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Number 55 reflects on his four years at OU



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 Geoffrey Feiger will be speaking at noon today in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. All students, staff and faculty are welcome to listen to him speak on "Right to Life, Right to Death."

• The OUPD will be sponsoring the Rape Aggression Defense Systems (R.A.D.), a self defense program for women. Students can now register for classes by calling (248) 370-4244 or email Ross@oakland.edu. The program runs March 5, 7, 12, and 14 from 7-10 p.m.

•OU's Professional Development and **Education Outreach** and the School of Education and Human Services is sponsoring a 10week workshop entitled "Chinese Language Basic Survival Skills", beginning this week. Participants can enroll in either the Monday, 2:30-4 p.m. session or the Thursday, 5:30-7 p.m. session. The sessions meet in room 326 of Kresge Library.

• The Dean of Students office is collecting information for the 01-02 Student Handbook/Planner. Submissions are due by March 1. Call Chris at x3352.

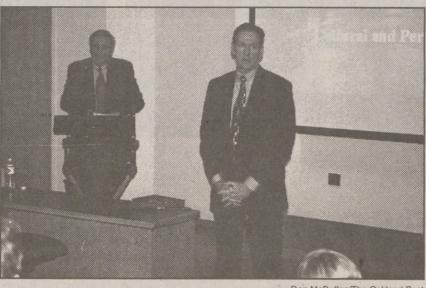
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Provost, President launch 'vision'



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post FUTURISTIC THINKING: President Gary Russi and VP for Academic Affairs and Provost Louis Esposito spoke to OU Student Congress about the future of OU.

By Tracy Minnis MANAGING EDITOR

ew buildings, higher enrollment numbers and increased involvement in student organizations are all factors that point to OU's growth. But to keep that growth moving in positive directions, President Gary Russi and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Louis Esposito are enlisting the help of the student body.

At Monday's 4 p.m. Student Congress meeting, Russi and Esposito unveiled their "2010 OU Profile" presentation.

The purpose of this profile is to serve as an administrative outreach program to gain student said Russi. feedback and insight in regard to

the future direction of OU. Planning to present this profile to 42 groups, totaling 1,700 students and faculty, in a time frame of six weeks, Russi and Esposito hope to gather a diverse variety of student voices and experience.

The presentation includes a film featuring on-the-spot student and faculty opinions, mission statements and outlines of future steps toward campus growth and question and answer

"Oakland has continued to keep pace with the growth by providing new advanced teaching resources for the facilities,"

"They include the Science and Engineering Building, the Recreation and Athletic Center, the renovated Oakland Center, the renovated Hannah Hall for the School of Health Sciences and the R. Hugh and Nancy Elliot Business and Information Technology Building. In the past four years, we've added 27 new degree programs. The purpose is to expand educational offerings for our students.'

In regard to improving OU's campus life, both Russi and Esposito highlighted the importance of maintaining on campus state-of-the-art technology.

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OUSC Presidential candidate singled out

By Lisa Remsing NEWS EDITOR

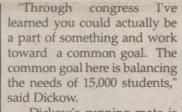
Political apathy at OU is being displayed as only one team is running for Student Congress president and vice president. The second team dropped out of the running late Tuesday

Sophomore Kim Langley, political science and public administration and Aws Ali, junior, marketing, decided at the last minute to no longer run for office. Since it is too late for candidates to join the running, the only alternative for another candidate is a write-

"There is always a possibility of a write-in candidate," said OUSC President Adam Kochenderfer. "At this point you can't count anyone out."

The presidential candidate is LAST ONES STANDING: Derek Dickow, senior, political Derek Dickow (Pres.) and science and philosophy. Dickow Angel Guy (VP) is the has been a member of congress only team running for OUSC Student Body for four years and served as a President. legislator in congress for two years, and is the head of the scholarship committee. He is also currently

the president of CASA, the student organization for Caldean students.



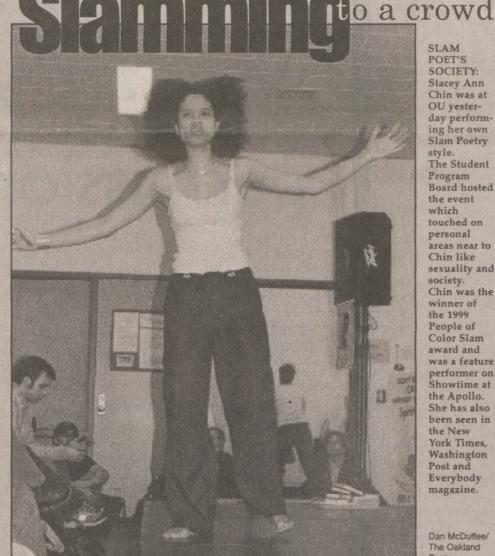
Dickow's running mate is Angel Guy, senior, human resource development. Guy is president of the Association of Black Students, on the Academic Conduct Committee and is a 2001 Keeper of the Dream award recipient. She has served as a legislator on congress for two

"This year I think students volced their opinions but they didn't feel that they were heard. I want them to feel that they are heard and that this is the school for them," said Guy.

Dickow and Guy plan on stressing involvement to students and wish to make students feel welcome in the

OUSC office.

OUSC continues on A5



Stacey Ann Chin was at OU yesterday performing her own Slam Poetry style. The Student Program Board hosted the event which touched on personal areas near to Chin like sexuality and society. Chin was the the 1999 People of Color Slam award and was a feature performer on Showtime at the Apollo. She has also been seen in the New York Times. Washington Post and Everybody magazine.

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SOCIETY:

Dan McDuffee/ The Oakland

Prof. uncovers new chapter in Chinese missionary history

By Cara Plowman EDITOR IN CHIEF

There isn't much of Northwestern China that Linda Benson hasn't discovered. Benson, professor of history and International studies, presented her lecture "Muslims, Missionaries Warlords Northwestern China" last Thursday in the second Presidential Collogium of the 2000-2001 academic year.

"Although a great deal has been written about China missions, some of it very scholarly, some of it written by the missionaries themselves, virtually nothing has been written about this Muslim mission effort as a whole," she said.

"And it that sense, what I'm presenting today is part of a new chapter in mission

Benson's presentation concentrated on the time period between 1912 and 1949 and focused on three missionaries whose writings relay the history of the Silk Road (the trade route from China to Europe).

Three female missionaries, Mildred Cable, Evangeline French and Francesca French, are at the center of Benson's research.

"As I've begun to understand these women a little bit better over the last couple of years, I've started calling them 'missionaries with attitude,' partly because of their problems with their home



determined, very independhave an attitude, so to speak,

organization but also towards Chinese or Muslim because these were very people, but really toward their own religiously conserent women. They did not vative, highly patriarchal CHINA continues on A5

Prosecutor says no to sex assault complaint

By Cara Plowman EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office refused to issue a warrant for the alleged first degree criminal sexual assault in Fitzgerald House that reportedly occurred on Jan. 14.

OU Police Department's Lieutenant Mel Gilroy presented evidence to the Warrants division of the Prosecutor's Office Monday. "They felt they could not

prove use of force," said The case was complicated

by not only the lack of evidence showing force but also the fact that the underage complainant had been drinking.

The Prosecutor's Office will refuse to issue a warrant when there is not enough evidence to win a case with- involve alcohol. out any reasonable doubt.

The University will hold a conduct hearing Monday.

The alleged victim is returning to campus for the conduct board meeting. She told The Post that she could not left OU shortly prove use of after the alleged incident because she didn't feel safe.

The alleged assault admittedly happened in the woman's dorm room around 5 a.m. She said her roommate was gone for

the weekend. She added that alcohol

had been involved. Gilroy said that nine CSCs were filed during the 1990s and that most of these cases

The campus first caught wind of the alleged incident next during a WDIV Channel Four broadcast. According

to the alleged victim, contact was made with the station because she felt the campus should know.

"I didn't know to what degree it would alarm the Mel Gilroy campus," she said... Lieutenant, OUPD "I got the response that I wanted."

Dean of Students David Herman said that the conduct board hearing is separate from the judi-

cial hearings. He also said that if a student accused of a crime is found guilty by the conduct board they are usually suspended or expelled.



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•Police were called to Fitzgerald Hall for a reported threat made during a telephone call. A male student had a female over on Sunday who used his phone to call her boyfriend. He asked her to get off his phone, and she did not, so he unplugged it. The female yelled at him and told him that he did not know how to treat her with respect. Ten minutes later a suspect identifying himself as the female's cousin called and allegedly threatened the male resident, saying, "I will seriously come up there and kill you." In a follow up interview with police, the threatening caller was identified as the female's boyfriend. She was informed that this is the third incident that her boyfriend has been involved in threatening a person with whom he had a disagreement, and that the crime is a misdemeanor.

· Police were called to the Athletic Center on February 7 to investigate a case of Malicious Destruction of Property. An employee of the Athletic center was notified by the cleaning staff that someone had cut four of the soap dispensers that are under the sinks in the men's restroom on the first floor. The complainant stated that she has no idea who might have caused the damage.

•Police responded to a suspected Unlawful Entry in VanWagoner Hall on February 6 when a student found a condom wedged in the ceiling tile above her loft. She said that she left her room unlocked for about 30 minutes to take a shower and when she returned she noticed the condom above her bed. The student also reported that she and her roommate have been receiving anonymous phone calls and the caller is hanging up when they answer.

• On Thursday, police were called to Varner Hall to investigate a breaking and entering into a vending machine. A custodian met police at the scene and said that he noticed the plexiglass window was punched in when has was cleaning. The officer examined the machine and noticed the plexiglass was pushed in at the top and approximately four bags of chips were missing. No other damage was found.

RIME Students 'Intrigued' by new hip hop dance company

Ashli Bobo THE OAKLAND POST

What once started out as a dream has now developed into reality. Intrigue Hip Hop Dance Company began as a vision in the mind of OU student Kenya

Watkins, 20, is a third year student at OU. She grew up in Detroit, where she attended high school at the Detroit School for the Performing Arts. While Watkins was in high school her main focus was dancing. Although she has a great passion for dance, Watkins plans to graduate from OU with a degree in Management Information Systems.

At the start of the fall 2000 semester, Watkins shared her idea of a hip hop dance team with another student, Moneka Reynolds, biology. Reynolds also had an extreme love for the art of dance. The two ladies immediately came up with plans to get their dance group off the ground.

The first step was to hold tryouts for QU students who wanted to be a part of the dance organization. Many talented women participated in the tryouts, but

only sixteen were chosen. "As soon as I saw the flyer, I got excited and I immediately began preparing for tryouts," said team member Dara

Turmer, physical therapy. "It is always found Intrigue memnice to see something new on campus."

The first show was planned for ous. The Varner Recital January 2001. In order to pull off a successful performance the team practiced OU, was almost filled day in and day out between the months of October and January.

"After November the days seemed like alike were attentive they flew by and the show was right throughout the entire around the corner," said Reynolds.

Watkins and Reynolds, along with the other members of the team, wanted the first show to be the best. They wanted to leave the audience with a good impression. These two young ladies also wanted to show the OU community that dance is an activity that requires just as much practice and training as football and basketball.

An official date, January 19, 2001, was set for the first performance. All of the dances were choreographed and the show was coming together smoothly. The word was spread throughout the campus that Intrigue Hip Hop Dance Company was performing for the first

"I was so stressed out because everyone was expecting a dynamic show," said Watkins. "The pressure was on to exceed the audience's expectations of

bers excited and nerv-Hall, on the campus of to capacity.

Friends and family show. At the end, the audience responded with a standing ova-

"The show was so awesome and it kept my attention from beginning to end," said Starla Thomas, biolo-

Watkins definitely made her dream come true. Her hard work and dedication has resulted in a successful performance and a talented dance team.

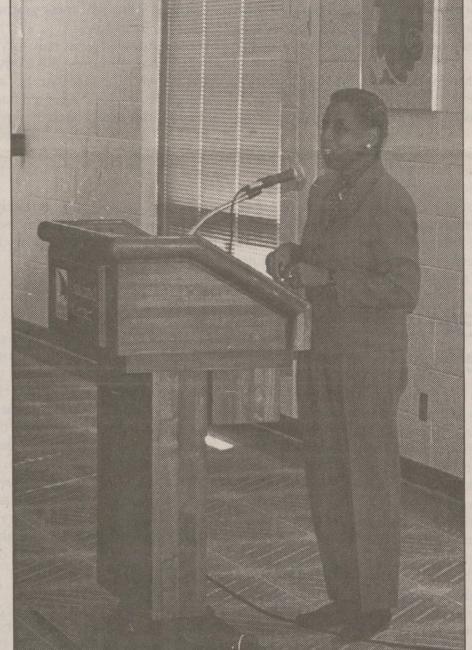
Watkins mother, Rhonda Flowers, said, "I am so proud of Kenya because ever since she was in high school she wanted to organize a dance team, and now three years later she has exactly what she wished for."

"This just goes to show that if you The night of the first performance have the drive and determination to

DANCING YOUR DREAMS: Third year student, Kenya Watkins, is gy. "I cannot wait until living her dreams through the Intrigue Hip Hop Dance Company the next performance. which she began in the fall semester.

> make something happen, then you can," said Watkins. "All it takes is for you to believe in your dream and most of all to believe in yourself!"

Intrigue Hip Hop Dance Company will be performing February 16, 2001 at the Mardi Gras Fashion Affair. The event will take place in Varner Recital Hall and 8 p.m. The team will also dance at the Greek Step Show on March 31.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post HOW SWEET IT IS: Alumna, historian and literary scholar, Dr. Nancy-Elizabeth Fitch, was at OU on Monday speaking on her book, "How Sweet the Sound: The Spirit of African American History".

Alumna shares sweet sounds of African American history

By Mike Savage THE OAKLAND POST

People set aside a time during the year to celebrate African American history because it is often overlooked as a significant part of the country's culture. Dr. Nancy-Elizabeth Fitch went a step further and brought together artifacts, which she feels, capture the real essence of a history that is often ignored.

Fitch, a 1969 O.U. graduate, historian and literary scholar, addressed a small crowd in the Oakland Center on Monday afternoon as part of the African American history celebration.

Fitch talked about her book "How Sweet the Sound: The Spirit of African American History", an edited collection of sermons, essays, songs, articles and other artifacts. Fitch said she wanted people to hear and visualize African American history in a new way that was not alphabetically written.

After graduating from O.U. in Political Science and English, she earned a masters degree and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. She has taught history and African American studies around the country. Currently, she is the chairperson of the department of English at the College of New Rochelle in New York.

"History is not passive. History is an evolutionary process and not rigidly defined," Fitch

"How Sweet" is an attempt to collect the non-written traditions like music, rhythm, language, and dance which give readers a truer

sense of the ordinary people that lived and made history," Fitch said.

Her book looks at history as a glass that is at least half full, she said. The forefathers and foremothers were victimized but not victims.

"They used the limited control they had over their own lives wisely," she said.

Fitch also talked about the great influence African Americans have had on popular culture recently and throughout the last century. She said they are responsible for a cultural transformation of the country.

The Blues are about survival. They are a form of laughter and humor which deals with things like the absurdity of a person owning another person, Fitch said.

"It's almost laughable, if it wasn't so sad,"

Jazz evolved as American art coming out of the ashes of slavery, she said.

Fitch's book, finished in 2000, took her nine years to write. She had a number of problems with the publisher and at one point they fired

"It made me absolutely nuts," she said. "I'll never see any royalties because we were over

Despite the difficulty, she said she is glad she wrote it. Fitch doesn't care about selling a lot of books, she said, as long as people know it is

"The retrieving of African American history was an Amazing Grace."

E-Week focuses engineering students National Society of Black Engineers host lectures

By Angela Harris THE OAKLAND POST

Shifting from college life to corporate society isn't always a smooth ride, but engineering students seeking careers in the fast lane can help put themselves in the driver's seat by attending the seminars offered during National Society of Black Engineers E-Week.

The kick off of E-Week begins with a panel discussion entitled "Transitioning from College to Corporate America" at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the Oakland

Center, Heritage Room. Tarolyn Buckles, President of the NSBE Detroit Alumni Extension and employee of FPS Engineering, is just one of the featured

Four other corporate professionals will be in attendance representing Visteon and Ford. The panel is comprised of four women and one man.

Doron Elliot, current President of the NSBE said, "I am excited. I think having four women engineers is a big thing."

Thirty students will be given the opportunity to attend this seminar and question the panel about internships, job placement and career tips. The NSBE is sponsoring the seminar. Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

The E-Week celebration continues on Wednesday, Feb. 21 with a tour of the Corver Plastic Injection Molding Engineering Plant. Students will be leaving OU at 9:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 2 p.m.

James R. Ray, Director of Product Engineering at Delphi Auto, will be wrapping up E-Week with a one hour computer presentation on how to survive corporate downsizing. "The Upcoming Challenges as an Engineer in the Automotive Industry" lecture will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 22 in the Lake Superior Room of the Oakland Center.

This seminar, sponsored by the NSBE, Tau Beta Pi, and the Society of Women Engineers, will be open to the first 48 students in attendance. A question and answer session will be held after the lecture

For more information on E-Week, interested students can contact the School of Engineering and Computer Science at (248)

E-Week Activities

"Transitioning from College to Corporate America" Panel Discussion, noon, Feb. 20, Heritage Room, OC.

"The Upcoming Challenges as an Engineer in the Automotive Industry" Presentation, noon, Feb. 22, Lake Superior Room, OC.

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Editor's View

Drinking may lead to more than just a good time

Just how badly does alcohol impair one's good judgment is a question that can be answered simply by walking into almost any bar on any given night.

Most people think that they can 'handle their liquor,' that their judgment is intact and that nothing bad can happen while they drink. After all, it's supposed to be fun and relaxing, right?

Whether it be getting behind the wheel, saying or doing something regretful or even getting sick and passing out, those who have made irreversible mistakes while under the influence know how bad 'the morning after' can be.

College students seem to be considered the professional drinkers and mixers in America.

According to a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health College 84 percent of the more than 17,000 students surveyed in 140 colleges said they drink regularly. Out of those students, half are considered to be binge drinkers (consume five or more drinks in a night).

The survey said that people who binge drink are also more likely to hurt others through physical assaults and sexual offenses like harassment.

People who drink too much, too often, or are under 21 are not only causing harm to themselves and everyone that they come in contact with, but they are breaking the law.

Binge drinking is one of the most serious problems college students face. The Harvard survey found that binge drinkers are most at risk for losing educational opportunities, becoming antisocial or getting in trouble with the law.

According to the survey, schools with dormitories on campus, bars with in a mile from campus and schools with Division One sports teams have a higher number of bingers.

OU fits that profile in every direction. If large amounts of alcohol are mixed with drugs, an uneasy temper or even a car, the result could by lethal. You could wake up with more than just a hangover. STDs, MIPs, DUIs

and CSCs (criminal sexual conduct) are very real. But all college students know that drinking underage or drinking too much has consequences, right?

Wrong.

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The only Zen you find on the top of mountains is the Zen you bring up there.

- Robert M. Pirsig





President Russi's source regarding OU in 2010

REALIT

Letters to the Editor

Alleged CSC victim disappointed in Post coverage

Dear Editor,

I am the victim of the sexual assault that happened in Fitzgerald House on Jan. 14.

The reason Channel 4 even did a broadcast on the story was because of the fact the university itself had not notified any of the student body that an "alleged" sexual assault had happened. Not to prosecute the "alleged"

I know that I felt extremely disappointed and unsupported by the University and its on campus media. I know that you received a police report regarding the incident, but what I don't understand is why it wasn't even in crime watch, nothing appeared even to say an 'alleged" sexual assault happened.

From my point of view, which is from a journalist stand point (I was the editor-in-chief of my high school paper, I have published works, etc.), I feel that you the media picked sides with the "alleged" with not even expressing the event to my peers. This also made me feel quite unsafe - the main reason that I returned home to

Chicago, Illinois - because I asked myself how would I feel if I wasn't the victim and I hadn't known that this type of person was walking around. I feel that you took away from my peers the truth-which as the media, is something I thought most journalists strive for - telling the public the truth.

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I, as a journalist personally, try to allow my public to always know not only the truth, but what is going on around them. The fact that the "alleged" is still living on campus doesn't send up a red flag in your mind to warn anybody. You didn't have to say yes, this definitely happened but as the media you should of at least informed the student body of what was going on.

And I'm taking this all the way to court and everything-

I ask you, Cara, doesn't it bother you or make you feel unsafe-even that an "alleged" sexual attacker is living and walking around your campus?

Name Withheld

OUPSA/MEA NEA thanks The Post

Dear Editor,

As one of the co-editors of our fledgling OUPSA MEA/NEA newsletter, I would like to thank The Oakland Post for its continuing support of our membership during the long negotiation process.

Your timely articles on the situation helped improve morale among our members, not to mention raising student consciousness of the valuable role we play in student lives.

Indeed, we are honored to assist students during their years at the university and look forward to cheerfully serving them in the future.

It seemed at times the ONLY people who valued our campus contributions were the students and the faculty.

Also, when The Post prominently mentioned planned our Informational Walk on Jan. 31, I have to believe that the administration took note. There is every indication that shining a spotlight on our situation facilitated the subsequent contract offer.

Post. Take a bow, you deserve it!

Administrative Secretary Political Science

Math dept. lacking?

Dear Editor,

*Comment via telephone

I just read the article in the paper (Wed. Jan. 31) about Oakland's math department. I wanted to comment that their should be another article, a follow-up article, saying students' opinions of that because the math department is lacking.

When you've had a 4.0 average in high school and you cannot pass a calculus class at Oakland because you cannot understand the teacher and all the class has to take it over again there is a problem.

I just wish there would be more follow up. I thought they were under Our hats are off to The Oakland review. I'm sorry that they're not under review. And this problem Karen Meyer needs to be addressed.

I wish there would be more followup articles about it and then maybe they would do something about the teachers.

Anonymous

All letters to the editor must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation. Please limit letters to less than 400 words. Letters may be edited. The editor may use discretion in rejecting any letter for publication. Letters become property of The Oakland Post.

Question of the Week...

Where do you see OU in the year 2010? Email your response to The Oakland Post, oakpost@oakland.edu

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According to Russi, OU has committed millions of dollars since 1995 to campus improvements, from residence hall services to the process of registration to the classroom itself.

Esposito addressed the importance of how students develop educational skills and humanitarian interests, and how they utilize them after graduation from OU.

"Oakland views undergraduate education as central to its mission," said Esposito. "We want to ensure an enriched learning environment in order to educate a diverse body of students to be productive contributing members of society."

The presentation concluded with a vision of what

During the period that Benson's research is con-

centrated, the role of Western missionaries and an

increasing nationalism created tension between

will one day, according to the university's plans, hopefully be the distinguishing characteristics of OU in 2010. These characteristics are as follows: Biomedical Sciences, Health and Wellness, Automotive and Cultural and Performing Arts.

According to Russi, the purpose of this "distinguishing characteristics" mission statement is to aid Oakland in achieving a more specific image. By better defining OU's programs and educational contributions, Russi hopes that the public will have a clearer picture of OU's direction, as well as what the university will become best known for in the

"It's not a dream, but a reality yet to come," said Russi.

Those interested in offering feedback can find the profile questionnaire on the web at www3.oakland.edu/oaklandaboutou/profile.htm.

city where Benson traveled, she said nine ethnic

Benson is regarded as an expert on modern Chinese and Inner-Asian history. She is a professor in OU's College of Arts and Sciences and has been

involved in Asian culture and history for 15 years. In addition, Benson has written four books on foreigners and the Chinese. In one Northwestern modern Chinese history.

groups live together.

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organization."

"I would have liked to have seen a competitive race, but I know both candidates have served admirably in congress," said Kochenderfer. "I know they have both performed well in their position on the legislature," he said.

To be put on the ballot, candidates have to gath-

er 150 signatures from OU students, and must write a 300-word platform by February 20. Candidates must be in good academic standing, have attended one of the orientations on Monday or Tuesday of this week, and must have been at OU for at least one semester prior to the elections

The presidential voting takes place on March 13, 14, and 15.4

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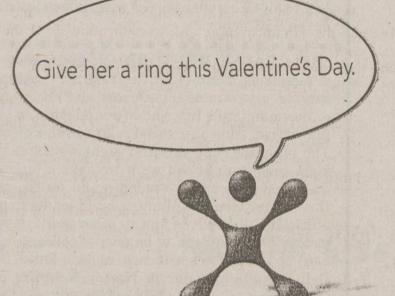
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Aphrodite told her that she had to complete three tasks before she could be with her love, but she died before she complete them all. Aphrodite took pity on Psyche and took her to join Cupid.

Just as each country has their different cultural customs, they also celebrate Valentine's Day a little bit differently. In the UK there is a tradition that the first person you talk to on Feb. 14th is "your Valentine."

In Japan, it is mainly the women who buy gifts for men. Ladies do not worry, in the accepting of a gift, the men eventually return the honor. On March 14, known in Japan as White Day, the men buy the women a gift. The holiday is celebrated this way in Holland, Germany and France, as well.

There are also many superstitions associated with Valentine's Day. Some believe if a woman sees a a lover's heart.

robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, she will marry a sailor. If she sees a sparrow, she will marry a poor man and be very happy, and if she sees a goldfinch, she will marry a millionaire.

In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a young man. If she keeps the gift, it means she will marry him. So guys, be careful when choosing your gifts this Valentine's Day.

Along with traditions and superstitions, come the thoughtful sentiments between lovers. One partner may make the other breakfast in bed or surprise a loved one with flowers at work. If your sweetheart is going to be away on Valentine's Day, place cards in her luggage.

Valentine's Day is a holiday of magic. Filled with myths and legends, it gives people the chance to write their own story. It gives us a chance to enhance the love we already have and perhaps spark a new one. So watch out, for when Cupid let's his arrows go, they are known to go straight to

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> or stop by to see them in Graham Health Center

> to nominate yourself or a friend.

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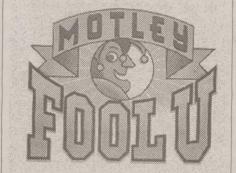
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SPB, Residence Halls, & CSA present: OC Late Nighter

February 17th, 7pm-2am



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Credit Cards for Two

Q: Now that I am married and using my husband's credit card, do the purchases and payments help my credit rating? I've been told that if I get a divorce I might be stuck without any credit. If I simply get my name put on the account as a joint user, would this help? -- T.M., via email

A: Ah, love. We want to share everything with the object of our affection, but sharing credit is risky business. You definitely need to establish and keep a credit rating of your own. Unfortunately, it's not as simple as putting your name on the account.

Any resident of the known universe can be added to your husband's account as an "authorized user." Adding authorized users is a win-win situation for the credit card companies. More users equals more charges equals more money for the credit card company. But your husband, the main account holder and the known quantity, is solely responsible for paying off those charges. As the owner of the account, his is the only name that is reported to credit agencies. Being an authorized user does diddly for your cred-

Being a joint holder is different, but it's not simple. In an informal survey of the credit card companies I happen to have customer service numbers for, one of the three said they didn't allow joint accounts anymore. All they offered was authorized-user status. The other two would allow joint accounts, but it wasn't just a matter of adding a name. It was more like opening a joint bank account. You may even have to do the credit application

With a "joint" card, you are both responsible for paying the bill, and that payment history will affect both credit ratings. Think about that a bit. After the wedding isn't really the best time to be asking this question, but is your hubby someone you want influencing your credit? Even if he is, the future lasts a long time -- and people change.

Every couple needs to work out their own style of handling money. You can go for all joint accounts, totally separate accounts, or some blend. About the only thing you really don't want to do is have everything in one name. That's not just because of divorce. People die, become incapacitated, and go missing in the Bermuda Triangle. Everyone needs to have a personal history of financial responsibility so that whatever life hands them, they can cope.

Which brings us to The Debt Issue. You didn't say you were in debt, but even with two spotless credit histories, if you're like most newlyweds, you'll be under a fair amount of spending pressure as you set up your life together. You know, monogrammed bath towels, his and hers exercycles, a house.... Money is the number one cause of conflict in marriages (what, you thought it was sex?). Pay attention. Pay off every card every month.

What next? If you're going to shop for a joint credit card, check out the best rates and best deals in our Get Out of Debt area -- the articles there can help keep you out of debt, too.

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Engler increases education money

By Mike Murphy THE OAKLAND POST

Governor Engler's proposed 2002 State budget could increase education spending by more than \$600 million for all students - but its increase for spending on higher education depends on the life of a college tuition tax credit that many students can't use.

to repeal the 6-year-old tuition tax credit, a program by which full-time college or university students in Michigan can receive up to \$375 per year credit. This credit only applies to students of institutions that did not raise their tuition above

the rate of inflation in the previous year. Spending for higher education in Michigan would increase by 1.5 percent if the credit stays, or by an average of 3.5

percent if it is lifted. OU's funding would increase by 3.7 percent to a total of \$53.4 million if the

cent to a total of \$52.6 million if it doesn't. Engler has said that the tax credit does Engler is pushing the state legislature fulfill its purpose of keeping tuition prices low.

Rochelle Black, OU's Director of Government Affairs, said that OU students have never qualified for the tax

According to the Michigan Department

of Treasury's web site, last year only one percent last year, which was over the rate of Michigan's 15 universities, Lake Superior State, qualified for the tax credit. Most community colleges qualified, which Black credits to their funding from state and local taxes.

Black said that because of this, the tax legislature repeals the tax credit, or 2 percredit doesn't apply to most Michigan college students.

> "It's there, but you just don't get it," Black said. "A lot of people think they quality, but they don't.'

Nevertheless, Black expects the legislature to vote to keep the tax credit before they recess this summer.

Office, OU raised its tuition by about 2.9 funding could rise 2.5 percent.

of inflation, 2.3 percent.

On Feb. 25th, OU President Gary Russi will testify about higher education spending at the Michigan House subcommittee for higher education appropriations, Black said.

This increase in spending doesn't affect grants from the state, such as the \$31.5million OU received for a new school of education opening in 2002.

The University of Michigan and Wayne State University would receive a 3 percent increase, and Michigan State University would receive a 3.7 percent According to the Student Accounts increase. Oakland Community Colleges

U-M Law School trial nears end

By Michael Hoskins LOCAL EDITOR

With the final witnesses set to testify this week in the U-M Law School admissions policy lawsuit, the trial is moving toward a rul-

During the past week, witnesses testified about racial discrimination and the impact of scrapping affirmative action on California campuses and in government programs.

Justin Silles, junior, MIS, said, "Students should have the opportunity to get in (to law school) no matter what race or ethnicity they are. It's sad when a school feels they have the right to take that

Eugene Garcia, the Dean of the School of Education at UC Berkley spoke on race and its current impact on society, as well as the impact on Latinos.

Executive Director Terry Pell of The Center for Individual Rights, the Washington-based firm that represents the white woman who was denied admission in 1997, spoke about the case issues, as

There has been a lot of testimony on racial inequalities in society," he said. "The real issue is how is this relevant to the university's use of race preferences."

Eleven witnesses were called in to discuss these race issues last week. Two experts talked about the biases in the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), while other professors came from Princeton and Stanford and the University of Columbia to testify in the trial.

U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman is also expected to make a decision in three weeks in the case that could eventually end up in front of the U.S. Supreme



DANGEROUS MERGE: The current interchange at I-75 and M-59 forces drivers to weave and merge into traffic, causing back-ups and accidents.

MDOT unveils new road p

By Michael Hoskins LOCAL EDITOR

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on Tuesday to revamp the interchange system at the I-75 and

Currently, the cloverleaf interchange system forces drivers to fight for spots to merge into traffic, creating back-ups and accidents along the stretch.

A Detroit engineering firm, 75 to westbound M-59. CH2M Hill, began a \$1 million study in November 1999 called the Interchange Feasibility Study, in order to explore the possibility of creating a new interchange system.

According to state highway officials, 70,000 drivers currently use the interchange.

By 2025, though, the combined traffic volumes will increase to 300,000 vehicles a

day, with about 105,000 of those will not have to be rerouted all plan, it is uncertain when condrivers using the new inter- too much. He also said that struction would begin on the

and engineering of an interchange that will offer the needed right-of-way space.

loop that would replace the current two-loop system, and would run from northbound I-

Jose A. Lopez, a public hearings officer for MDOT, said that this is a much needed restruc-

"It will help solve the current traffic congestion and conflicting movements," he said. "It will make the merging of traffic much simpler for drivers."

Lopez added that because of the system of roads that exist near the two expressway, traffic

during a stage, traffic on I-75 project. State highway officials have may have to move along two recommended building a one- lanes instead of four, and that it week in order to discuss the unveiled its \$260 million plan loop system interchange. The would move slower, but it funding for this construction. estimate includes construction would only be a minor incon- Lopez said that because of the venience.

> This plan, however, is not part of the state's budget for road It would involve a three-level and bridge improvements, and would therefore have to be built in stages. Once one stage is completed, that work would have to be able to stand alone s until the next stage's funding is approved.

As of now, three stages are being looked at, with each one possibly taking up to three years. As the project moves along and funding becomes the key issue, stages may be added or subtracted to keep up with the funding.

Since this money was not included in the state's original

A meeting is being held next

questionable funding, it could be up to five years before the project is even begun.

Bob VanAcker, senior, communications is not worried about the timing, though, because the restructuring of the ramps is needed.

"Even if it's five years down the road, at least they're talking about doing something about it," he said. "Anything that changes the way it's set-up now will be better."

Public information meetings were held at the Auburn Hills Public Library earlier this week, and will now begin evaluating the available funding for the project's construction.

Napster loses battle in court, must stop swapping music Napster could offer.

Napster will no longer be the provider of free music. Now, music is back to where it was before the music-swapping internet service became the norm -music stores and compact discs.

A federal appeals court ruled on Monday that the millions of fans who use Napster to find their favorite music choices must stop using the service. Even though Napster is allowed to stay in business, the company must "lock out" those users who do not have a subscription, or who refuse to pay. Once again, the leisure of music is a commodity

we must pay for.

Copyright laws are, of course, the main issue in this case. Napster apparently infringed upon those guidelines and is now paying the price.

Before hitting the courtroom, I had never been interested in Napster. The thought of downloading my favorite music hits and compiling them had never seemed too interesting. I would have rather just bought the compact disc at the nearest music store. This was, until I started learning what

lions of other users is, when you think about it, a quick way to find exact-

ly the right track at exactly the right time. Instead Michael Hoskins of buying the entire CD with numerous tracks that you don't want, you can find

Sharing music with mil-

someone else on the information superhighway who has exactly what you need.

Some musicians, including Lars Ulrich of Metallica thought Napster was, in essence, stealing music from them.

Most feel that musicians would be getting the short end of the stick if the Napster site stayed up.

This, as my colleague states, hits the nail on the head. That is exactly what music is turning into. Napster was one service that countered the money movement, something that many musicians fail to do once they get a taste of what the business can provide.

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• The average garden variety caterpillar has 248 muscles in its head.

•In most advertisements, the time displayed on an analog watch is 10:10 because it makes the watch look like it's smiling.

The legends, symbols, superstitions of Valentine's Day

By Beth Murray THE OAKLAND POST

ack in elementary school you were almost guaranteed not to have any schoolwork to do on Valentine's Day. The day would consist of passing out and receiving Garfield and My Little Pony cards. In middle school there were dances to look forward to on the big love day. In high school it was a day to get a gift from your significant other, or feel bad because you didn't have one. But why is this day celebrated and what is it really all about?

Valentine's Day started in the Roman Empire, and on Feb. 14th it was a time to honor Juno, the Queen of Roman Gods and Goddess and Goddess of woman and marriage. The next day, Feb. 15, was the start of the festival of Lupercalia. On the eve of the festival, the names of girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Young men would pick a girl's name out of the jar and the two would be partners throughout the festival. Sometimes the couple would stay together for a long time, fall in love and get married. This paralleled the belief that the springtime mating of birds took place on Valentine's Day.

During this time Emperor Claudius II, also known as Claudius the Cruel, was having trouble rounding up soldiers for his military leagues. He was convinced the reason liant colors; her eyesight was restored. As she looked down was because the men did not want to leave their loved ones. Claudius then cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome in hopes to obtain more men for his army.

At this time, Saint Valentine was a priest in Rome who secretly married couples. When the town found out that he was doing this, he was sent to death before the Prefect of Rome. He was condemned to be beaten to death and have his head cut off.

Saint Valentine suffered martyrdom on the fourteenth of Feb. around 270 A.D. Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14th St. Valentine's Day

Other stories suggest that Saint Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape Roman prisons, where they were beaten and tortured.

Legend tells us that Saint Valentine himself had a love. While waiting in jail for his execution, Saint Valentine fell in love with a girl, the jailer's daughter, who was blind. Saint Valentine was known to some as a healer, so the jailer asked him to cure his daughter. Right before his execution, Valentine asked the jailer for paper, pen and ink. He gave the jailer the farewell note, and asked him to give it to his daughter. She opened it after St. Valentine's death to find a yellow crocus inside. She looked at the crocus and saw bril-

at the note she read, "From your Valentine."

Year after year traditions grew and soon Valentine's Day was a celebrated holiday.

According to the Great Card Association, an estimated 1 billion cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest (Christmas is the first) cardsending holiday of the year. The most famous symbol for Valentine's Day is

Cupid. Usually shown as a naked infant with

wings holding a bow and arrow, Cupid originated from a myth of his own. Legend says that there was a beautiful girl named Psyche. Aphrodite was jealous of her stunning beauty so she sent her son Cupid, the Roman God of love (known as Eros in Greek mythology) to shoot her with one of his arrows. Aphrodite's hope was that Psyche would then fall in love with an ugly man. Cupid accidentally shot himself, and fell in love with Psyche. Cupid visited Psyche each night, but she was not allowed to

see her lover's face. One night, out of curiosity, she lit a lamp to see Cupid. Some of the lamp's oil fell on Cupid, awakening him. He fled away and Psyche searched the ends of the earth for him. VALENTINE'S DAY continues on A5

sets the record straight

By Rick Herron THE OAKLAND POST

For those of us who think Valentine's Day just isn't what it's cracked up to be (let me check, yep, that would be all of us) there's a new website to help your woe-is-me atti-

Jill Reger has given us her brain child, dipuc.com, to help explain some of the unknown mysteries of love.

It seems that Cupid had a long lost sister, Dipuc that no one ever knew about and her absence in the public eye has caused us all a lot of pain. Dipuc.com intends to change all that. Armed with her trusty crowbar and hammer, (to knock some sense into you) Dipuc is to be our 21st century hero of love.

The website is comprised of a series of sophisticated (the website has a disclaimer that the site is not suitable for those under 18) and well-animated comics that you click through, gaining bits of enlightenment and, hopefully, some laughter along the way.

"I invented Dipuc while penning some of my musings or "Jillisms" in a book entitled 'Deep Thoughts or the Brain Vomit of the Melodramatic,'" said Reger. "The concept and story have grown from its original conception a year ago. Though I create most of the story line, many of my friends and family influence its direction, whether they are actively participating or not."

Reger hopes that the online comic will be popular enough to evolve to an animated TV

"We (workers of dipuc.com) are trying to build a following for our comic and its overall concept that Cupid is the sadist of love and Dipuc the savior," said Reger.

"Once we feel that we have a strong enough following, we are going to try for a TV animation series. We chose this route (the internet) because we didn't want to suffer from 'self censorship' by writing for newspaper publication or syndication," she said.

Though the idea of Cupid being a sadistic little bastard out to ruin us all is indeed a good one, the comics can take a long time to get through to ever find out what's on Dipuc's mind and how she came to be.

Dipuc celebrates another holiday besid Valentine's Day.

"Dipuc Day is Aug. 14 (six months from Valentine's Day). It is a day to celebrate independence not codependence. A day to have beers with friends and laugh at all the mistakes we've made about matters of the heart," said Reger.

After viewing the adventures of Dipuc, check out the interactive part of the site, which features lots of dating horror stories by people dumb enough (or creative enough to think of some of this) to post this for everyone in the whole web-wide world.

One particularly disturbing story was that of a girl who wanted to make her "first time" special. So she blindfolded herself, handcuffed herself to the bed and waited for her boyfriend to come find her. That's special all right. After being completely ravished (and told in more detail than we ever needed) by her lover, the girl finds out that she's just gotten it on with her boyfriend's televangelist father. That's REALLY special.

This, and some of the other weird stories, are, probably fake, but it makes your lame blind date seem like a blessing doesn't it? I felt like I was reading the "Say Anything" section of YM magazine, but it's good for a glad-it-was-you-not-me laugh.

There is also a section which features practical jokes. And don't forget about the "Dear Dipuc" column. Advice is given to those who write in with their love and relationship questions.

So, when that impossibly skinny chic in your Com class is carrying around roses

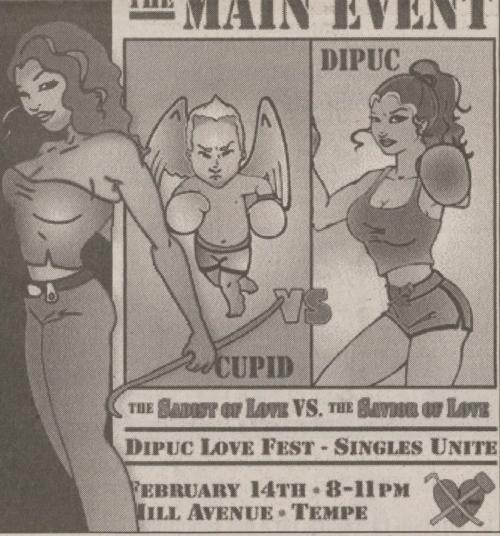


Photo courtesy of Jillmerica LLC. LOVE HURTS: Dipuc.com offers a look at the cruel world of dating and Cupid, through comic form.

date with your gorgeous "other" on this somebody ought to.

from her Abercrombie boyfriend today, drag loved-filled holiday. Instead, buy yourself your butt back to your computer and check some chocolate and bond with your new this site out. But don't tell yourself that soul sister, Dipuc. If you can't carry a crowyou're surfing the net instead of being on a bar and hammer to knock sense into people,

Pick-up Lines

Don't have a date for tonight? Want to find someone to go out with? Try these pick-up lines and maybe (but most likely not) you'll meet the person of your dreams!

•Kiss me if I am wrong, but don't I know you? *I know milk does a body good, but damn girl, how much have you been drinking?

•Girl, you have more curves than a race track!

·Baby, you must be a broom, cause you just swept me off

•If you were a McDonald's hamburger, you'd be a McBeautiful.

Can I have some fries to go with that shake.

•Is your dad a terrorist, because baby you're the bomb!

 Is your dad a baker, because you have some nice buns. Your dad must work for Gillette because you're the best

a man can get. ·Baby, you're so sweet, you'd put Hershey's out of busi-

•Are you from Tennessee? (When she/he says no) I

thought you were... because you are the ten I see.

• Did the sun come out or did you just smile at me?

Do you have a map? I just keep getting lost in your eyes.

Your body's name must be Visa, because it's everywhere

• Is there an airport nearby or is that my heart taking off? •Wouldn't we look cute on a wedding cake?

from Heaven did it hurt?

•I can die happy now; I've seen a glimpse of Heaven. Did it hurt? (he/she responds what?) When you feel

Somebody call God, Heaven must be missing an angel.

•God was showing off when he made you.

•I lost my phone number. Can I have yours?

•Do you drink a lot of Snapple? Because you look like you're made of some of the best stuff on earth.

• If I had you, I wouldn't have to dream anymore.

•If I could be anything I'd be a tear: Born in your eye, live

on your cheek, and die at your lips. •Wanna mix saliva?

Are you my contact, Natasha?

 Are you a serial killer? You look like someone who'd just love to tie me up and eat me.

•Hey, baby, you're Lara Croft and I'm Duke Nukem, let's

go fight some villains. •I would never go skydiving, unless I was going to land

on you. Or a Backstreet Boy. But preferably you! Can I borrow your library card because I want to check

•If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put "U" and "I"

Out of this World aift:

By Sara McDowell LIFE EDITOR

ired of spending money on flowers that die in three days, sappy cards that get thrown out in a week and mysterious candy that goes uneaten? Why not buy your significant other something truly unique and long lasting for Valentine's Day, such as a celestial being?

The International Star Registry, established in 1979, has named hundreds of thousands of stars for friends, lovers and even celebrities. Anyone can name a star, using up to 35 characters in length. The International Star Registry copyrights the name requested by the buyer and records the telescopic coordinates of the star in the book "Your Place in the Cosmos."

The company sends the customer a 12"x16" parchment certificate with the name of their choice, dedication date and coordinates of the star. An informative booklet with charts of the constellations, plus a larger, more detailed chart with the star name encircled in red, is also sent to the buyer.

An unframed certificate of ownership costs \$48 and a framed one sells for \$91 (plus shipping and handling). What better way to give your loved one a gift that will actually last forever! This gift idea is also great for birthdays,

graduations, new born, anniversaries and engagements, as the date that the star is "born" is recorded on the certificate.

Stars have been named for celeberities such as Princess Diana, David Letterman, Elvis Presley, Yoko Ono, John Lennon, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Whitney Houston, Harrison Ford, Elizabeth Taylor and hundreds more. Winona Ryder named a star "Jun," her nickname for ex-fiance Johnny Depp. Kurt Cobain even named a star "Nirvana."

The company has also had the pleasure to work with companies who sometimes name a star for a client. Some of the companies include "Rolling Stone" magazine, Nikon, IBM, Ford Motor Company and Atlantic Records. For more information on the International Star Registry, call 1-800-282-3333 or log on to www.starregistry.com.

Through Moon Land Registry a customer can reserve his own chunk of the moon. The Windsor-based company, a franchise of the California-based Lunar Embassy, sells one-acre plots near the Alphonsus Crater for only \$11.

The customer then receives a parchment deed of ownership and a map that shows the location of the purchase. The company has sold 500 acres on the moon since it opened in August. For more information, call (519) 250-5835 or visit www.moonlandregistry.com or www.lunarembassy.com.

This year you really can give your loved ones the moon and the stars.



MR. AMERICA: The Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority sponsored the Mr.
PhiSignificant Pageant on Friday night. Any fraternity or athletic member was able to compete in the pageant. Thirty young men competed for the title in three rounds of cuts. The pageant consisted of formal attire, swimwear, a question and answer section and a dance performance. The winner was Rob Ray, (pictured left) a member of Sigma Pi.

Great Date Ideas for Under \$10

By Karen Turk THE OAKLAND POST

Sure love is free, but dating is usually expensive. It doesn't have to be, though. The following are five great date ideas costing less than \$10. The only limit is your own cre-

1) A Day at the Museum

For \$4 per person (\$1 per student), you and your sweetheart can spend a day taking in the greats- from Degas to Warhol- at the DIA. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday-Friday (open till 9 p.m. the first Friday of each month) and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Also, if the munchies strike, the Kresge Court cafeteria offers buffet-style fare at a reasonable price.

2) Theme Nights

Add flavor to movie night by cooking a themed dinner (ala TBS's "Dinner and a Movie.") Try Jackie Chan's "Twin Dragons" with Chinese stir fry. Other money-saving bonuses: buying ingredients from a grocery store is cheaper than dining out, and you won't have to feel obligated to tip that rude waiter.

3) Try Something New

Many initial adult enrichment and fitness classes are free. Courses are held just about anywhere, from churches to fitness clubs, and are usually listed in local circulars. For example, Ferndale Yoga advertises an introductory yoga session before mandatory sign-up. Call (248) 547-3893 for class times.

4) In the Mood for Massage

Check out a book on massage from your local library, buy a bottle of baby oil, and learn how to relax your loved one. Inge Dougans' "The Art of Reflexology" specifically concentrates on how to stimulate and relax different body parts by rubbing the corresponding areas of the foot.

5) The Great Outdoors

For \$3 a visit (Wednesdays are free), you and your significant other can hike the trails at Shelby Township's Stony Creek Metropark year round. There are benches placed sporadically along its three nature trails where you can enjoy a pre-made lunch and maybe even see some deer. Trails are not maintained during the off-season however, so proper footwear is imperative. For other Michigan metropark locations, visit www.metroparks.com.

Those 3 Little Words

How to say "I love You" in different languages:

LANGUAGE

Albanian Cambodian Cantonese Dutch Filipino French German Hungarian Indonesian Irish Italian Japanese Latin Polish Sioux Spanish Swedish Tahitian

Yugoslavian

TRANSLATION

Te dua Bon sro lanh oon Moi oiy neya Ik hou van jou Mahal ka ta Te t'aime Ich liebe Dich Szeretlek Saya cinta padamu Taim i' ngra leat Ti amo Kimi o ai shiteru Te amo Kocham Cie Techihhila Te amo Jag a''lskar dig Ua Here Vau Ia Oe

Online dating captures hearts, fears

By Lisa Borrusch

Sure the Internet offers weather information, news updates, comics, games and research of millions of topics, but can it find you a significant other? Online dating offers not only the convenience of dates in the comfort of your own home, but you don't even have to worry what about what you'll wear, or maintaining a fake smile as your date drones on about something you're not interested in.

Julie Woodhouse, an OU graduate in Communication, is an avid fan of online dating.

"I began to look at the personals online and got hooked. After responding to a few ads and chatting online, I met Kevin, and a year later we are happily engaged," said Woodhouse.

Woodhouse is quick to point out that she had a few unsuccessful dates. She also stated that she would chat online for weeks before she met someone in person. "I could always tell at the first meeting if this would develop into the type of relationship I was looking for, and usually it didn't," said Woodhouse.

But after six months of online chatting and personals, Woodhouse had developed an Internet friendship with Kevin whom she had never met in person other students and professionals who had the same

because their schedules conflicted.

"I worked 8-10 hours a day, and Kevin worked long hours in the computer industry. We could never agree on a time to meet," said Woodhouse.

After two more weeks, they finally met at Caribou Coffee and had such a great rapport, that Woodhouse knew this would develop into a lasting relationship.

When asked if the online chatting beforehand helped establish their great relationship, Woodhouse said, "Of course. I prefer chatting online to a phone conversation. It is so flexible, there is no pressure to respond right away. Also, I prefer to read what a person has to say. You can tell a lot by how a person

Bob Fox, a recent OU graduate returning for his ber. teaching certification, agrees the Internet is a positive and healthy environment to meet someone.

"The Internet allows you to meet someone when you have the time, and you are in the comfort of your home, not when people are crammed at a bar trying to buy last call," said Fox.

Fox said that while he worked as a writer for Ford during the day and attended evening classes, it was difficult to have a social life and meet people. But when he tried Internet dating, it allowed him to meet

problem, no time for a social life.

Although online dating has become more popular, there are still people who are skeptical and reluctant.

An anonymous OU junior, computer engineering said, "I am curious about dating on the Internet but refuse to try it. The possibility of deception is too great and being a woman, I worry about safety."

Even though many people are using the Internet to aid in their search for 'the one,' everyone seems to agree that an element of caution should be exercised.

The website, www.wildxangel.com, has some valuable advice for safe Internet dating. Two important tips Internet daters should follow are always meet in a public place and never give out your phone num-

When arranging a first meeting, experts advise telling a friend or relative of the plans. There is a ano a link on the above website called "Smart Date" which is a service where people can leave information about where they'll be going to meet someone and who they'll be meeting.

Some online dating sites to check out are computerdating.com, bestmatch.com, metrotimes.com, matchmaker.com and www.hdn-date.com which includes video clips of people looking for dates.

You can quote me on that

To find out what movie each quote is from, visit The Oakland Post's website, www.oakpostonline.com.

1. "All right ramblers, let's get rambling!"

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- 2. "No, I've never seen that, I've never seen anyone drive their garbage out to the curb and bang the hell out of it with a stick.
- 3. "I knew a man once who said, 'Death smiles at us all. All a man can do is smile back."
- 4. "If you ever want me to be with another woman for you, I'd do it. It's not something I'm interested in. Once, yeah, it seemed normal, but it was just a phase, a college thing, like torn Levi's or law school for you. Would you like something from the kitchen? I'm gonna get some fruit."
- 5. "Science fiction. You're right, it's crazy. In fact, it's even worse than that, it's nuts. You wanna hear something really nutty? I heard of a couple guys who wanna build something called an airplane, you know you get people to go in, and fly around like birds, it's ridiculous, right? And what about breaking the sound barrier, or rockets to the moon? Atomic energy, or a mission to Mars? Science fiction, right?"

Listen Up: What's in Your CD Player?



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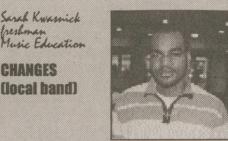
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CHAMPAGNE

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ting a hold of the guy who owned the McDonalds, and he dropped the charges, and was really cool

The story of how Champagne became one of the more recognizable faces on the Grizzly roster started with football. Dan had come to OU straight from high school, but Jon wanted to play football. Obviously he couldn't follow his brother here because OU has no varsity team, so he went to Western Michigan for his freshman year, and played football there.

"I ended up signing with Western Michigan because I liked their coaches and the program they had," he said. "It was terrible when I was there though, we lost our first nine games, and our coach was fired after the fourth. After that I kept on hurting my shoulder by separating it, so I decided to leave, and the coaches wanted me to stay, but I had already talked to my brother, and he said (coach Greg) Kampe would give me a scholarship."

The rest is history.

Champagne says that winning the Mid-Con outright last year was the best thing that happened to him athletically, but it's not the thing he will remember the most.

"I think the best thing about playing on this team is the guys," he said. "Our whole team from top to bottom is the best. I look back now at the games we won, and the championship, and that was all great, but I'm never going to remember how many points I scored, but I'll never forget when six of us got into a car and went to Panama City. Sometimes we would go out after a game and have some fun, and that's the stuff I will remember more than the games. Winning that championship was the best thing athletic-wise, but I don't think it touches just hanging out with the guys on the team, just because we are so close-knit.'

Champagne says that when his hoop days are done, he wants to continue his education.

"I'm going to go back and get my teaching degree," he said. "I would rather teach than coach, but I think a gym teacher would be the best job on the earth, you can put out the dodge balls, and shoot around with the kids. I will probably get my elementary education degree at Wayne State after this year and then work towards a secondary degree in physical education."

Grizzly fans only have two more chances to watch Champagne play at the O'rena. Tomorrow night, and on February 24. Both are 7 p.m. starts.



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Saturday, February 17

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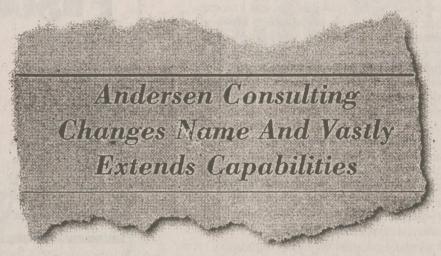
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Damon's of the times

This week challenges in many areas of life, particularly financial, will push people to various extremes. Patience pays off and those able to face difficulties will have an opportunity to grow. In relationships actions speak louder than words, so things are best communicated by just taking a stand. In general, having humility and patience can provide the best outcomes.

Aries - Use quiet time to reflect on the various things going on in your life; you may walk away with some insights. A gentle push works much better than an aggressive ploy to get the attention of a loved one.

Taurus - You have the chance to initiate some major changes in your life this week and, more than likely, you are ready for them. Be sure to think of others after your needs are met, particularly in your relationships.

Gemini - Things that you didn't plan may turn out having the best results.

Taking a break from something you've been focusing on can help you work better when you return.

Cancer - Consider avoiding quick or instinctual decisions midweek, as you may be reacting to an old issue as opposed to the problem at hand. A conflict in a relationship eases up for now.

Leo - Avoid losing your temper in a situation, particularly if you aren't in con-

trol; working with other people is a strong asset this week. An idea that comes from out of the blue may be the best solution.

Virgo - Realizing and acknowledging that you aren't in control of a situation

will help resolve things. Taking a break to think gives you more insights than just plugging away for a resolution.

Libra - Working towards positive life changes may have immediate results

since you are pretty adaptive right now. Taking a calculated risk this week has a higher chance of working out than usual.

Scorpio - Now is the time to initiate a romantic relationship, though it is

important to know if you really want one. A healthy competition will likely put you in a good mood this week, assuming no feelings are hurt.

Sagittarius - Things that you were counting on may fail this week, but keep in

mind that the difficulties now are setting you up for successes later.

Romance can happen when you are honest about your affections.

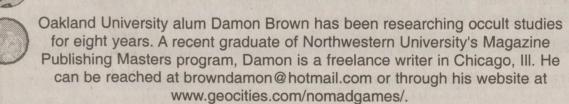
Capricorn - Take an opportunity to broaden your horizon, financially, spiritual-

ly or otherwise, before it goes away. Keep your ego out of the way in relationship dealings or things may get messy.

Aquarius - Working on balancing home and work issues can give you some

strong benefits right now. Reevaluate plans you've had on the backburner for a while; it may be time to consider them.

Pisces - Work on having a realistic view of your relationships, particularly your romantic ones. Take advantage of opportunities to broaden your horizon, particularly in a spiritual sense.



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SPORTS **TRIVIA**

•Name That Grizzly--As a junior, this baseball player started in 58 of the 59 games OU played in. He set school records with 77 hits and 135 total bases in one season. He's ranked fourth in the Mid-Con in hits (77), doubles (20) and total bases (135).

CAN YOU NAME HIM?

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Jon Champagne: from prankster to basketball star

By Ramez Khuri SPORTS EDITOR

on Champagne's athletic career has taken him from high school football star in Linden, MI. to college basketball star in Rochester,

Now that he is a senior at OU, he is determined to make it a memorable season for himself and his teammates.

Most people recognize him as the guy who was suspended for fighting Phil Wille of Valparaiso a few weeks ago, but he says that's not the way he wants to be remembered.

"Athletically, I want to be remembered as somebody who came to work every day and worked his tail off," said Champagne. "Personally I want to be remembered as someone who knows that there is more to school than books and tests, there is going out and meeting people and having fun, and if you're missing out on that, you're missing out on what college is all about."

Although it seemed like the right thing to do at the time, Champagne

the team that's not going to be back next year," he said. "I'm really upset that I missed that road trip because of the suspension, but that's life I guess."

IUPUI on Jan. 25, reality hit Champagne like a ton of bricks. "When you're a freshman, you don't

really think about graduation that much," he said.

"As a sophomore, you're kind of just there for the ride, when you're a junior you start thinking about it, but after that loss I took a look in the IUPUI gym and got choked up. You start thinking about places you'll never be, and all of the last times you do things. I'm looking ahead now, and I don't really know how I will feel the last game, I don't want to think about it really."

In addition to his twin brother Dan, who also plays for the Grizzlies, Champagne has a sister, and a step sister who both go to MSU, named Elizebeth and Liz. There is another set of twins, who are his step sister and brother named Jenny and Jon Nouffer.

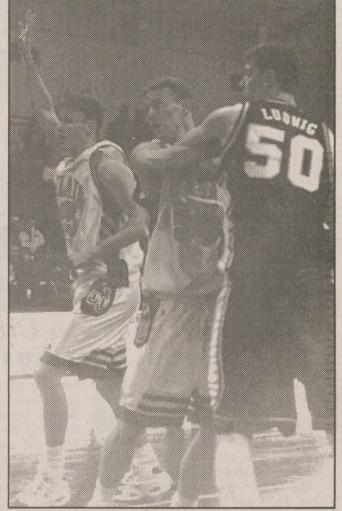
regrets the fight. "I'm the only one on He is close with Dan, but as in most families, there were some fights grow-

"We got into it one time over a touchdown," he said. "We were playing foot-After the Grizzlies lost by one point to ball with a bunch of our friends, and I thought it was a touchdown, and he thought it wasn't, and we just got into an all out brawl. Blood was everywhere, and we both had busted faces and black eyes. Nobody broke it up until my sister came home with her boyfriend, and he broke it up."

Champagne has come a long way from the small town of Linden. In high school he was an All-State lineman in football, and the future was looking bright, but no childhood would be complete without a little mischief.

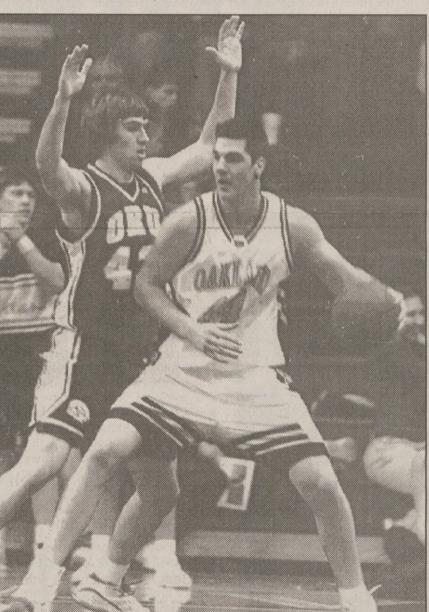
"There was a time where we were playing a senior prank on the school, and we stole a McDonalds sign," he said. "There is a pit in the middle of our school, and we climbed the roof and dropped it in. The cops busted us, but some guys that we knew ended up get-

CHAMPAGNE continues on B3



DOUBLE THREAT: Jon Champagne (#55) started his athletic career in the small town of Linden, MI. Now he and his twin brother Dan are a force to be reckoned with for OU.

Men win two in a row, defeat Golden Eagles



THEY DON'T CALL ME JORDAN FOR NOTHING: Jordan Sabourin works his magic against Oral Roberts. The Grizzlies won the game 78-72.

By Chad Mack THE OAKLAND POST

OU played hard and in a workman-like game and withstood a late surge by the Golden Eagles to pull out a 78-72 victory Saturday night at the O'rena.

"Every team has their storms. We just had to weather the storm that they put together. I think that we weathered it good enough where we came

out and did what we were supposed to do and protected our home court," said Mychal

Covington. Covington shot 5-8 from the field, scoring 14 points along with dishing out nine assists pulling down five

"I was just in the flow of the game. I just wanted to step up and make shots when I got the opportunity to run the team," Covington said.

Mike Helms led all scorers with 25 points for the Grizzlies, including a one handed dunk that energized the crowd and the rest of the Grizzlies late in the second half.

For the second game in a row Brad Buddenborg wasn't in the starting line-up. He finished 5-11 from the field and scored 15 points. He gave the Grizzlies a lift with timely three-point shooting that helped turn the Golden Eagles away, when they were trying to make a surge late in the game. Coach Greg Kampe insists that the reason for Buddenborg not starting is just that he wants some of the younger players to get some time.

"We played very hard tonight," he said. "Our young guys played awful darn good tonight. That's what as a coach you like. Bud was big for us. He made some big shots down the stretch. Bud was in the game when the game was on the line and he performed for us, and that's what we needed from him.

The Grizzlies snapped a three-game losing streak in the conference and held Oral Roberts to under 50 percent shooting for the game.

"That's really what beat us- this three game losing streak in the Mid-Con- was our defense. We were just getting thumped," said Dan Champagne. "It was good to pick up our defense against these guys. They scored 90 against us out there, so it was good to get them at home."

Kampe seemed pleased with his team's play the last two games. "We've got two wins in a row. That feels good. Now we got the best two teams back to back (Valparaiso and Southern Utah). What were worried about is getting better every time we

The Grizzlies play Valpo Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. The game will be televised on FOX Sports Net. Valpo is OU's most hated rival. The last time these two teams played Jon Champagne got in to a fistfight and was suspended for two

The Grizzlies might have a little bit of sweet revenge on the mind

going in to Thursday night's game. "We've never beaten these guys. This would be a good time to knock them out of first place. We've got to give our best effort and see what we can do," said Kampe.

Valpo handed OU an 89-57 loss at the Athletics Recreation Center in front of a regional television audience.

Again the stage will be set, as Thursday's game also will be on TV. The Grizzlies are looking to beat a team that they have never beaten. In a season that has seen such highs as beating Michigan, and lows like losing to Ferris State and losing Jason Rozycki for the season to injury, OU is starting to level off and play more consistent basketball. But the biggest test of the season is coming tomorrow night.

Rivalry with Valparaiso heats up tomorrow

After our men's basketball team was crushed on the scoreboard at Valparaiso on Jan. 27, the mood around campus took a revengeful

Everything that could go wrong, did go wrong for the Grizzlies in that game. First, they lost by 32 points, second, they lost the heart and soul of the team, Jason Rozycki, to a season ending injury, and third, they lost Jon Champagne for two games because of a fight with Phil Wille of Valpo.

That fight would have turned into an all out brawl if it wasn't for assistant coach Eric Stephan, who held back the likes of Dan Champagne, Mychal Covington, and a few other Grizzlies who were baring their teeth at the Crusaders.

When the fight was over, the jam-

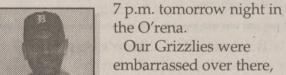
packed crowd at Valparaiso cheered on Wille as he pumped his fists in the air while heading to the locker

When the game finally resumed, Valpo kept the majority of their starters in the game, while coach Greg Kampe played his bench.

It seemed as if Valpo wanted to rub this one in, as they ran up the score by throwing down ally-oop dunks, and show boating, all while the fans continued to cheer louder and louder.

The game left a bad taste in the Grizzlies mouths, and anticipation for the rematch started immediately after the final buzzer sounded.

Well, black and gold fans, you don't have to wait much longer, as



Ramez Khuri

the O'rena. Our Grizzlies were embarrassed over there,

round two will be held at

Bud was in

Greg Kampe

Coach

Men's Basketball

and now it is time to show Valpo what OU basketball is all about. I know the Crusaders

have a better record than

the Grizzlies, and I know they're favored to win, simply because OU has never beaten them before, but if the O'rena is not sold out, or close to it, for this game, something is

I urge everybody who calls themselves fans to come to this game armed with signs, tee-shirts, and banners, ready to cheer louder than they ever cheered before.

I know we can create an atmos-

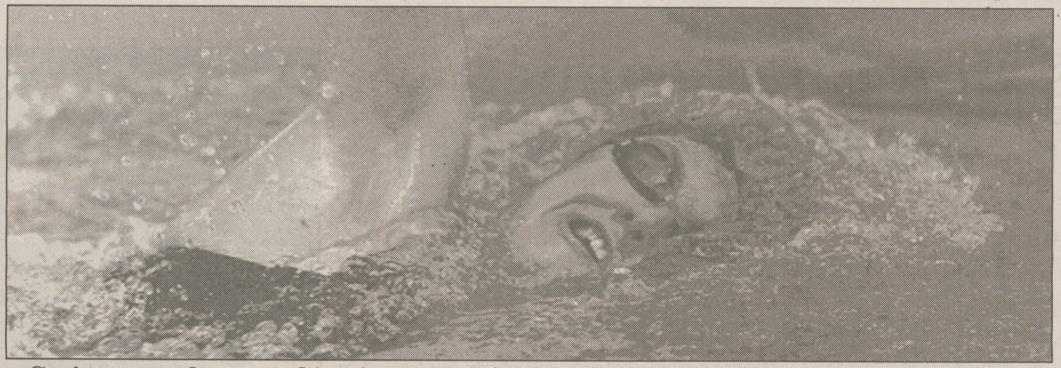
phere like that, because we did when MSU and U-M came here, so don't try to tell me it can't be done.

A packed O'rena would really help out the team as well. It doesn't look like the Grizzlies are going to repeat as Mid-Con champions this season, so the team might be a little down, but if the guys see how much the fans are behind them, it would really boost some spirits, and maybe they will win a few more games than they would have.

So here's the battle cry: CHARGE!! I just have one request, somebody please cheer for me, because as a member of the media, I'm not allowed to.

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Women find depth needed for NIC Championship



DROWNING THE COM-PETITION: Danielle Ward had a record breaking meet against Eastern Michigan University. Ward broke her own school record in the 1000y freestyle with a time of 10:11.32. In addition, she helped lead the women's team to victory over EMU with three first place finishes in the 100y, 500y and 200y freestyle. The meets against Eastern and Cincinnati marked the end of the dual meet season for the Grizzlies. For the next two weeks, the swimmers will rest and prepare themselves for the biggest meet of the season, the NIC Cahmpionship meet.

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Swimmers lose to Cincinnati, women beat Eastern

By Lisa Cali A SSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The depth that swimming coaches Pete Hovland and Jon Teal have been working on all season showed its face against Eastern Michigan on Friday.

The women swam against long time rival EMU and defeated them with a score of 159-141. The win is especially big for OU since Eastern was undefeated going into the meet.

"The girls were really on fire and really wanted to beat Eastern," Hovland said. "This meet was all about rivalries. The girls were able to rise to the occasion and they did it in style.'

The meet against Eastern was a record

breaking one with Tatyana Korniyenko and Danielle Ward breaking school records. Korniyenko broke records in the 100y and 200y butterfly with times of 57.25 and 2:04.84, respectively. Ward broke her own record in the 1000y

freestyle with a time of 10:11.32. "We had girls breaking records, but we couldn't have won the meet without some of the other girls," Hovland said. "I think everybody contributed and did what they had to do because there was no room for error."

Ward, along with Oksana Strelets, led the way against EMU with three first place finishes each. Ward won the 1000y, 500y and 200y freestyle, and Strelets took

first in the 50y and 100y freestyle and the 100y backstroke.

Korniyenko and Yvonne Lynn also had first places for the women in the 200y butterfly and 200y backstroke, respec-

The points that Angela Simetkosky, Kelly Carlin, Jordan Longhurst and Kristen Lesnau earned locked in the win

Simetkosky had two third place finishes in the 1000y and 500y freestyle, Carlin placed second in the 200y backstroke and fifth in the 200y freestyle. Longhurst and Lesnau placed fifth in the 100y backstroke and 200 breaststroke, respectively.

"I think it was good for them to get a win," Teal said. "As well as they've been swimming and as hard as they've been working, they deserved it."

On Saturday, both the men's and women's teams were defeated by defending NIC Champion Cincinnati. The men lost 166-127 and the women were defeated 159-141.

On the women's side, Hovland made the choice to switch the lineup slightly to give some of the swimmers a rest.

'To have to go against Eastern one care." night and then come back and go against

the defending NIC Champion the next day was a lot for the girls," Hovland said. "I just felt that I was willing to sacrifice a win and save my

On the men's side, the absence of three key play-

ers is still hindering the men's perfor- championship. mance. The decision was recently made remainder of the season, which is a big bruise on the men's team.

"Those other teams don't care that you have somebody out," Hovland said. "If your top swimmer has been declared ineligible, if your best diver has a stress fracture in his foot, or if your team captain has a broken wrist, they just don't

Hovland and Teal are expecting the loss

of these teammates to put a damper on the men's NIC performance, but hope that other swimmers and divers will step up to the challenge of picking up the slack.

On the other hand, they expect the women to have a good shot at winning the

The NIC Championship meet will be that Haitham Hassan is ineligible for the held at OU on Feb. 22-24. A complete schedule of times will be published next

Ragan, Oral Roberts too much for Grizzlies

By Ramez Khuri

The OU women's basketball team suffered its second straight loss to Mid-Con foe Oral Roberts on Saturday, 55-54. The loss comes just one week after the Westerwinds of Western Illinois handed the Grizzlies a 72-65

The game plan going in was to pay close attention to Oral Roberts captain Krista Ragan, and just play the normal Grizzly game that got the team to first place in the Mid-Con.

Mission accomplished in the first half. The Golden Eagles took the lead just six times in the first half, with their biggest being only two points.

The Grizzlies used a combined effort from Katie Wolfe, Naomi Nickleberry, and Beth Zeone to shoot 51.7 percent from the field, and take a 34-24 halftime lead, while limiting Ragan to 11 points on 5-10 shooting.

In the second half, Oral Roberts tightened up the zone defense, and OU had to work harder for shots. It was tough on the Grizzlies, as the shot clock was usually way down before a shot was taken, but they were still falling until the 9:36 mark of the second period.

OU had a 12 point lead at the time, but that's when Ragan took over for the Eagles.

Ragan displayed the kind of leadership skills that haven't

been seen in the O'rena by a women's basketball player since Tamika Bates dawned the black and gold two seasons ago.

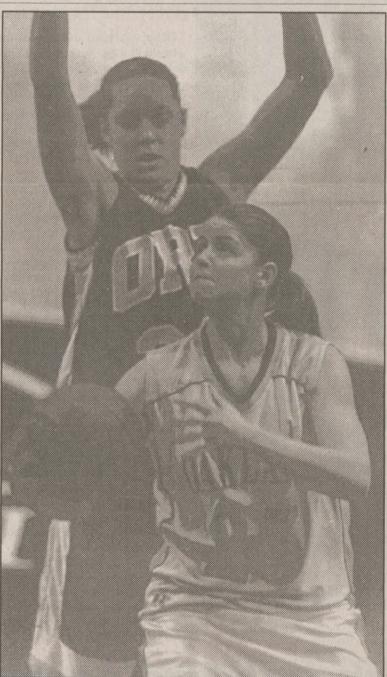
In a matter of nine minutes, she recorded two steals, caused Zeone to miss a layup, hit a three pointer to make it 52-48, hit a two pointer to make it 52-50, and then hit another three pointer to make it 54-53, in favor of OU.

"As a team we knew that this was going to be a really tough game," said Ragan. "They're a great team, and they're at home, but at the end I wanted the ball, and even if I didn't get a shot off that was fine because I could find one of my teammates, but I did want the ball in that situation."

The Grizzlies had plenty of chances to win the game, as Judd hit a shot and was fouled with:21 seconds left, but missed the free throw. Then, as OU led 54-53, Wolfe was intentionally fouled with:11 seconds left, but missed the first of a one and one.

Down by one, Ragan dribbled the ball to half court and drilled a pass right on the money to Shannon Mims for the winning layup. The Grizzlies took a time out with :01 second left, but couldn't score after that.

Coach Beckie Francis was upset after the game. "We win together and lose together," she said. "It's fun when we're all winning and everyone is patting us on the back, and now we have to go out and be sports and get ready to win the next one."



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post BREAK THE ZONE DEFENSE: Lori Kipp tries to get around Oral Roberts' zone defense during the Grizzlies 55-54 loss on Saturday The Grizzlies next game is at Southern Utah on Saturday.

Black Bears snubbed, beat Hope, Muskegon

NIC Championship

swim meet:

Feb. 22-24 at OU

Aquatics Center

By Ramez Khuri SPORTS EDITOR

The Black Bears, OU's men's club ice hockey team, found out from the ACHA that they will not be going to nationals. In order to make it, the team had to be in one of the first three spots, but finished tied in fourth with Minnesota State at Mankato. The first three spots were filled by MSU, Ferris and

Although the odds are not in the team's favor, the Black Bears still could make the MCHC playoffs which will be held at Hope College this weekend. The team won't know until it receives word from the ACHA some time this week.

Nevertheless, the players didn't let that get them down, as they traveled to Hope and Muskegon this past weekend, and won both games, 6-5 and 10-2.

The game against Hope came down to the final minute of play. Hope scored all of its goals on the power play, but most of the game went back and forth.

Hope broke the goose egg with a first period goal, but OU scored to tie it at 1. It continued like that through the second period as one team would score, then the other would answer.

In the third period the game was tied at 4, but Scott Schnedler scored for OU for a 5-4 lead. Everything seemed well until Hope beat OU goalie Shaun Zeldes once again to tie the game at 5.

With under a minute left, OU won the draw, and there was a long pass to Ron Kolito. He skated in and took the shot, but it was blocked. Kolito got his own rebound, and passed to the slot where captain Craig Furstenau was waiting. Furstenau ripped a shot passed the oppositions goalie to make it a 6-5 win in favor of OU.

Furstenau finished the game with two goals, as did Nick Shunduk. Eric Wojno and Daniel Schneider also scored a goal apiece for the Black Bears. Kolito recorded four assists.

"We played carelessly," said Furstenau. "We took some undisciplined penalties, and they (Hope) had a little more jump than we did, and they outplayed us most of the game. We were fortunate to come out with the win."

The game against Muskegon was more of a typical Black Bears effort than the Hope game. OU came out and outplayed Muskegon from the start and took the game 10-2.

Scott Marlinga lit the lamp twice for OU, and Marc Danielak scored his first goal of the season. Jim Millard, Robert Wishaw, Vince Lepore, Jeff Dupuis, Dan Oleksy, Kolito and Schnedler all scored one goal each.

"We played very well this season," said coach Anthony Jalaba. "I'm very proud of the team, and we know that we can play with any team going to nationals, but we will be back next year."

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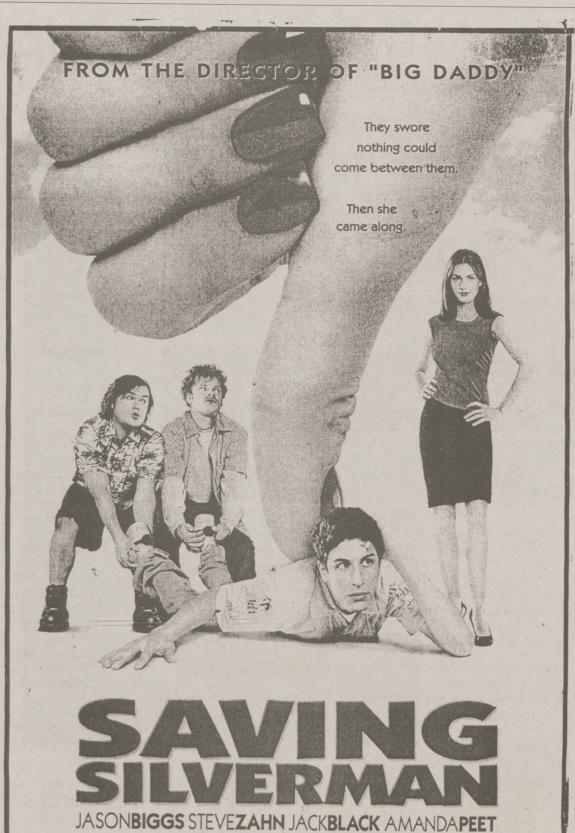
TATYANA KORNIYENKO

Freshman Tatyana Korniyenko was one of the main factors in the Grizzlies' victory over eastern Michigan on Friday. Korniyenko broke two school records in the 100y and 200y

butterfly with times of 57.25 and 2:04.84., respectively. The OU women were the first to defeat Eastern this season.

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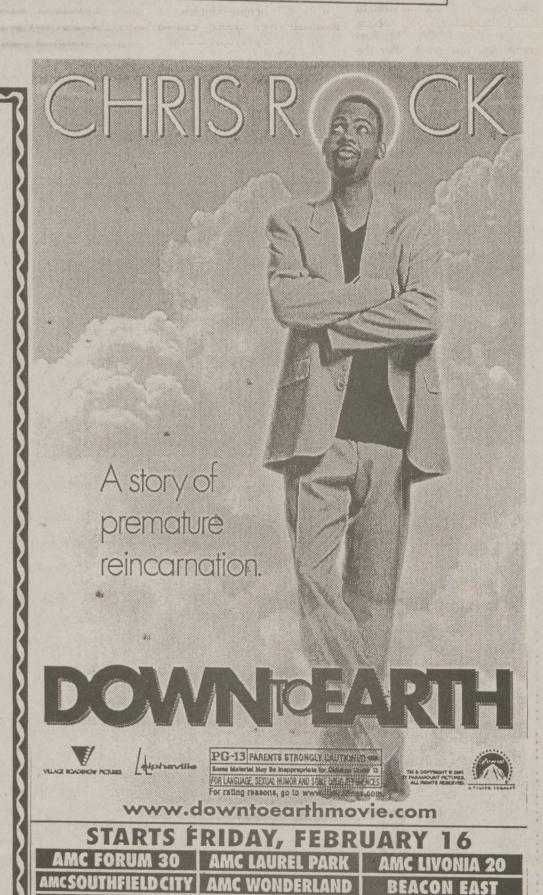
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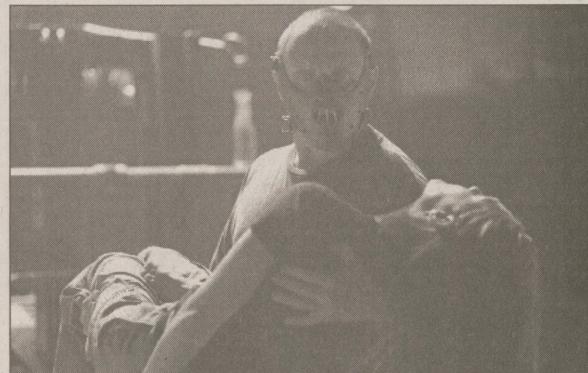
STAR SOUTHFIELD

Hannibal wears his HEART of his sleeve

Starring: Anthony Hopkins,

Julianne Moore

■ Director: Ridley Scott



By Rick Herron THE OAKLAND POST

A fter ten years, Hannibal Lecter M.D. has lost his appetite for life in seclusion and has decided to come out of hiding. And after ten years, FBI agent Clarice

Starling has lost face with her superiors. For us, this means an exciting movie based on Thomas Harris' sequel to the book and movie, "Silence of the Lambs," when the rest of the industry is in its post holiday slump.

Though this movie is filled with some scenes so gruesome they're barely possible to watch, "Hannibal" is, at the bottom of it all, a love story in ways, making it this year's best Valentine's Day date film.

Once again, Anthony Hopkins brilliantly returns to the role that earned

him an Oscar in "Silence of the Lambs" and has come to define him to our generation, that of Lecter.

Obviously missing, of course, is Jodie Foster, who would not do the sequel. Julianne Moore (Magnolia, Boogie Nights) fills the role of Clarice Starling, and does it well enough that audiences should warm up to her by the end of the first couple of scenes. In the director's chair this time is Ridley Scott ("Gladiator," "Alien") instead of Jonathon

This combination of old and new faces, teamed with a new man behind the camera makes "Hannibal" a striking change from "Silence of the Lamba" yet with a pleasant copie of familiarity.

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In order to avoid stomping down the same beaten path that "Silence of the Lambs" covers, the space of "Hannibal" is allowed to breathe and

Rather than being shot in tight, uncomfortable spaces, "Hannibal" takes place in some of the grandest locations in the world, (such as Italy) making the tension the movie creates worlds apart from the cramped hysteria that "Silence of the Lambs" created.

The film shows us things never before seen on screen, in a way that is so vivid, audiences will gasp or hold their breath, in shock, in horror and best yet, in anticipation.

Also new to "Hannibal" is the move away from the two central characters to include a larger supporting cast. The role of Mason Verger, Lecter's only surviving victim, allows us to peek into the mind of a man bent on revenge. Often, Mason's character, played by Gary Oldman, seems more evil, more sadistic and certainly scarier to look at than Hannibal himself.

Ray Liotta lends his natural sense of unease to the movie as FBI agent Paul Krendler. Liotta plays the part of Starling's male chauvinist pig superior. As if having a maniacal killer on her tail isn't enough, here Starling must battle her own conscience as Liotta's character schemes against her every step of the way.

It's true that Lecter has killed 14 people with his bare hands, but he is a man of refined tastes. Gone is the orange jumpsuit and spare jail cell, replaced by linen Armani suits, finely decorated apartments and custom-made hand creams. In order to lie low and perhaps to brush up on his Italian, Lecter has moved to Florence where he can play piano and attend the opera like any self-respecting serial killer would.

Lecter grows tired of the quiet life, however, and sends Starling something of a love letter, which sets the movie into motion.

Moore's performance as Starling is sound, doing a nice job of representing the maturity that her character has gained in the ten years we've been absent. It's hard to forget, however, that this role really belongs to Foster and there are a couple of scenes where it seems like Moore is acting how Foster, would act like Starling, rather than making the character entirely her own.

"Hannibal" gives Hopkins the chance to develop the character in a lot of ways that "Silence of the Lambs" didn't. He moves with distinction, grace and above all else, confidence. Whether avoiding a pickpocket, alluding the cops, or playing games with Starling, Hopkins is so convincing in his role that it's unsettling just to watch him move.

He brings to the character something that most movie serial killers lack, subtlety. While anyone can give a creepy blank stare, only Hopkins is able to make you feel comforted and terrified at the same time. And worst of all, (or best yet, depending on if you like horror



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LOVE BITES: (top) The relationship between Clarice (Julianne Moore) and Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) is full of love and hate. (bottom) FBI agent Clarice Starling draws her weapon when trying to catch a well-known felon. "Hannibal" is now in theaters everywhere.

films) Hopkins chilling voice as Lecter mixed with his cool, confidence makes audiences shiver.

While the story of "Hannibal" isn't all that unlike "Silence of the Lambs," the real difference between the two movies is the visual treatment that each director brings to the screen.

One of the most striking things about this movie is the absolute beauty of every element of the film. From the eerie surveillance tape in the opening credits to the elegant Gucci dress that Starling wears, this film has style. Shot on location in Italy, Washington D.C. and at the U.S.'s largest private home, the Biltmore estate, Hannibal is a stunningly beautiful film to watch. That is, until the blood spilling begins.

Using some of the same visual effects he used in "Gladiator," Scott opts for ultra-graphic depictions of violence, rather than the more psychological approach of its predecessor. Still, the really gruesome stuff moves quickly past, letting us get back to enjoying the pretty scenery again, while our stomach settles.

With all the hype that has surrounded this movie, it's sure to pack the theaters for several weeks to come. What's refreshing about this film, is that its assured success is not undeserved.

Memorable conversations from "Silence of the Lambs"

Hannibal Lecter: First principles, Clarice. Read Marcus Aurelius. Of each particular thing ask: what is it in itself? What is its nature? What does he do, this man you seek?

Clarice Starling: He kills women— Lecter: No! That is incidental. What is the first and principle thing he does, what need does he serve by killing? Starling: Anger, social resentment, sexual frustration—

Lecter: No, he covets. That's his nature. And how do we begin to covet, Clarice? Do we seek out things to covet? Make an effort to answer.

Starling: No. We just-

Lecter: No. Precisely. We begin by coveting what we see every day. Don't you feel eyes moving over your body, Clarice? I hardly see how you couldn't. And don't your eyes move over the things you want?

Lecter: Plum Island Animal Disease Research Center.

Sounds charming.

Starling: That's only part of the island. There's a very, very nice beach. Terms nest there. There's beautiful...

Lecter: [cuts her off] Terns? If I help you, Clarice, it will be "turns" for us too. I tell you things, you tell me things. Not about this case, though. About yourself. Quid pro quo. Yes or no? [pause] Yes or no, Clarice? Poor little Catherine is

Starling: If you didn't kill him, then who did, sir? Lecter: Who can say. Best thing for him, really. His therapy was going nowhere.

Lecter: A census taker once tried to test me. I ate his liver

with some fava beans and a nice chianti.

Murray: Is it true what they're sayin', he's some kinda

Clarice: They don't have a name for what he is.

3's Company

Did you know there is a prequel to "Silence of the Lambs?" "Manhunter," directed by Michael Mann in 1986, starts out the trilogy of Hannibal Lecter's reign as a notorious serial killer. Although the film does not include Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore or even Jodie Foster, it does contain Hannibal Lecter, played by Brian Cox who has also been seen in "For Love of the Game" as Gary Wheeler, "Rushmore" as Dr. Guggenheim and "Kiss the Girls" as Chief Hatfield, among many other films.

The Hannibal Lecter character was actually created by Thomas Harris who penned the three books:

"Red Dragon"
(adapted to screen as "Manhunter")

"Silence of the Lambs"
"Hannibal"

Check out your library for the books, and enter the mind of a killer. And if you're a fan of Lecter's, make sure to rent "Manhunter" on VHS or DVD.

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If you have a date...

1. Take swing dancing lessons at the Michigan Union. Call 734-763-3202 for more info.

2. Check out the unique blend of Celtic and ska music with Flogging Molly, Blue Meanies and River City High at 7 p.m. at the Shelter.
All ages are welcome.

3. Make your date coupons for a homemade dinner, control of the

14 Things to Do on Valentine's Day

remote, a massage, etc.
4. Re-live those childhood moments

at a roller skating rink or Chuckee Cheese.

5. Get a matching tattoo with your mate.

6. Taste the best wines at Twingo's in Detroit. Seating is available at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Call 313-832-9133 for more info.

7. Rent a horror movie and cuddle during the gory parts.

If you're single...

8. Have a picture burning ceremony with your friends and burn those pics of old flames.

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11. Ask out that single cutie you've been eyeing for the past year 12. If you have a single parent, take her/him out to dinner.

13. Learn to drive a stick, pay bills, clean your place, and tie up those loose ends that you never seem to get to.

14. Rent a horror movie with friends and picture your exes as the killer's victims.