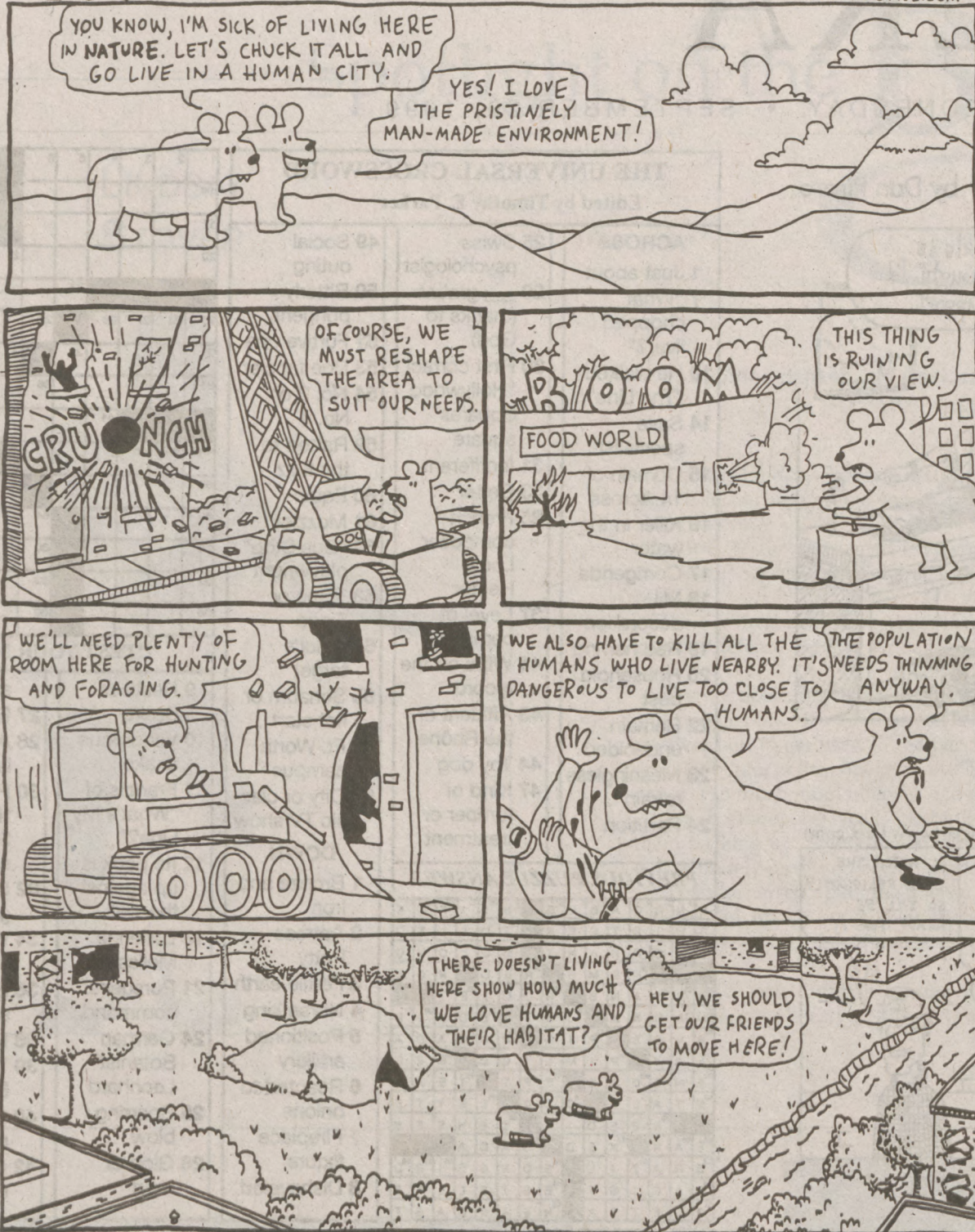
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Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE weird

LEAD STORIES

— Department of Energy security guidelines released in August, in response to reports of Chinese espionage, include a requirement that workers report any "close and continuing contact" (defined as two or more visits) with nationals from 25 specified countries. DOE official Edward Curran acknowledged to reporters that continuing sexual relationships are covered but that one-night stands are not and said he did not believe the guidelines would undermine romance or encourage promiscuity.

— An August London Observer story alerted Britons that this summer's New York City fashion fad of live snakes as women's accessories would soon hit England. Londoners just back from Manhattan reported they had seen "several" or "quite a few" snakes on the street, from dance-club exhibitionists to the upscale patrons of trendy bars like Max Fish, with serpents usually carried in handbags and chosen for their color, e.g., albinos or green garters or bright-banded corn snakes.

The Weirdo-American Community

— At an academic conference on sexuality in Madison, Wis., in May, Robert Bahr, the founder of a newsletter on masturbation, told attendees that some of his readers have adopted the "solo" sexual orientation, being neither hetero- nor homo- nor bi-sexual. According to Bahr, in remarks reported by Canada's National Post, these men "have fallen in love with their own reflections." Some engage in "marathons of masturbation, honeymoons in which they lock themselves away in their own homes, parading naked from mirror to mirror."

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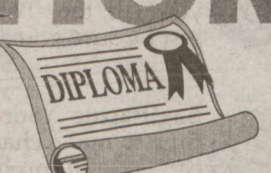
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