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Road construction looms over spring/summer



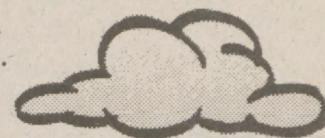
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NEWS edge

• All communication and journalism students graduating in May are invited to the Communication and Journalism Commemoration Ceremony from 4-6 p.m. on May 5 in the Pioneer Room of the Recreation Center. Everyone must RSVP to attend by calling x4120. The commencement ceremony will immediately follow the reception.

• The OU Dance Team, "Images", will be having try-outs at 6:30 p.m. on May 3 through May 5 in the Recreation Center. The dance clinics will be May 3 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and May 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The actual try-out date is May 5 at 9 a.m. Anyone with questions can call Coach Teri Bossi at 248.342.6342.

• The final Residence Halls Friday Night Live, featuring comedian Rick Bronson, will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the Vandenberg Dining Center. The event is free and open to all who are interested in attending.

• Student Program Board will be showing "Road Trip", starring Tom Green, at its Drive-In Movie starting at 8 p.m. on Friday in the parking lot against Varner Hall. The event is free and open to all.

• Applications are now being accepted for the Critical Difference Scholarship being offered by Women of Oakland University. For more information and a list of the criteria, pick up an application at the Financial Aid Office in 161 North Foundation Hall. The deadline to apply is April 30.

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BREAKING THE LAW: OUPD's investigation of last month's larceny in the parking lot by Vandenberg dorms turned up two suspects who are also students. Police estimated the stolen goods to total between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Investigation closed

OUPD finds larceny suspects, two warrants to follow

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU Police Department has identified two student suspects, who allegedly vandalized and stole property from 21 cars on March 11 in the P5 lot behind the Vandenberg dorms.

According to police, early on March 11, two students, a male and a female, allegedly used a wrist rocket sling shot, and steel BBs to shoot out car windows and steal CDs, among other things. Police estimated the stolen goods to total between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Director of Police Richard Leonard said the department was tipped on one possible suspect two weeks ago.

"We got a tip. We've been following up on the tip for two weeks," Leonard said. "Dave (Birkholz) has been the lead investigator and really has been working hard. I will say that it has been a team effort."

Birkholz, the arresting officer, said the tips led the department to the suspects' dorm rooms, where he said he found a number of the items that had been reported missing.

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President gives farewell address

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer gave the annual state of the campus address at the OU Student Congress Monday meeting.

This was his last task as president, but beginning in July, he will begin a new job as one of two

student liaisons to the Board of Trustees.

Kochenderfer, along with fellow Congress member, Kim Langley, received the news at noon on Monday that they will hold the liaison positions for the 2001-2002 school year.

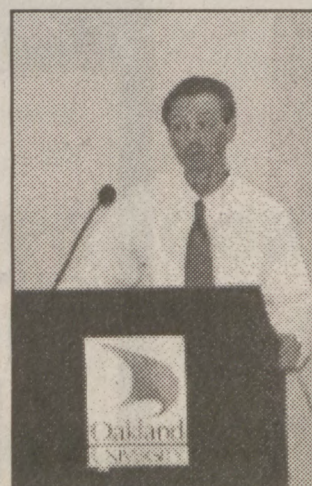
"I think that it's going to be a great opportunity to use the experiences I've gained in the past

year," Kochenderfer said. "In order to be the link between the Board and the students, the liaisons need to know about the issues, and I've spent the past year learning about all those issues."

Langley agreed, "There's no better way to serve student interests than the student liaison to the Board of Trustees."

As liaisons, Kochenderfer and Langley will attend all of the Board's meetings and relay concerns of the student body to the Trustees. Both Kochenderfer and Langley will hold the positions for a full year.

"The key is to keep on touching base with all sects of the campus community and bringing those OUSC continues on A5



SEE YA: Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer gave a speech to Congress Monday as part of an annual State of the Campus Address. Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Students go to 'the zone,' relieve exam time pressure

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

Student Program Board hosted its annual Stress Free Zone yesterday in the Fireside Lounge to give students a relaxing break from cramming for finals and writing research papers.

"The Stress Free Zone is one of our traditional events that we always hold the week before finals, to de-stress students from their hectic schedules," said Chris Wolfs, SPB Chairperson.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. students enjoyed puzzles, board games, crayons, cards, music, and food in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center. During the morning hours alone, more than 75 people stopped by to grab a snack, play cards, or just unwind.

"This is one of the best Stress Free Zones that I have ever participated in because of the good turnout. My committee members really helped out in the planning of the event and I could never have done it without them," said Jeni Mazurek, Recreation and Leisure Chair.

"This year's event was very relaxing. I'm glad I was able to take time out after class to play games with friends," said Adam Cadd, junior, communication. "I'm glad there was a good turnout. I wish they had this all the time. It's like recess in college."

Featured at the event was the new SPB logo contest. Students were encouraged to design a new logo for the organization using the crayons and



STRESSIN' OUT: Students gathered yesterday to relieve some stress, play games, listen to music and snack on free food.

paper supplied at the Stress Free Zone. According to Wolfs, the designs will be voted on this week by SPB members, and the top six will receive a 30 minute massage from the recreation center on campus. If the organization chooses, it may use one of the logos for promotional purposes next school year.

For more information on SPB or for a listing of events, stop by the office in 64 OC, call x4295, or visit the website at www.Oakland.edu/OUSC/SPB.

How to stay stress-free while studying

- Take periodic breaks
- Go for walks
- Get a massage
- Take yourself shopping
- Listen to relaxing music

Wallace's out, school takes over buy back

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

OU is taking bids for new vendors for its on campus bookstore and could be close to a decision by the end of this week.

Christine Comer, store manager of Textbook Outlet, said that her store's parent company, Nebraska Book Company, has expressed interest in taking over the on campus bookstore. Comer also speculated that other bidders for the bookstore could include the nation's two largest college bookstore operators, Follett College Stores Corp. and Barnes & Noble Bookstores Inc.

Comer said that Textbook Outlet, located on the corner of Squirrel Road and Walton Blvd., would buy back books and will be ready.

Wallace's filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last month because of the owner's financial troubles.

Last week, The Oakland Post reported that Wallace's announced plans not to order books for the summer session and not to fund a book buyback program for any of its stores at 60 colleges it services.

Peggy Cooke, OU's Director of Auxiliary Services, said that her office is working on making sure all books are ordered for the Spring semester, which begins May 2.

It's uncertain at this time whether Wallace's will administer a book buyback program, but

Cooke said that the University is poised to step in and hold the program itself, if necessary.

"Buy back will happen as scheduled. If (Wallace's) doesn't do it, we will," Cooke said.

Cooke could not confirm that this year's book buy back program would honor the "hot" (half-back on textbooks) promotion instituted by Wallace's this semester. Certain titles sold at the OU bookstore carried a sticker that advertised titles which guaranteed a 50 percent resale price buy back, regardless of future use by the professor.

Cooke said that the OU bookstore intends to support any promotional promises made by Wallace's.

According to the Lexington (Ky.) Herald, the Federal bankruptcy court set a April 16 deadline for bids to purchase Wallace's assets. At press time, officials from Wallace's would not confirm the status of any bids.

Any of Wallace's assets left unsold after bidding would be auctioned today in Cincinnati.

Cooke also said the option exists for OU to run the bookstore internally, which it had done up until 1992, when it outsourced Barnes & Noble. Wallace's took over the operation in 1999, and had a five-year contract.

Cooke said that graduation caps and gowns are in and will continue to be reordered.

Former Vice President still on payroll, no longer working at OU

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Former Vice President of University Relations David S. Disend left his position in July of last year but is still on the payroll until May 11.

The agreement, which was obtained by The Post from a Freedom of Information

request, disclosed that Disend is receiving his regular monthly salary, \$106,500 for ten months, kept his university car throughout this period, kept his health care benefits but lost his expense account.

In a contractual agreement, which Disend signed on Oct. 12 2000, he was reassigned to serve as a special assistant

to the President, Gary Russi, in matters "relating to university relations."

OU also was to provide an office and a secretary which "may be used for job search related activities."

Disend was originally hired in June 1993. The reason for his change of status was not disclosed by the FOIA request,

though, sources told The Post that it was a result of an external report commissioned by the university relative to the proposed capital campaign.

The Post attempted to locate Disend on campus. An operator in the telecommunications department said that Disend no longer worked at OU. The office of the

President transferred a phone call to Disend to the University Relations office. The secretary there said that Disend was "no longer affiliated with the office of University Relations."

The Employee Relations Division, however, confirmed that Disend is still receiving an OU pay check.



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CRIME watch

•Police arrested two students in Hamlin Hall early Friday morning, one for Possession of Marijuana and the other for Minor in Possession of Alcohol. Police were called when the RA on duty smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from a student's room. Police searched the room and allegedly found an unknown amount of marijuana contained in three separate plastic sandwich bags, worth approximately \$150. Also reportedly found were nine cans and three bottles of beer hidden in a leather bag. Police confiscated the marijuana.

•Police arrested a man on campus Saturday for Operating Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor. The officer spotted a gold Lexus driving from the University Drive traffic circle onto the sidewalk parallel to Meadowbrook Road. The car backed up and continued around the circle. The vehicle increased its speed to 42 mph in a 15 mph area. When the officer pulled the car over, the man said that he was headed home from Pontiac, but didn't know how he had gotten there, or how to get home. He performed five field sobriety tests and was taken to the Auburn Hills Police Department. His car was impounded.

•Police responded to a larceny complaint in the Library on Thursday. A student said that he left his backpack containing a palm pilot worth \$250, a calculator worth \$200 and a \$60 textbook unattended while he used the rest-room. When he returned, his belongings were missing. Police later found a backpack under a table in the OC games room that matched the description. The student said he saw a black male in the library who was acting suspicious before his stuff was missing. The man was also spotted by an employee in the games room that night.

Student orgs honored at awards night

By Beth Dudek
THE OAKLAND POST

The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development rolled out the red carpet to honor students and Greek organizations.

Last Thursday CSA presented over 40 awards to students and staff for their hard work and dedication to student activities on and off campus. The 23rd annual recognition banquet was held in the Gold Rooms from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Rakhi Roy, the master of the ceremony, began by welcoming everyone to the event. Organized and ran by CSA, the banquet

honored recipients for awards such as the president of the year, student organization of the year, campus leadership in a student organization, and lifetime achievement awards.

The Student Body President, Adam Kochenderfer, not only presented awards at the banquet, he received a lifetime achievement award for his dedication to this campus and its students.

Another lifetime achievement award went to Kristen DeRemer. DeRemer is currently serving as Co-President of OU's chapter of Golden Key International Honor Society and is a legislator in University Congress. Last year, she served as the Vice

President for Internal Affairs. She has received many awards for her hard work and dedication to everything she does. She has received a Michigan Association of Governing Board award, which recognizes outstanding undergraduates. She has been recognized as the Student of the Year at the 21st and 22nd Annual Student and Greek Organizations recognition night. DeRemer humbly accepted her award.

Presidents for both student and Greek organizations were honored with the President of the Year award. The male recipient of the President of the Year in a Student Organization is Pat Faircloth for Psi Chi and the female recipient is Jennifer

Pritchett of Alpha Kappa Psi. The male President of the Year award for Greek Organizations went to Jason Fisher of Theta Chi and to female President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Urayna Nance.

The award that all organizations and Greeks fight for is the Organization of the Year award. The Student Organization of the Year went to the Association of Black Students. This organization is involved in many activities and events in and around campus. The Greek organization of the year is Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Advisor of the year went to WXOU's Tom Discenna.

Golden Key named chapter of the year

By Rachel Rybicki
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

OU's chapter of Golden Key International Honor Society recently earned two awards, the Great Lakes Chapter of the Year Award and the Greatest Honorary Member Outreach Award at its Regional Conference at Ohio University.

Both made great gifts for the 20 year anniversary of the chapter's establishment, which is tomorrow. An informal ceremony was held in the Fireside Lounge on Monday.

"We celebrated our 20th birthday yesterday," said Kristen DeRemer, Immediate Past President of Golden Key. "We were awarded at a great time, and it was nice to have it at the ceremony on Monday."

The Great Lakes Chapter of the Year was awarded for the overall service projects that Golden Key performed, different

events that were hosted by members, and for meeting the guidelines that were set by the National Headquarters.

"It is a big award for us because Golden Key strives to do the best work possible, and it is always an honor to see what we strive to do accomplished, which is helping other people," said Linda Andrews, senior, elementary education.

"Plus, we are a small campus in comparison to the other ones that are so much larger that they have an advantage to us. The fact that OU achieved such an honor shows a lot about who we are as a campus," she said.

Andrews is a member of the executive board and also part of Best of America, a division of Golden Key.

The Greatest Honorary Member award was received because of the outreach that Golden Key has with its members.

"I almost burst into tears when we heard



Photo courtesy of Mike Chapa
GOLDEN AWARD: OU's Golden Key International Honor Society brought home two awards from its regional conference, including Chapter of the Year.

that we won it because it is nice to know said DeRemer. "We like to keep them part that we are recognized for our outreach," of our society."

artistic interpretations



GALLERY GALA: The Seventh Annual Student-Faculty Exhibition at Meadow Brook Art Gallery, "Interpretations", will be held until May 13. The show promotes interest in the Art and Art History Department in the College of Arts and Sciences, by allowing OU art students to see their work next to that of their professors. Four to five thousand people are expected to see the exhibit.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Recent student death shows importance of CPR, first aid training

By Lesley-Anne Graham
THE OAKLAND POST

When Katy Vaitkervicius arrived in room 218, Varner Hall for her Thursday morning music class late last month, she had no idea that before the lesson was over, one of her classmates would be dead.

That classmate was Norma McEllen, who died of congestive heart failure on March 29. McEllen, 44, was a performing arts student and a heart transplant recipient who went into cardiac arrest during the 9:20 ear training class.

"She started to breathe really heavy and I thought she was laughing at something," Vaitkervicius said. "I turned around and she was leaned back in her chair. She was kind of gagging, but then she stopped breathing and slumped forward."

Vaitkervicius, freshman, vocal performance, dashed across the hall to the College of Arts and Sciences office to summon help, while the professor ran to call 911. "It was really, really scary," she said. "No one [in the class] knew what to do."

A Dean's staff member did CPR and revived Vaitkervicius. Her heart stopped a second time in the ambulance enroute to the hospital and she died.

Who should know what to do? Should Oakland's faculty members be required to be trained in CPR to teach classes? Chrjs Peters, sophomore, vocal performance, thinks they should.

"These teachers come into contact with so many people. Something's bound to happen."

Senior Melissa Kraydich, an accounting and finance major, agrees.

"It's definitely necessary. They can still help the situation and start the life-saving process until someone more qualified gets to the scene."

But not everyone feels that this is such a good idea. Tom Aston, Coordinator of Departmental Activities in the Music, Theatre, and Dance program, isn't sure how the faculty would feel about such a requirement.

"I think it would be extremely difficult to make CPR training a condition of employment. People don't think they'll ever run into a problem, or they may be afraid of being sued." Aston, however, a heart attack survivor, feels uncomfortable at the thought of having another heart attack on campus. The first one happened at his home. "I'd be concerned if I had a heart attack right now, or anywhere in public. I think I'd be as concerned with someone doing the right thing as with someone doing the wrong thing."

Sixty-nine percent of professors surveyed said they weren't CPR or first aid certified, while 15 percent claimed they were, although they confessed their certifications were not currently updated.

Most of those who had objections to a CPR requirement said they would not

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Additional fees charged for computer courses

By Lacey Marks
THE OAKLAND POST

At OU tracking how course fees for computer usage, paid by students each semester, are spent proved to be mission impossible.

How much is collected in course fees was easy to find out, \$1.6 million for the winter 2000 term, according to Budget Director Pat Nicosia, one of the most student-friendly staff people on campus.

Problems arose when trying to track the percentage of the course fee money for student computing and how that was used, and even determining the number of student computers available for use.

Calls to numerous offices were referred to other offices and staff members, none of whom seemed to know the answer to those questions with one exception.

Edward Nolan, Assistant Controller in the Accounting Office, said he could answer that question, but refused to do so saying, "I don't want to take the time to do it, not for the purpose of a class

like that." The class he was referring to was the Computer Assisted Reporting class in the journalism program. (This story was an assignment for the class.)

OU began assessing computer fees for a limited number of majors and courses in Winter 1990.

"It became effective Winter of 1990. Originally called a computer technology fee, it was assessed to all upper division and grad students in Engineering, Computer Science, Business, Math, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. It was \$80 for undergrads taking eight or more credits and grads taking six or less credits," said Kelly R. Carter, Manager of Receivables and Cashiering Services.

"Effective Winter 1992, the computer technology fee was replaced by a course fee of \$30 for each four credit hour course in all the above plus we added Nursing and Health Sciences. The fee is currently \$48 for each four credit hour course in the applicable disciplines," she said.

With that change, the money was funneled into the OU general fund account and not a separate

account specifically to support student computing on campus. That's when tracking the dollars became difficult.

"Technically, the fee was first assessed Winter 1990 though it had a different name and was assessed at one of the two flat rates depending on credits taken," said Carter.

Ronald Cigna, Vice Provost of Information and Instructional Technology, said about 49 percent of students pay a course fee and the total amount of computers on campus is not accounted for. Cigna also said that computers in the open computer labs are updated at least every three years or if there is a technological breakthrough.

Students have access to approximately 26 student computer labs for open and classroom use. The labs have an average of 20 computers in each room.

Since most computers cost less than \$2,500, OU

does not inventory them, so an exact number of computers in student and classroom labs could not be counted.

Inventory items must be valued at \$2,500 and up, according to Linda Price, Office Assistant II in the University Services.

Price did not know the dollar amount spent on computers at OU.

Gerard Jozwiak, director of Academic Computing Services, said that in the 2000-2001 academic year, \$704,508 was awarded to equip, replace and upgrade computer labs on campus. That amount was less than half of the \$1,662,495 requested from academic departments around campus.

For the 2001-2002 year, Jozwiak's office has been given \$760,200 to distribute. The money will be distributed approximately as follows: 33 percent for

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Editor's View

Don't let exam-time stress get out of hand

The death of one OU graduate, William Petrick, who committed suicide last February is a prime example of how the drive to succeed can take its toll on college students (The Oakland Post LOCAL, April 11).

Every story of suicide is a sad one, but it's a story that needs to be told because of the potential effect it could have on a reader. There's a saying in journalism that if even one person is affected by the story, then the story is worth the work.

While some students are bidding farewell to OU this week and others are trying to catch up on studying before exams, some might be thinking that the stress is too much to handle. While most will just study longer, sleep less and bear down until the exams are over, sadly, one or two might not make it through the week.

One common thread that runs through almost all suicide cases is the disbelief family and friends experience with the loss.

Mary Jane Petrick, William's mother, said, "We never really believed that it would get to the point where he would be this depressed, and he would think this was his best option."

Her comment is not out of the ordinary. Often times those closest to the depressed person will not notice the problems they are experiencing or will jump to the conclusion that the person is not considering suicide.

The best way to prevent someone from committing suicide is to pay attention, watch for warning signs and get help.

If you're the one worried about exams and studying, get a tutor, form a study group or stop by the Academic Skills Center for help. If you're feeling overly anxious, visit the counseling center in Graham or talk to a friend. If what you're feeling is depression that could possibly lead to suicide, tell someone immediately.

It is critical to seek help if the stress becomes overwhelming. An estimated 5,000 people age 15 to 25 kill themselves each year.

The Petrick family thinks that stress and the drive to succeed lead their son to take his life. Don't let it take yours too.

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thanks its readers for a great year.
We'll be back in the spring and summer.
Good luck on exams!!!
Have a safe break.

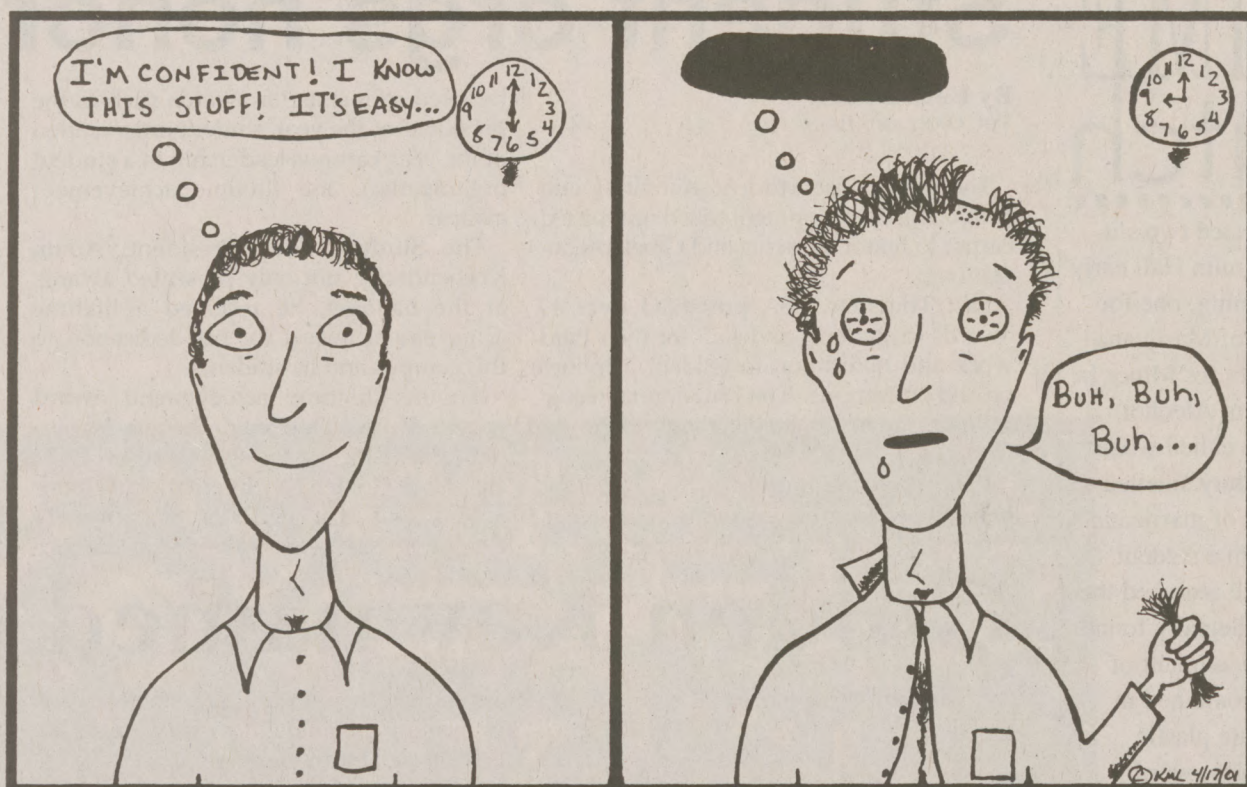
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They said it

“ We have felt we know we can get together. The get-togethers are to pass on information. We do it now and then to show we can. ”
- Ann Nicholson
Chair, Board of Trustees
The Oakland Press, Monday



Before final exams

After final exams

President looks back on year

Well, so ends another academic year at OU.

It's been filled with great events and memorable experiences, as well as controversial topics and campus debate. But I think those contentious issues had a marked difference this year.

Students weren't just haphazardly voicing their concerns. Instead, there was a concentrated effort to find constructive solutions to issues that mattered to the student body through organizations and

committees. It was this difference that made an impact on student life in a way that next year's leaders can take to the next level. And Student Congress is certainly poised to do so.

OUSC played a central role in many issues this past year. Saving campus green space was a concern for many students, especially when a campus discussion started over our development as a univer-

sity in the next twenty years. Student Congress took action with several resolutions, and the OU Master Planning Report's features were changed because of them.

As The Oakland Post reported, snowy and ice-glazed sidewalks were a major problem for students getting around campus this winter. Again, OUSC issued statements of concern, worked within

university channels, and snow removal policies were changed to assure a safe and accessible campus for all students.

Variety in the food court is something that we often heard when communicating between the student body and Aramark food service.

Student Congress has been continually offering input into potential solutions. As result, a new franchise called Noble Roman's will be coming to

COLUMN continues on A6

Senior reflects on college, life, moving on

"I was the victim of a series of accidents, as are we all." -Kurt Vonnegut, "The Sirens of Titan."

Of all the accidents, I'm going to remember throwing the shopping cart into the tree the most.

Why did we do it? No idea. The guys on my floor in the residence halls somehow got hold of a shopping cart, had a balcony, and it seemed like a good idea at the time, late on a Saturday night.

I was a freshman, and it was 1996. Our basketball team played in a bubble, the OC was a glorified lounge and pretty much everything that's around here now was under construction.

My involvement was accidental. Like the shopping cart, I was in the wrong room at the wrong time. The balcony on my floor faced a wide sidewalk, and across that sidewalk, five stories down, was a large tree, which was our target. This, we thought, would look cool.

Our first few tries ended in a noisy crash onto the sidewalk below. But we stuck to our task with a tenacity we really should have put towards our course work. On the fourth (or so) attempt... The silence was deafening.

We had done it. The shopping cart disappeared from the tree the next day and was

never seen again.

The same can be said of the other guys who were there that night. Stephen King wrote that people come in and out of your life like busboys in a restaurant. They're a series of accidents, good and bad ones. The truth of that is striking.



Mike Murphy

My arrival at OU was another accident. I applied to this college after seeing its name on a list. I knew nothing about it. The same technique has given me an internship and the full-time job I'm going to have when I graduate.

One of my best friends I met by accident on my first day at OU. He was ahead of me in a line. Other accidents have given me the opportunity to broadcast my dorm room on the internet, host a radio show, spend a semester down south and, of course, spout nonsense at all of you good people just about every week in The Post. If you look at your life, like mine, you'll see a good solid accident is the root of every life changing experience.

Our lives are governed by series of accidents that we try to control through free will. By taking advantage of opportunities when they arise and by responding to setbacks when they come, we chart a course as best we can. But as any former Pioneer (like myself) can tell you,

the wind sails the ship, and nobody controls the wind.

Set your sails. Make your own accidents. Apply for random jobs, strike up conversations with complete strangers, check out campus events if they sound remotely interesting. The best times I've had here were rarely planned.

Live life. Don't worry. The only person you'll live with for the rest of your life is you. That's the only person you have to impress.

Move on. Be what you want to be. Be good to people.

I'm out. I'm throwing myself out into the world like a shopping cart off a balcony. And if I become the victim of a series of good accidents, I'll make a lot of noise out there.

I'm sorry about tossing the shopping cart. It was stupid and destructive, and one of the more shameful accidents I was mixed up in at this University.

But I wouldn't trade that accident, or any of my accidents, for the world.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

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This year, resolutions were made by OUSC to set up a small computer lab in the OC as well as to change the campus snow removal process. Congress was persistent on saving campus green space in the master planning report and was successful in changing some of the report's features.

"This project would have to go through a

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"A lot of times it's not what you do find in a search, it's what you don't find in a search," Birkholz said. "One

"If all criminals were smart we wouldn't catch them," Birkholz said. "I looked in his car, and I could see loose CDs sitting out. On some of the CDs there's initials

The department hopes to file 'warrant requests' this week. Birkholz said that the suspects are not in custody.

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COLUMN

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the Food Court next Fall, offering lasagna, fettuccini alfredo, subs, pizza, and much more at competitive prices.

I could continue with a long list of accomplishments that Student Congress has made for the student body this past year. But they all point back to the fact that cynicism at OU is not invincible. In fact, it's defeated pretty easily when students come together with a common goal and a common voice.

Dedication, enthusiasm, and genuine concern for students has been a hallmark not only of this year's OUSC members, but the members of all our organizations who have worked to provide a more exciting campus life for

15,000+ individuals. The momentum of these efforts is not easily slowed, and will continue to build with each student who decides to make a difference through involvement.

I'd like to thank everyone who made that decision this year, especially our Student Congress legislature and cabinet who have given so much of themselves to voice student concerns. And on a personal note, I'd like to thank the student body for giving me the opportunity to represent you.

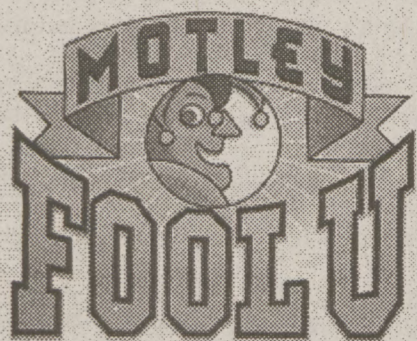
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Paying Off Your Mortgage Redux

Q. I disagree with you when you said it was not a good idea to pay off a mortgage early! — many, many, many people via email

A. Paying off a mortgage early seems to be a much cherished idea. Everyone who cherishes it wrote to tell me how wrong I was a few weeks ago when I suggested that one could come out ahead by investing instead. I'm not budging, though. You are far more likely to come out ahead financially by investing your extra cash in the market than by paying off a low-interest mortgage early.

That doesn't mean that making accelerated mortgage payments is wrong. Hey, it's your money. But if you decide to pay off your mortgage early, you should be doing it for the right reason. Saving a bundle on interest isn't the right reason. See last month's column for an illustration why.

So, why might you want to consider paying off a mortgage early?

Guaranteed return: When you pay off a mortgage early, your return is guaranteed. The market comes with no guarantees. If you have extra money that you're not willing to risk in the market, then paying off your mortgage is better than adding more cash to your coffee can.

Emotional satisfaction: There's nothing like owning the family farm and knowing that no one can ever take it away from you. Just don't confuse emotional reasons with financial ones.

Forced savings: If you fear that you won't send \$300 a month to an index fund, but are sure you will make every mortgage payment, consider a shorter-term mortgage instead of a boat and big-screen TV.

Now about that guaranteed return.... While no one can predict the future, if you look at rolling 30-year spans starting with 1926, the S&P's average annual return has ranged from 8.5% to 13.5%. Take another look at that. There has never been a single 30-year period since 1926 (that's before the Great Depression) where the S&P 500 failed to gain an average of at least 8.5% per year.

And about emotional satisfaction... In our prior example, by the time Fred, our early payer, held his mortgage-burning party, Phil, his investing neighbor, could have cashed out his investments, paid his capital gains taxes, and had enough left to pay off his mortgage. But had disaster struck either family a few years before Fred paid off the mortgage, Phil could have sold stock to keep making his mortgage payments, while Fred might have been forced to refinance, or even faced foreclosure. Cash can be very emotionally satisfying, too.

Another question frequently asked:

Do taxes make a difference? They can. Giving up 20% of your gains to Uncle Sam every year will certainly put a damper on your compound growth. That's why Phil was investing in an index fund, which generates very few capital gains until the fund is sold. There's no way that capital gains taxes tilt the final numbers in Fred's direction. It's better to pay capital gains on a million bucks than on \$700,000. Do the math.

What now? How do you get a high return, avoid taxes, and still sleep at night? Index funds. They just might be the greatest thing for investors since discount brokers.

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Greek orgs co-host softball charity event

By Beth Murray
THE OAKLAND POST

Throughout the school year, student organizations host many events that benefit students as well as the surrounding OU community.

As the semester winds down, Sigma Pi Fraternity will keep the momentum alive by hosting a softball tournament to raise money for area charities.

The fraternity's first annual

Philanthropic Softball Weekend Tournament will take place from Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20, at Liberty Softball Fields in Sterling Heights.

"If successful, we plan to make this an annual event," said Tim Whiting, Sigma Pi Fundraising Chair.

Co-sponsoring the tournament is Alpha Delta Pi sorority, which will help raise money for its national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House.

The American Red Cross, Sigma Pi's

national philanthropy, is a humanitarian organization that is led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movements. It provides relief to victims of disasters and helps to prepare people for dealing with emergency situations.

The Ronald McDonald House is a charity with residential facilities that serve as homes to the parents of children who are being treated for serious illnesses. This

way the family can reside nearby, with easy access to their children, when they need their family the most.

"I think it's great that people can come together for a great cause," said Melissa Hilton, junior, elementary education. "If you get the word out, people will probably get involved."

Whiting agreed, "The American Red Cross is very important. It is our

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Construction complicates spring, summer commute

I-75 work makes drive difficult in Oakland County

By Michael Hoskins
LOCAL EDITOR

Just when the snow finally melts and Michigan residents think it's safe to get back on the road, construction season strikes again.

This year, though, roadwork is back with a vengeance, creating a difficult drive for students and motorists on I-75 in Oakland County.

Tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-May, the road work will fall between 12 Mile and Squirrel Road. The four lane highway will be reduced to two lanes in both directions, even during the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day holidays.

Preparation for, this project could begin next weekend with shoulder work and intermittent lane closures, and is expected to be finished in mid-November.

Two major phases of the \$30 million construction project will tie up traffic on both north and southbound I-75, Michigan's

busiest highway that sees up to 154,000 vehicles a day.

"The impact will be substantial," said Rob Morosi, a spokesperson for MDOT. "We recognize the inconvenience and hope the motoring public will be patient and understand the need to this work."

"We also ask that they find alternative routes," he added.

The first phase has \$12 million price tag, and will cut traffic to two lanes in each direction as pavement is resurfaced and bridge decks are replaced.

The key area will be between 12 and 13 Mile, the "toughest section" of problems, but will also include other spots throughout the county.

The bridge repairs will be over 12 and 13 Mile, Red Run Drain and Adams Road.

A significant improvement will involve installing a median guardrail between 14 Mile and Squirrel Road, a move that is designed to prevent cross-median accidents.

"No doubt this is the greatest



SEEING ORANGE: Traffic is snarled on roads throughout Oakland County, like on Lapeer Road in Lake Orion.

safety improvement in Metro Detroit this construction season," Morosi said.

The second phase of the project, costing \$18 million, will add an additional northbound lane to I-75 between Square Lake Road and M-59.

"This is the pinch-point on

that highway," said Morosi. "Adding this lane will relieve congestion (in the area)."

This project is expected to be finished in October, and requires restructuring the ramps and expanding bridges at both Square Lake and South Boulevard, as well.

State highway officials are also encouraging drivers to use detours at John R between M-59 and 12 Mile, or Rochester Road as it passes under I-75.

From the east, motorists can use M-59 to get to and from I-75, as well as Auburn Road, which turns into Mound.

Legislation would mandate meningitis vaccine for dorms

By Brendan Colley
THE OAKLAND POST

With increased meningitis outbreaks at colleges around the United States, and taking into account the severity of the disease, Michigan state representative Lauren Hager, (R) from Port Huron, has proposed new legislation.

The legislation would require students living on college campuses to receive meningitis immunizations. The shots are \$65-75 and would be at the student's expense.

"Our top priority with this bill is to raise awareness about meningitis," Hager said. "Second, and equally important, is that we let people know that there are vaccines out there."

Joanne Talarek, a registered nurse at Graham Health Center, noted that this fall semester will be the first time a blanket mailing to inform incoming freshmen and their parents about the dangers of meningitis will be sent out.

Studies show that incoming freshmen who choose to live in campus dormitories are six times more likely to contract meningitis than college students on average.

The American College Health

Association (ACHA) reports that an estimated 100 to 125 cases of meningitis occur annually on college campuses and five to 15 students die as a result.

MSU knows the damage of meningitis well. Several students have been infected by the disease in the past few years, and in 1997, two students died as a result.

The drastic increase of infection for freshmen stems from many variables, such as exposure to a new, stressed environment, sleep deprivation, and altered social behaviors.

It does not stop there though, as James Turner of the American College Health Association said, "It's not just living in a dorm, but eating in a busy cafeteria, being among 400 students in a lecture hall." Crowded conditions promote passage of this bacteria from one person to another.

Kila Peebles, sophomore, journalism, said, "I believe that everyone should be immunized because it is better to be safe than sorry. I wouldn't want to get sick or possibly die when I could've prevented those consequences with the vaccination."

After an MSU student contracted meningitis two years ago, 14,000

For the record:

Since mid-November, 104 cases of meningitis were reported in Metro Detroit.

Five people died from strains of bacterial meningitis last fall, and several more were infected by the outbreak.

In 1999, there were 98 reported cases.

From the Michigan Department of Community Health

students were vaccinated by the university at no cost.

Students would have to pay themselves under this law, an issue that Peebles also voiced a concern about.

"If it is going to be made mandatory, I find it unfair that they will be charging students \$65 per vaccination when a good majority of students have a limited income. That's not right," she said.

The controversy over mandatory immunizations stems from the fact that, on average, only one in 100,000 people contracts the disease. Some argue that with the disease being so rare, widespread vaccinations would be a waste of a potentially large sum of money that could be put to better use.

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Students search for summer jobs

By Diane Vujnov
THE OAKLAND POST

With the semester coming to a halt, many OU students are gathering their resumes and filling out their applications in hopes of scoring the perfect summer job. Despite the downturn in the economy and a considerable amount of layoffs taking place, students say this has not affected their plans of having a job between semesters.

Many employers are saying that now is the time to set up summer jobs.

"Even though it may be a month away, being prepared to start a new job is less stressful than calling around and searching for one last minute," said Chris Navetta, owner of Cut Loose Hair Salon in Clinton Twp.

Students who are searching for a summer job tend to be the traditional college crowd, who may live in the dorms and not have permanent employment during the semester.

The large percentage of OU students who that commute to school are more likely to have a steady job and may not be looking to pick up an extra summer position.

Although the main reason for finding a job is still money, many students are also looking for summer positions to satisfy internship requirements.

"I'm getting a summer job to save (money) for college," said Michelle Voss, junior, journalism.

Students have found many different ways to find employment. Many say, for instance, that being aggressive and just walking into a business is the most effective way.

On the other hand, some students say that doing research is the way to go. Looking in a newspaper, talking to friends and going on the Internet may all work to an advantage.

The Internet offers extensive tools in finding a job. One website is www.SummerJobs.com, which shows a listing of available jobs worldwide.

The Placement and Career Services at OU can also aid students when they're looking for a job and can be reached at 248.370.3250.

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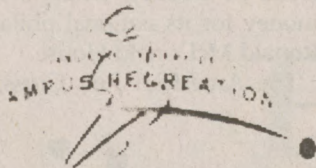
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national philanthropic organization, same as the Ronald McDonald House is Alpha Delta Pi. This event is put on by both of us and the money goes to both organizations.

Whiting added, "The amount of money going to each organization is still to be determined, but a majority of what we end up with will be given."

The tournament, while geared toward softball, is a family environment that will include several other forms of entertainment.

Participants will also be able to enjoy a live band, 50/50 raffles and games for children.

At the conclusion of the tournament on May 20, there will be a home-run derby. Prizes will be given to the winner of the derby, as well as the top three softball teams in each division.

"Prizes are still to be determined," said Whiting. "So far there are tickets for the Tigers in a suite and gifts from the Lions."

"We encourage families to attend and there are going to be events for them," said Whiting.

Anyone can play in the tournament, all ages and both sexes. The entry deadline is April 30.

For more information about the Philanthropic Softball Tournament 2001, contact Tim Whiting at 248.364.8664 of Sigma Pi or Tiffany Kleinow, Alpha Delta Pi's Special Events Chair, at 810.757.4668.

VACCINE

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Turner disagreed. "This is a rare disease. We're talking attack rates of three to eight college students per 100,000. But that is more common than leukemia and lym-

phoma," he said.

The disease can result in permanent brain damage, hearing loss, learning disability, limb amputation, kidney failure, and even death, posting a 10-15 percent mortality rate if diagnosed with the disease.

For more information on meningitis contact GHC at 248.370.2341.

CPR

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have as many objections if the classes were offered at OU at no additional cost. Greg Jordan, Director of Campus Recreation, says this can happen.

"To implement a program for faculty members is possible," Jordan said. "These are valuable skills that can be used and transferred anywhere. We would be in favor of training as many people as possible."

Terry Eudy, Assistant Director of Aquatics at the REC Center and also a certified CPR instructor, teaches classes for free.

"It's a good skill to have. You never know when you're going to have to use it. The more people that are certified, the safer place this campus can become."

The REC Center, which employs more than 100 people, has two automated external defibrillators on site. The AED's are designed to shock a stopped heart back into motion. The American Heart Association estimates that 20,000 or more deaths could be prevented each year with the help of AED's in qualified hands. The portable AED's cost about \$3,000 each.

"Over time the cost should go down. Some day AED's may be as common as fire extinguishers in every building," said Jordan.

For additional information about CPR or first aid classes, call the Bloomfield Hills office of the American Red Cross at (248) 334-3375.

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open lab computer replacement, 30 percent for Academic Computer Services overhead, 21 percent for ongoing support of student computer facilities, nine percent to jump start new computer ventures not covered by the course fee and seven percent to match department or other funds to buy and or replace faculty computers.

Students are paying substantially more than that in computer course fees, but a sizable percentage of that money never goes to student computing but is used elsewhere general fund dollars are spent.

Maintaining and repairing computers in student labs is another issue. In general student use labs, trouble sheets frequently appear on computers. Though the computer techs do their best to fix machines promptly, there was no specific data on how long, on average, it takes to fix a machine or the amount spent annually on repairing them.

Cigna said computers are fixed automatically when broken. The student course fee goes towards that, as well, but if the fee money is used up, it comes out of the general fund, Cigna said.

Overall, there is no specific amount allocated for computer maintenance at OU. Funds must be asked for and will then be granted based on the highest need.

Cigna said, student computers are kept up more so than faculty and staff computers.

As for the number of faculty and administrators' computers, there is at least one for every employee, except for the security staff, maintenance staff, and similar employees, he said.

Brian Urreta also contributed to this story.

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Baseball splits with Chicago State

Team still optimistic about making Mid-Con Tournament

By Chad Mack
THE OAKLAND POST



BACK IN BLACK AND GOLD: Rob Brockman takes the plate as the designated hitter in weekend games. He returned to the line up recently after suffering an injury and is already making an impact on the team.

OU's baseball team salvaged a split with Chicago State this weekend.

OU had won only one game out of three going in to the final game on Sunday. The Cougars raced out to an early 4-0 lead in the top of the first and it looked like another disaster waiting to happen.

The Grizzlies stormed back with three runs of their own in the bottom of the first.

In the second inning the Grizzly bats picked up where they left off in the first, by scoring four more runs and taking the lead 7-4.

OU would not relinquish the lead again, and they would go on to win 10-7.

Chris Kimball, Kip Harris and Nick DiPonio continued their success at the plate by combining for 4 RBI and 4 hits. "Those guys have hit well for us all year," said coach Mark Avery.

Rob Brockman made his debut at third base since returning to the line up from an undisclosed injury. "It felt good to be back in the line-up. I had been out for so long it seemed like I'd never get back in," he said.

Brockman didn't like being the designated hitter in the Ohio State game last Wednesday.

"I don't like it one bit. I'd rather be involved in every play. It gives me more confidence."

At Ohio State, in the top of the second inning the Grizzlies had two men on with one out. Ryan Freiburger was at the plate, Casey Caid was at third and Anthony Marulli was at second. Freiburger hit the ball back to the pitcher and he was thrown out at first.

What happened next was a little confusing. Marulli tried going to third, but there was a miscommunication, and Caid was still there. Marulli was then tagged out trying to run back to second and the inning was over.

The Grizzlies struck first in the third when Kimball led off with a home run. Two batters later, Harris went yard and the grizzlies led 2-0. Ohio State came back with one in the bottom of the third to cut the lead in half. Then in the sixth, after the Buckeyes claimed the lead in the fifth, they lit up OU for five runs and broke the game wide open.

"We had a really tough schedule at the beginning of the season. Little mistakes catch up to us," said Brockman. Coach Avery blames himself for the predicament that the team is in. "I put the blame squarely on my shoulders. We haven't had the guys ready to play," he said. Despite the loss at Ohio State and the split with Chicago State there is still a lot of hope in the Grizzlies locker room.

"We still have a really good chance of making it to the Mid-Con tournament. Hopefully we'll come together and start playing well like we did last year," said Brockman.

"We just have to start playing the way we are capable of playing," said Avery. "We are only a half a game out of fourth place."

The irregular play of the Grizzlies hurt them this weekend. "We didn't come out ready to play and that hurt us," said Brockman.

The major bright spot for the Grizzlies has been the bat of Harris. He is hitting .500 over the last five games. Harris has gone 11 for 22 with 6 RBI, and scoring five runs.

The Mid-Con tournament takes the top four teams of the conference.

Grizzlies end season against three Mid-Con foes

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

After coming off its first win of the season a week earlier, OU's tennis team played its last three matches of the season against IUPUI, Valparaiso and Youngstown State on Friday and Saturday.

The Grizzlies lost 5-2 and 6-1 against IUPUI and Valparaiso on Friday, and 6-1 against Youngstown State on Saturday. The losses dropped OU's record to 1-11 overall and 1-6 in the Mid-Con.

The winners of the weekend were Brittany Maxey and Theo Nae. Maxey beat Marise Van Rensburg of IUPUI 6-3, 6-3 and Abby Vens of Youngstown State 6-1, 6-4 in singles matches.

Nae came up big for her team as she was involved in two super tie breakers in singles play and one in doubles play.

Against Laura Waggoner of IUPUI, she lost the first set 5-7. Instead of giving up, she dug down deep and pulled out a 6-4 win in the second set, setting up the super tie breaker.

In a singles match super tie breaker, the first one to 10 points wins, but the winner must win by two. Nae won 10-8. She then teamed up with Lisa Cross in a doubles match. The two beat the team of Van Rensburg and Hillary Byard of IUPUI, 9-8 and 7-5 in a super tie breaker.

Nae's second singles super tie breaker came against Patricia Arakaki of Valparaiso. She lost 4-6, then won 6-3 and ultimately won the super tie breaker 10-7.

"I just try to do my best, and I don't want to lose," said Nae. "I do whatever I can not to lose so if that takes just getting the ball back, or if it's a lock, slice, or whatever it takes I just have to stay out there and win, and that's important for the team."

Coach Heather Redshaw was pleased with her team.

"Theo pulled off a really good win with the third set tie breaker (versus IUPUI), on Friday and Brittany played real-



IT'S OVER: OU's tennis team after finishing off the season against three Mid-Con rivals. Back row (left to right): coach Heather Redshaw, Theo Nae, Brittany Maxey, Dawn Dillard. Front row (left to right): Jennifer Herrera, Lisa Cross, Kristy Sabat.

ly well winning at number one singles," she said. "Both of those players had a tremendous day. The win last week against Chicago State was great. We won all the way down the line and it was a good moral booster for the team."

Maxey, who had OU's only other singles match win versus Youngstown State said, "They (IUPUI) were pretty solid. They weren't missing anything, so we just had to look to see what we could do differently to counter."

Even though the season ended up with more losses than she would have liked, Redshaw looked to the bright side.

"I thought we came a long way from the very first day of practice at the beginning of the year when we only had like four players on the roster and two were injured. We had some girls come out, and everybody just kind of came together by the end of the year and was playing a lot better. We ended up on a pretty good note."

Ramez's season's over: Bye, thanks

It's finally here. The day I have been waiting for all year long, and it's a bittersweet feeling.

There were so many times when things weren't going so well when I would think to myself, "I can't wait until the last issue."

I guess I didn't realize that the last issue of the year also meant my last issue as sports editor.... EVER! I knew it, but it didn't really hit me until recently.

As I sat at my desk, working on this issue, I couldn't help but reminisce about all of the great times I had, all of the great games I watched and all of the great people I have met.

I remember when I first walked into trailer B, which was The Oakland Post back in early January

of 1999, and met the sports editor at the time. I told her I was interested in writing, and I had recently changed my major to journalism.

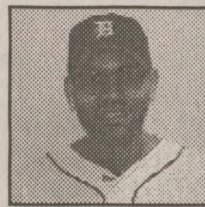
She said that the women's basketball team needed coverage, and I said sure. The rest is history.

These past three seasons that I have worked for this newspaper have been the greatest of my life, and I will never forget this experience as long as I live.

I am anxious to get out into the real world, and leave OU behind, but at the same time I'm torn inside.

All I have known for the last three years is this newspaper. What am I going to do on Tuesdays from now

on? I have a feeling that for a while, I'm going to be a little lost until I find a new job.



Ramez Khuri

This gig has given me an identity on this campus. People know me around here as the sports guy or the newspaper guy. I can't imagine being anything different.

Saying goodbye to The Oakland Post is probably the hardest thing I will ever have to do. It's not like graduating from high school, because there I was not alone. I had a whole class saying goodbye with me, but here there are only four members of the newspaper who will not return next year and I am one of them.

I just want to take this remaining

space to thank a few people for changing my life forever.

Coach Greg Kampe, for teaching a sports writing class, and for believing in me, and coach Beckie Francis and her team for putting up with me for three years.

You guys have been great, and I really appreciate all of your help and kindness.

I guess this is it. The end of my last column is upon us. I wish everybody the best, and good luck.

Goodbye sports fans, it's been grand.

This is Ramez signing off!!

Sports Editor Ramez Khuri is a senior majoring in journalism. Email him at oakpost@oakland.edu

YOU BETTA BE SCARED, UMKC: Jaymie Voss gets ready to throw a strike (right), and Ericka Burns jumps for joy after she hit a home run while her teammates all gather to congratulate her (bottom). The Grizzlies swept UMKC in four games during weekend competition. Final scores were 3-1, 4-2, 3-2 and 5-0. OU plays a double header against Detroit today at 3 p.m.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post



Softball sweeps UMKC

By Jeff Theisen
THE OAKLAND POST

Good teams are measured by how they perform in big games. OU was fighting for position in the Mid-Con standings with UMKC going into the weekend series and put the Kangaroos in the rear view mirror with a four game sweep.

OU won 3-1 and 4-2 on Friday and 3-2 and 5-0 on Saturday to up their record to 12-21 and 7-3 in conference play while dropping the Kangaroos to 15-26 and 10-9.

Ericka Burns put on a hitting clinic going 8-14 with three home runs, including a grand slam, six runs scored and eight RBI in the series.

"When Ericka gets on a roll it's really fun to watch," coach Steve Ogg said. "They pitched around her all day and when Ericka came up with the bases loaded they couldn't."

"She hit the first ever grand slam at OU's new field. There are now rumors that Ericka will be picked for the Canadian Olympic softball team."

Linnea Utecht pitched well getting two wins and a complete game shut out in the last game.

"Our pitching is really starting to come around," Ogg said. "Linnea had her best weekend of the year."

The weekend was even more successful looking at how the games were won. In the first game on Friday, OU jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and never looked back. In the second game the Kangaroos took a 2-0 lead into the fifth inning until OU pounded out three runs and added one more for insurance in the sixth to win 4-2.

But all would be for naught if OU didn't keep the momentum going on Saturday. That was when Burns took over and pounded out three home runs.

In the first game the Kangaroos led 2-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning. It was do or die for the Golden Grizzlies. Burns came up and Kangaroos pitcher Shelly Miller let one get away. Burns made her pay with a game tying homer.

But the work was now only half complete. With runners on first and second, Megan

Piar hit a blast over the outfielder's head to knock in the winning run for a stunning 3-2 comeback win.

In the second game Burns exploded for two home runs and five RBI to go with Utecht's complete game three hit shutout for her fourth win of the season against just one loss.

"Our team doesn't get down when they are behind. They just keep battling," Ogg said. "We're in a tight race in the Mid-Con. For a second year program in the Division I we have really overachieved. I'm really pleased with our growth and all we need is to stay together."

Other outstanding performances this weekend included Julie Anderson pitching a complete game allowing just two hits and one run while striking out seven in the first game of the series. Jaymie Voss went 7-14 in the first series while also pitching very well in relief.

OU will play at home Wednesday against Michigan St. before heading to Western Illinois for the biggest series left on the schedule before the Mid-Con tournament.



Remaining games

- 3 p.m., April 18
DETROIT (DH)
- 2:30 p.m., April 20
at Western Illinois (DH)
- 1 p.m., April 21
at Western Illinois (DH)
- 3 p.m., April 24
MICHIGAN STATE (DH)
- 2:30 p.m., April 27
YOUNGSTOWN STATE (DH)
- 1 p.m., April 28
YOUNGSTOWN STATE (DH)
- 3 p.m., April 30
at IUPUI (DH)
- 3 p.m., May 1
at IUPUI (DH)

Men's golf claims invitational title, women finish 11th

Gary Robinson
Accomplishments

- **Mid-Con Golfer of the Week, April 4, 2001**
- **Stroke average of 72.8, currently the lowest stroke average in OU history**
- **Low round 68 at Titan and Bellarmine Invationals**
- **1st place at EDS/Detroit Titan Invitational**
- **1st place at Golden Grizzlies Invitational**
- **1st place at Bellarmine Invitational**
- **1st place at CER/Cleveland State Invitational**

Robinson claims individual title at Cleveland State Collegiate Invitational, women tie school record of 335 at EKU Lady Colonel Classic

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

The men and women's golf teams competed this weekend and took first and eleventh at their respective tournaments.

Gary Robinson led the way for the men's team at the Cleveland State Collegiate Invitational by capturing the individual title. The team shot an overall three-round 922, which was the lowest score out of the ten competing teams.

"It was good to win because it gave us confidence going into the conference championship," Allen Mitchell said. "Gary played really well. Him and Kevin Harris have played well all year."

Harris finished in a tie for 13th place with 234 and Chris King finished 20th with 238, which were scores just below Robinson's three-round 220.

Mitchell and Justin Sokol rounded off the Grizzly players and finished 25th and 30th, respectively.

"I was very happy that our team played well even in the conditions we had," King said. "It was about 30 degrees outside but everyone tried even if they didn't want to because it was so bad out."

The women's team competed at the Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonel Classic and finished eleventh out of 15 teams. Emily Minnich led the Grizzlies with a three-round 250 and tie for 34th place.

The women's third round score of 335 tied the school record and was the highlight of the weekend. The team's overall three-round score was 1029, with a first round 358 and second round 336.

"It was pretty good that we tied the school record this weekend," Minnich said. "I had no expectations that we'd do that."

Connie Apalit was close behind Minnich with 253 and 41st place. Jocelyn Fekel finished with 261, Jenny Quinn had 265 and Alexis Prusac shot 281.

Minnich commented on what Coach Dave DeWulf has been stressing with the women, saying that he's making sure they do what they know how to do.

"He always tells us to stay out of our own way," Minnich said. "Mechanics don't matter if you get the ball in the hole. He doesn't want us to think too much about our swing if we are doing alright anyway."

The men and women's teams are now looking ahead to the Mid-Con Conference Championship,

which is the only competition left in the season. The men have a good chance of winning the championship, and are preparing themselves for the challenge.

"We have a chance to win, but the championship is played on Oral Roberts' home course. They've won the past three years, but this year is our best team so hopefully we can beat them," King said. "I don't think our team will be happy unless we win."

The women's main goals of the tournament are to play better than they have at this point and hopefully break some more records.

"I would like to see us play the best we have," Minnich said. "I just want to come back with some records broken, both individually and team-wise."

DeWulf as well as the players think the most important thing for the championship is to concentrate on each shot and never give up.

"The most important thing is the team, but at the same time, you want to play good individually," Mitchell said. "But we help each other out when we're out there."

Both the men and women's teams compete next at the Mid-Con Conference Championship on April 23-25 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mid-Continent
Conference
Standings

Baseball	Conference	Overall	Softball	Conference	Overall
Oral Roberts	11-0	28-6	Western Illinois	13-2	23-13
Valparaiso	9-1	17-12	Southern Utah	12-4	21-26
Southern Utah	8-4	9-29	Oakland	7-3	13-22
Youngstown State	4-7	13-17	UMKC	10-9	15-26
IUPUI	4-8	9-23	IUPUI	6-10	18-27
Western Illinois	3-7	4-25	Youngstown State	4-12	10-28
Oakland	4-8	6-27	Valparaiso	1-13	3-31
Chicago State	2-10	6-24			

the Golden Grizzly
ERICKA BURNS

In the four games versus UMKC last weekend, Ericka went 8-14 with three home runs, including a grand slam. She also scored six runs and had eight RBI in the series. The grand slam was the first ever on OU's new field, and her achievement earned her Mid-Con player of the week for softball.

-Ramez Khuri

So long seniors



Congratulations, and good luck!!!!



Rob Brockman
Baseball



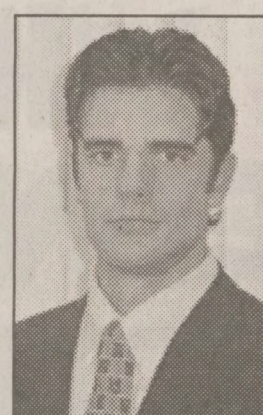
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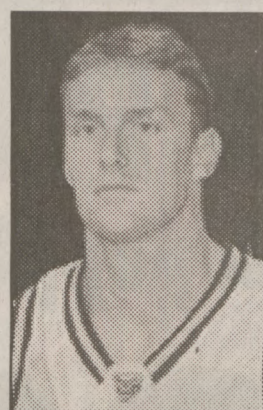
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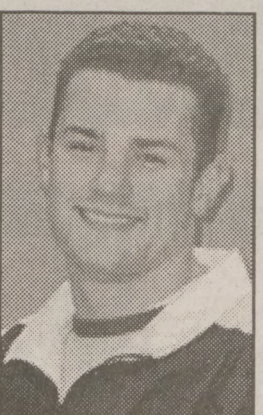
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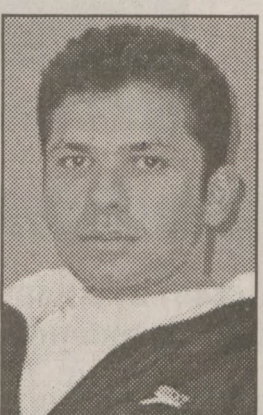
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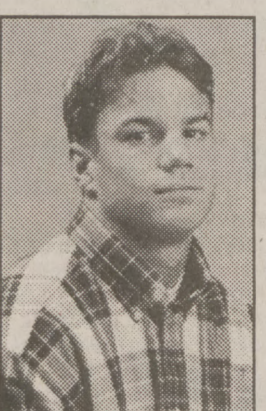
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Jeppe Lagerbohm
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Paul Snape
Men's Soccer



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Not Pictured: • Gary Robinson, Men's Golf • Tony Sorentino, Men's Golf • Jason Weldy, Men's Golf • Chris Williams, Men's Golf • Jennifer Bishop, Women's Golf • Jocelyn Fekel, Women's Golf • Christina Colombe, Women's X-Country • Matt Pardo, Men's X-Country • Kaja Lund, Women's Soccer • Kristen Luoma, Women's Soccer • Tracy Lute, Women's Soccer •



*The Oakland Post staff wishes:
the best of luck on finals.
Have a great summer!*

Congratulations to all OU graduates!!

We will greatly miss our seniors ~ Ramez Khuri, Lisa Remsing, Jen Corder, Mike Murphy and Tracy Minnis. Thanks for all of the help. We know you'll continue the great work in the future.



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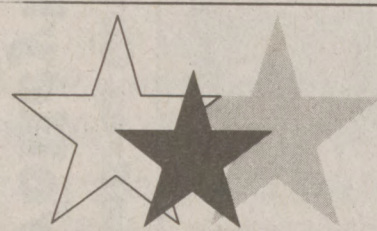
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✓ Reservations for:

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- Verdi's Falstaff (May 10)

✓ Sign-up for:

- SPB's Summer Rafting Trip (beginning Monday, April 23)

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FOR SPRING & SUMMER TERMS 2001 AND FALL SEMESTER 2001**

"Walk for Hunger" for Lighthouse Emergency Services - May 19, 2001
"Relay for Life" for American Cancer Society - July 21-22, 2001

"Day of Caring" for the United Way - September 8, 2001

"Heart Walk" for the American Heart Association - September 22, 2001

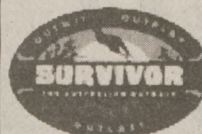
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Affairs

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•**Spring Session Swim Lesson**
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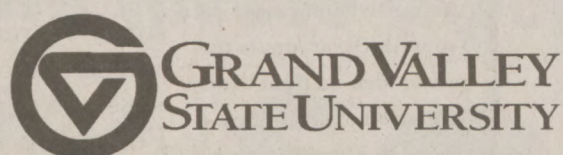
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Film takes audiences on trip of discovery

By Anthony Licardello
THE OAKLAND POST

When "Memento" is over, audiences will come out of the cinema questioning themselves, their memories and their truths. Nothing in this film is as it seems, and yet paradoxically everything is as it seems.

"Memento" will join the ranks of the best and most original movies of all time.

The story revolves around Leonard Shelby (Guy Pearce) who suffers a severe head trauma during an accident. This creates an unusual memory disorder. He remembers life before the accident, but cannot remember what happened five minutes ago, where he is, where he is going, or why. He would have already forgotten the first sentence of this review. The drama is intensified because his wife was killed during the accident, and he is on a mission to find out who killed her.

Leonard uses a Polaroid camera to record "facts" about what he has seen. He then uses them as reminders and clues. He also tattoos bits and pieces of the facts to his body, so that he can be sure he won't forget them.

The ambiguity is what makes this a great film. "Memento" is at times a dark noir about self-destruction and corruption, and other moments a journey about a man's search for his dead wife's killer.

This is one hell of a concept for a movie and Nolan did a very good job directing. But his direction would not have been enough without the terrific performances given by the crew.

Guy Pearce (best known for his role in "L.A. Confidential") gives a haunting performance as Leonard, a man who has to constantly reassem-

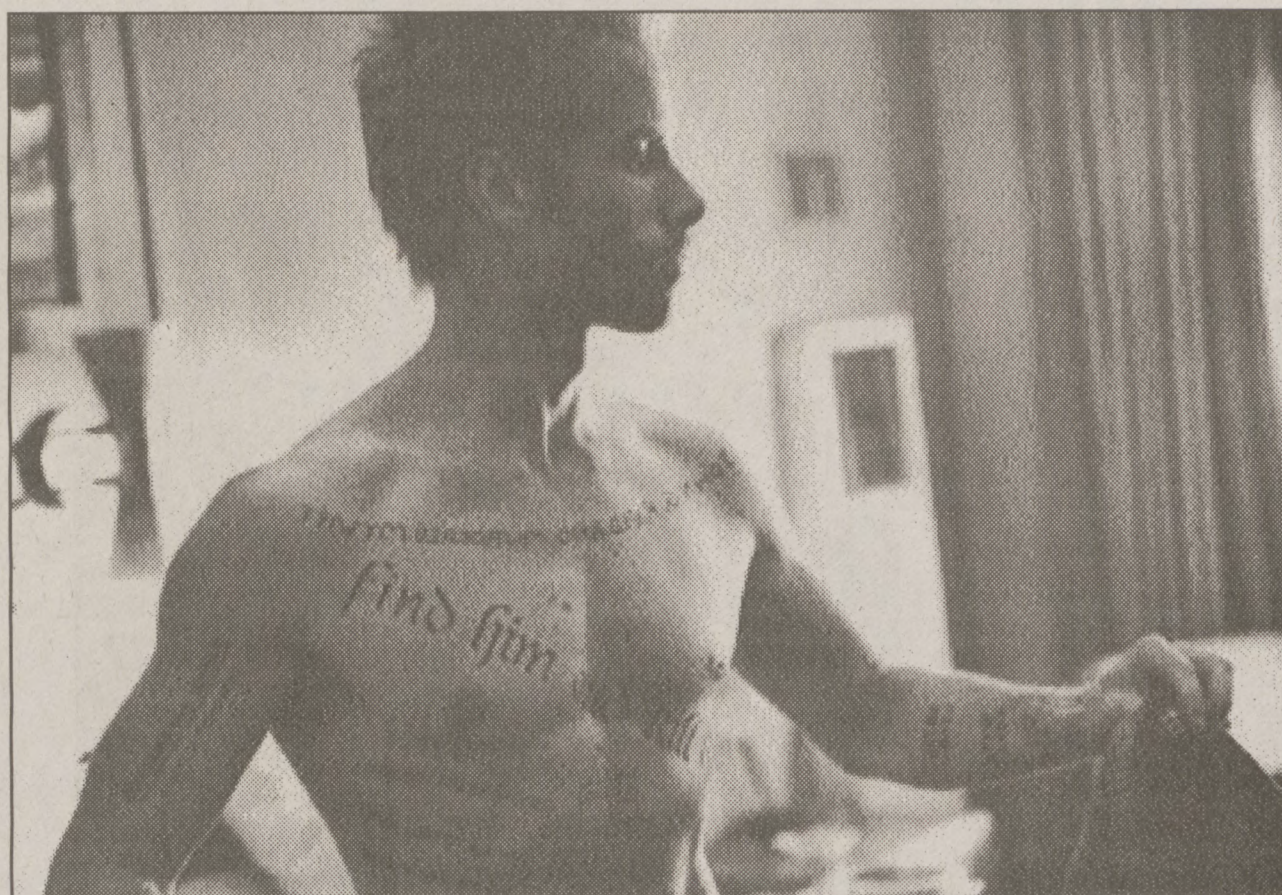


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PARADOX: "Memento," starring Guy Pearce, joins the ranks with the greatest movies at the box office.

ble the pieces of his shattered life minute by minute.

Carrie-Anne Moss ("The Matrix," "Chocolat") who plays Natalie, is more than just a pretty face who usually turns up in movies like these, but a very good actress who is alternately both tender and manipulative to Leonard.

Joe Pantoliano's talkative performance as Teddy is reminiscent of a young Joe Pesci. He almost never stops talking, and he often leavens the story with humor. Teddy seems like a pal, but Lenny's never completely sure how far he should trust him.

If there's any justice, all three of these performers will be rewarded with Oscar nominations next year, and Guy Pearce will grab a trophy like his "L.A. Confidential" co-stars Kevin Spacey and Russell Crowe.

The main theme of this film is significant on the frailty of memory, of our experiences and interpretations of all that happens to us.

Nothing will seem as black and white as it did beforehand. It will make audiences question every memory they have. So, go and see it. Be confused, acknowledge the frailty of all you know to be true, and then imagine the freedom of actually being Lenny. Then realize the horror of having nothing, nothing but the reliance of a pen and a Polaroid camera to know who you are. Audiences haven't seen anything yet, until they've witnessed this movie.

Laser tag shoots up fun, thrills

By Jeff Galecki
THE OAKLAND POST

Inter-collegiate Division I laser tag should be a priority over OU's parking problem. Even though it might not garner mainstream approval like basketball, Duke probably has a laser tag team in the works already.

Laser tag is a fun and relatively inexpensive way to kill an afternoon in between classes.

Laser Quest and Beamerz are two laser tag facilities close to OU that offer a blast of fun.

Laser Quest certainly will not be hosting the Division I finals because it smelled like urine and graham crackers, and the games did not start according to the posted schedule. The staff did not appear to be organized and could not answer my questions about the game.

Beamerz on the other hand, located in Shelby Township, is a utopia for the laser fanatic.

It has arcade games, a snack stand and seemed to be more organized than Laser Quest. The management team was more accommodating.

Each game of laser tag lasts 15-20 minutes, with two groups that try to shoot the other team's targets. If a person is hit, he must go back to his team's base and "fuel-up," allowing the player to reenter the game.

Teammates chose code names as they prepare to embark on their mission. After visiting the "Briefing Room" to learn the intricacies of the game, players are fitted out in the latest laser fashion gear. When the game starts, the doors fly open and players find themselves in a black light maze that feels like a post modern version of Vietnam, complete with techno music and fog.

For the next 15-20 minutes, teammates battle it out amongst one another.

If students are looking for an adventurous way to relieve the stress of finals, they should grab some friends and head out for a game of laser tag.

Places to go

• Beamerz is located at 7529 Auburn Road. Call 810.323.0030 for information.

• Laser Quest is located at 31404 John R. Call 248.616.9292 for more information.

Quaye sings of social issues on 'Vanguard'

By Sara McDowell
LIFE EDITOR

With a voice that is full of passion, Finley Quaye's second full-length album, "Vanguard," is backed by upbeat yet soothing reggae beats.

The Scotsman's ability to mix fun and fast paced tunes with serious and slow songs provides listeners with an eclectic and moving CD. The use of distinct and soulful moments make this album unlike those on the Billboard's top 40.

Quaye throws in bits of harmonica, horns and keyboard beats to add some flavor to different tracks. Some tracks border on the verge of electronica while another uses a touch of jazz. Each song is unique and generates feelings of everything from carefree happiness to introspective thinking.

Listeners may imagine themselves on a tropical island when listening to track 6, "Feeling Blue," a mix of horns and upbeat jams.

This follow up to Quaye's 1997 debut, "Maverick a Strike," makes listeners ponder what took four years to create a new CD, but listeners won't be disappointed with the end result.

With playful rhyming ("her name was Suzy, met her in a Jacuzzi" and "digital Birkenstocks and Reeboks, you do de-tox") Quaye supplies fun and light lyrics on some tracks but he mainly sings of social issues.

"Followers of evil things, worshippers of idols, what they know they have corrupted, what they do know they've devoured," sings Quaye on track 3, "The Emperor."

Quaye lends his views of rasta music on track 10, British air Rage as he sings "Babylon has no productions, only slavery and confusions, rasta going to cramp them and paralyze them, devils for the situation."

He also sings about liberty, fantasy, reality, spirituality and inspiration. His lyrics are presented in a catchy way. At times they are fast and bouncy while other times they are drawn out and full of emotion.

The one track that doesn't seem to belong on this disc is number 2, "Spiritualized." The song doesn't have the same reggae feel to it as the rest of the CD. It sounds more like a remake of Coyote Shivers' "Sugar High" which listeners may remember from the "Empire Records Soundtrack." The song is more of a rock 'n' roll song than one that belongs on a CD of reggae medleys.

Overall though, Quaye has made a CD that is comparable to the efforts of Bob Marley. With his Rastafarian voice and edgy mixes of music, Quaye revolutionizes Jamaican influenced music.

Hopefully it won't be four more years until listeners hear from him again.

For more information on Finley Quaye, visit www.SonyMusic.fr/FinleyQuaye.com.



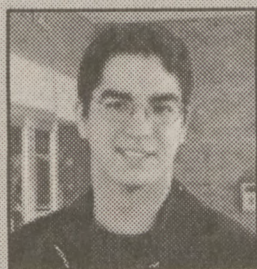
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GUARDING FINLEY: Finley Quaye's latest CD, "Vanguard," now in stores, is a unique blend of reggae and soulful beats. Even though it has been four years since his last release, fans of Bob Marley are sure to enjoy this treat of rasta flavor.

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1. "This check seems to be made out to "selfish, arrogant dickhead."
2. "I can't believe I gave my panties to a geek!"
3. "He's the reason Cliffs Notes were invented."
4. "I don't believe this! I've got a trig midterm tomorrow, and I'm being chased by Guido the killer pimp!"
5. "You want to compare brainpans? I won the Westinghouse prize when I was 12, big deal. Published at 19, so what. I got a double doctorate from MIT at 22, chemistry and geology. I taught at Princeton for two and a half years. Why do I do this? Because the money's good, the scenery changes and they let me use explosives."

Genesis revolutionizes church



By Sara McDowell
LIFE EDITOR

A video screen plays bits of a variety of movies, from "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Fight Club" to "Meet the Parents" and "SLC Punk." The stage below the video screen is one where audience members might see a children's play. Right now it is a temporary home to a few guitars, bass, drum set, keyboards, large speakers and microphones.

As a person enters the large room composed of beige cinder block walls and high ceilings reminiscent of an elementary school gym, he sees rows of chairs, two TVs suspended from the ceiling and people wearing everything from Red Wings jerseys to khakis.

There is not one sign of a pew, cross, choir, pulpit or stained glass windows depicting religious scenes. A person would not know he was entering the home to Genesis The Church, held at the Community Hill Education Center in Royal Oak, unless he looked closely to see the Bibles in people's laps or placed on the floor under their chairs.

And if a person looked even closer, he just may notice that the man speaking to the group is wearing jeans and a long sleeved shirt with the collar unbuttoned, not a suit or traditional religious robe.

That's because the man is not a normal speaker, and this is not your average church. Rev. Steve Norman, Director of Genesis, has revolutionized the way one thinks of discovering God.

The 26-year-old mentions Dr. Suess, the TV show "Friends," "Jurassic Park," "Braveheart," and compares a T-Rex to God. He uses stories and personal experiences to get his point across. He speaks with a twinkle in his eyes and excitement in his voice.

Norman said that the goal of Genesis is "to create opportunities for people to have life changing encounters with Jesus Christ."

His sermons are interesting, humorous and effective.

Even Genesis' music isn't ordinary. Covers of everything from U2 and Everclear to Alanis Morissette and Dishwalla can be heard.

But through the music that rocks, videos that not only entertain but educate, and informative messages that are easy to understand, Genesis teaches people that there is a place for those who have been bored with church in the past.

"The best part about Genesis is how much I've grown as a person. This isn't your typical church. It isn't about the rules of what not to do. It stresses and emphasizes relationships with Christ," said Kevin Jones, leader of the Guest Relations Team at Genesis, a group which provides hospitality and customer service. "This is the first time I've enjoyed being at a church," he said.

Others agree. "I like coming to Genesis because it's always awesome, and I get so much out of it," said Courtney Smith, also a member of the Guest Relations team.

In September 1999, Genesis began as a ministry within Kensington Community Church, located in Troy.

Genesis' goal was to reach people in their 20's and 30's who had not yet developed a relationship with Christ.

The following year, Genesis became a separate entity, known as Genesis The Church. Since then Genesis has not only relocated from Troy to its present home in Royal Oak but has moved from offering one service on Sunday and Thursday nights to two services on both of those nights.

Norman says the move to two services, which began in March, is going well. "More and more people seem to be getting excited about what's going on," he said.

Genesis offers services at 4:20 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. on Sundays and 6:37 p.m. and 8:07 p.m. on Thursdays.

"Thursday night services are designed for people who haven't been to church or haven't been in a long time, those who might consider themselves in the early stages of their spiritual journey," said Norman.



Photo courtesy of Genesis The Church
ROCK THIS WAY: Rob Cucheran and members of Genesis perform at Genesis. A wide variety of songs are sung, from MxPx to Lenny Kravitz.

"Sundays are more designed for those who already consider themselves followers of Jesus Christ but are still open to everybody," he said.

Beau McCarthy, Arts and Production Director at Genesis, meets with a planning team to arrange mockumentaries, man on the street interviews, movie clips and music for Thursday nights.

"We cover a range of issues that can be applied to life, such as pop culture, sociology, theology and personal growth. We try to mix it up," said McCarthy.

"Someone can come in asking heavy questions about God and life and the message will tell them about God, and remind them about who they are and hopefully give them the comfort to realize they are like other people," he said.

"Genesis is real. It's fun. There isn't pressure involved. I think that someone wouldn't feel uncomfortable here. There's no guilt, but hopefully there's a chance to respond," said McCarthy.

According to its website, Genesis is a place to be accepted just the way you are, to ask tough questions and get honest answers, to meet new friends and build authentic relationships, to experience the presence of God and to impact friends, family and community with love in action.

Carrie Taylor, another member of the Guest Relations team said, "It's like a home away from home. I feel really welcomed at Genesis. It's a place where people can understand me and won't condemn me. It also has a good children's program."

Genesis is open to people of all ages and at all stages of their spiritual quest. Childcare is available at both services on Sundays and at the 6:37 p.m. service on Thursday. For more information on Genesis, visit its website at www.GenesisRockCity.com or call 248.852.2235.

'Conversations with God' empowers readers

By Lacey Marcks
THE OAKLAND POST

God is all around us. In the air we breathe and the people we see. But how is he involved in people's lives today?

In a book by Neale Donald Walsch called "Conversations with God," God says, "Each of you experiences your conversations with God in your own way, and in different ways at different times. It will always be a two-way conversation, such as the one we are having right

now. I will come to you if you invite Me. I will show you then that I have always been there."

"The Conversation with God" books are a trilogy of conversations between Neale Donald Walsch and God.

According to Walsch, some people are able to hear God respond to them, in some form or another. Most people feel close to him, in their own way, but when fear is set free, a true friendship can be established.

In the book God says, "Everything

occurring in the universe is occurring perfectly. When you see the utter perfection in everything, not just those things with which you agree, but (and perhaps especially) those things with which you disagree, you achieve mastery."

Christians believe there are guidelines people must follow in order to maintain a relationship with God. They are interpreted from the Bible and are as follows: go to God daily in prayer (John 15:7), read God's word daily (Acts 17:11), obey God's words (John 14:21), witness for

Christ in words and deeds (John 15:8), trust God with every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7) and empower the Holy Spirit to control your life and actions (Galatians 5:16-17).

As seen with many issues in today's day and age, not all people agree on issues of right and wrong.

If a person chooses to have a two way relationship with God and wants to learn more about holding a conversation with him, check out www.ConversationsWithGod.com, www.BibleTruths.org, and www.ChristiansUnited.com.



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
PURRFECT RHYTHM: (L-R) Rosario Dawson, Rachel Leigh Cook, and Tara Reid star in "Josie and the Pussycats."

'Pussycats' spoof music industry

By Marc Hankins
THE OAKLAND POST

Live action film based on old comic book characters? Sounds predictable or too cheesy to be any good, right? Wrong.

Even those who berated the "Batman" films, or snubbed "The Shadow" will be purring with laughter after seeing "Josie and The Pussycats."

The latest offering of co-directors Harry Elfont and Deborah Kaplan, ("Can't Hardly Wait") bring "Josie and The Pussycats" to the big screen. Based on the Archie comic book series, the film stands on its own as enjoyable.

Josie and the Pussycats was also a TV series which ran from 1970-1972 about a pop music group whose tours involved strange mysteries.

The film tells the story of the girl band, The Pussycats, who dream of making it big with its edgy rock sound but can't seem to find any fans to catapult them to stardom.

Josie, played by Rachel Leigh Cook, ("She's All That," "Living Out Loud") soon becomes discouraged, but is reassured by her bandmates Val (Rosario Dawson of "Down To You," "Kids") and Melody (Tara Reid of "American Pie," "Just Visiting") that all will be well if they just keep playing gigs.

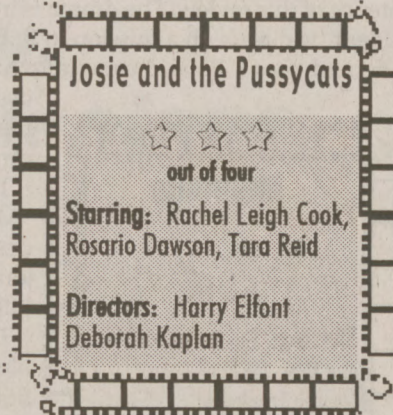
Several puns later, the girls find themselves meeting up with the ultra-arrogant music agent Wyatt Frame, played by Alan Cumming, ("Spy Kids," "Get Carter") who immediately offers the girls a record deal. A little suspicious, but not sensing any ulterior motive on Wyatt's part, The Pussycats sign the deal and are subsequently thrust into super-stardom.

The plot thickens when it is revealed that Wyatt and his business partner, Fiona (Parker Posey of "Best in Show," and "Scream 3") are using music to send subliminal messages to teens, provoking them to buy everything from clothing to soft drinks. However, when Josie learns of this plan to use The Pussycats music to hawk merchandise, while also turning her against her bandmates, she is shocked to find she has been a "trend pimp" and seeks to make things right.

Solid acting roles are turned in by Cook and Cumming, and there's even a romantic sub-plot to be found amidst all the sexy clothes and outrageous spoofs.

Although the ending is a little anti-climactic, overall, "Josie and The Pussycats" is a witty comedy that cleverly pokes fun at trends, the music industry and advertising, while showcasing how important a thing like friendship can be. The music is decent, and audiences will be rewarded for paying attention to the dialogue, which is rich with subtle humor.

Throw in a bit part from Carson Daly, (MTV's TRL) who plays himself, and audiences will be left with a hilarious film that has a band with more girl power than the Spice Girls ever had.



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This weekend, on Friday and Saturday night, the Hayloft Liquor Stand, located in downtown Mt. Clemens, will host "White Trash Weekend," for everyone 21+. There will be a Jerry Springer Storyline contest, and the winner will receive a VCR from Beach Bums Tanning. Free cover for everyone with mullets.

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