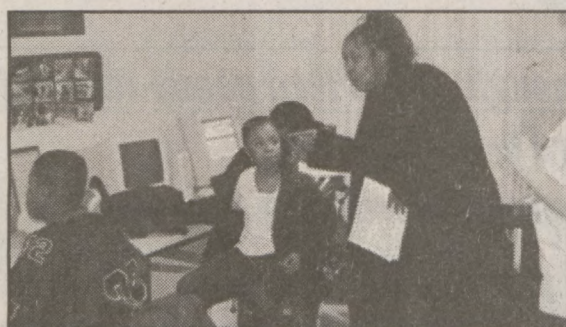


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OU's management team took a blow last week when years of planning were shattered by a report from a team of advisors.

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## The EDGE

• The Information and Instructional Technology department sent out a campus-wide email Monday warning computer users of a virus named W32.MyParty@mm that has been sent to email accounts on campus. IIT warns users not to open any emails that contain "new photos from my party!" in the subject line. The attachment within the email contains a file that will launch a worm that emails itself to all contacts within your address book.

• A reaction forum will be held from noon-1 p.m., Friday in the Fireside Lounge, OC. The forum will be a panel discussion on racial profiling, the topic of the President's Colloquium (11:30 a.m., tomorrow in the Gold Rooms, OC).

• The dance troupe Akanke will host a Reggae dance-a-thon from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday in the Gold Rooms, OC. The cost is \$2 for students and \$5 for all others.

• Next week is Association of Black Students week.

• An African-American Heroes in Medicine discussion will take place from noon-1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

• If inclement weather strikes, students should call 248.370.2000 to find out if classes are cancelled.

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# Vision not too clear

■ **WAG:**  
**2010**  
**campaign**  
**needs**  
**revamping**

By Cara Plowman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Vision 2010 campaign that President Gary Russi presented to the campus community last February was a bit out of focus, according to an independent advisory group

report released to faculty last week.

Last March, the Washington Advisory Group paid a visit to campus to evaluate the President's profile for the university, called Vision 2010, a culmination of more than five years of work which outlined numer-

ous goals for OU to work towards. The 24-page document from WAG essentially states that OU's "visionary" goals were heading in the wrong direction.

Members from WAG visited campus at the request of Russi, who was the primary leader of the Vision 2010

campaign, along with former Provost Louis Esposito. Together they made presentations to various campus constituencies in February 2000.

Among those goals identified last February, OU would focus much of its energy on growing five programs,

which would make those undergraduate programs distinct. Those programs targeted cultural and performing arts, health and wellness, biomedical science, automotive and information technology in business.

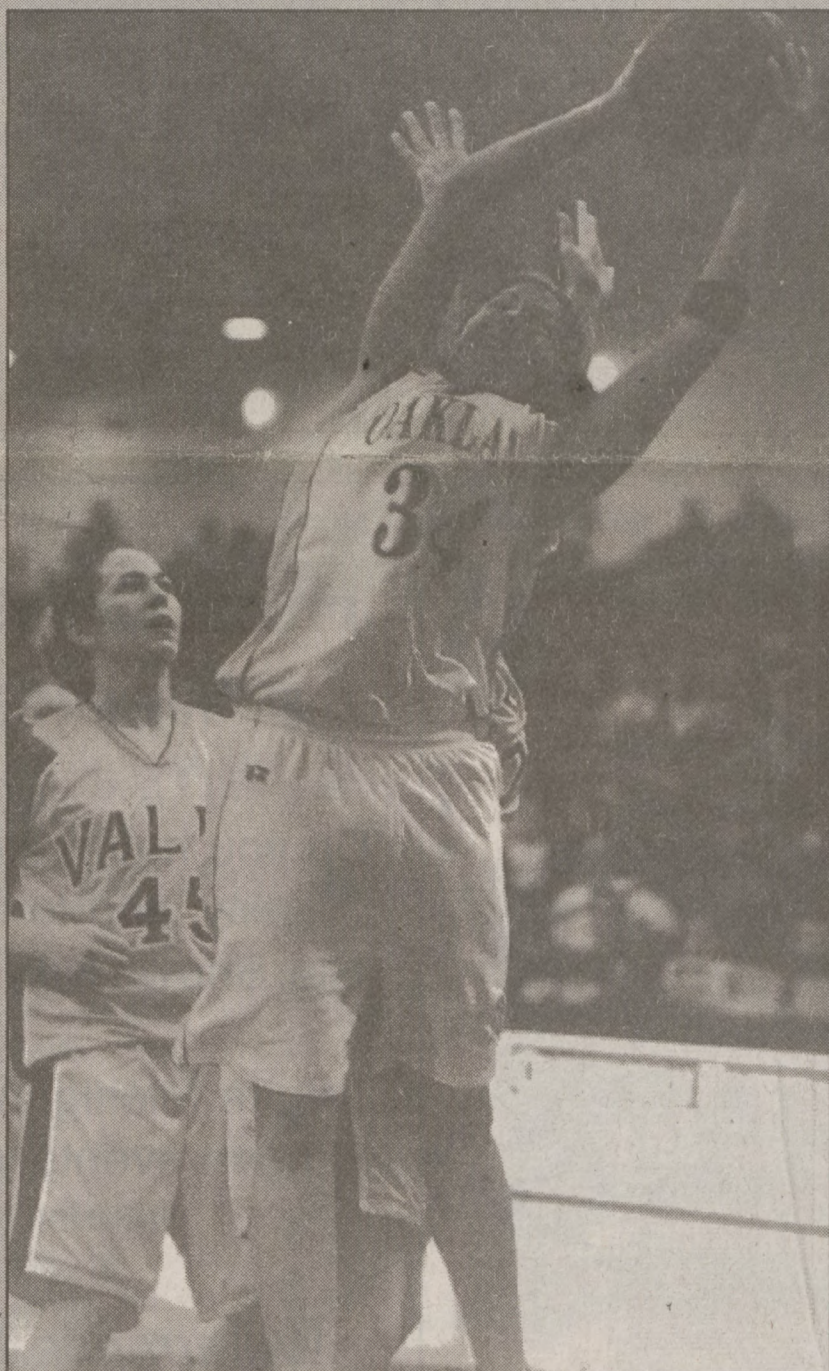
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## Valpo had no chance against women

Despite the men's loss to Mid-Con rival Valparaiso, the women pulled through for OU with a 70-56 upset victory. prior to the game, Valpo was the Mid-Con leader and had defeated every team in the conference. Three OU players racked up double figure points scored throughout the game. Katie Wolfe led the team with 18 points, while Sarah Judd and Amanda Batcha followed with 17 and 12, respectively. Unfortunately for the women, their victory was only witnessed by a crowd comparatively smaller than the one at the men's loss against Valpo. The women play next at Chicago State at 2 p.m., Saturday.

See B4 for the story.

Bob Knoska/  
The Oakland Post



## Congress discusses botched directories, basketball freebies

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

Last year, OU students had to make ends meet without an undergraduate catalog because of a printing problem; this year, students have to make ends meet without a student directory because of a printing problem.

OU Student Congress Student Services Director Rhonda Hanna announced at OUSC's Monday meeting that this year's student directories most likely will not be distributed due to a critical misprint. According to Hanna, the directories were first delayed because of the faculty listing Hanna hoped to include, but when that didn't come through, the directories were sent to print anyway.

When OUSC received the directories in print, one student found that his social security number was printed instead of his phone number. According to

Hanna, OUSC conducted a query and found only the single misprint.

"We are currently looking into how the error happened, and how to prevent it in the future," Hanna said. "It's going back and forth right now regarding who is at fault for the misprint."

"We're still looking into the options of what to do with the directories, but they are online right now. So, they can be accessed."

For the time being, Congress will not distribute the directories.

In the future, Hanna said, Congress is not sure whether it will even offer printed directories.

"We're weighing the pros and cons of having a printed directory," she said. "Student input would be great because I want to do what's most helpful to the students."

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## Police, profiling to be discussed next week

By Jennifer Decker  
COPY EDITOR

Jay Meehan, associate professor of sociology and director of the concentration in criminal justice will give a presentation on racial profiling at the next President's Colloquium on Feb. 7, 2002 in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center at 11:30 a.m. The presentation is part of the African-American Celebration 2002.

Meehan's talk, "Racial Profiling and the Police" will focus on the controversial subject of "driving black" and the continued emergence as a social problem since the 1990s. He will discuss research projects conducted with OU students and colleagues involving the analysis of police records and roadway composition data.

Recently, The Post interviewed him about his presentation, research and life.

Q: I know you're giving a presentation on racial profiling on campus soon, can you briefly tell me about your research. How long has this research been going on? What gave you the idea? What was your biggest challenge with the research?

A: We are addressing the problem of African Americans reporting that when they are in suburban areas or outside areas where they live. They are stopped by the police and questioned and even ticketed for minor violations of the traffic code simply because the police think they don't belong there or are "out of place." We have been conducting research on this since 1996. The biggest challenge has been to find funding for our research. The departments we have worked with over the years are very cooperative.

Q: What do you think is the solution to racial profiling? How does it affect students?

A: There are many proposed solutions out there! There is no ONE solution. Many people think that the issue is

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## Olympic dreams:

### OU student prepares for Salt Lake City competition

By Brendan Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

OU students have someone special to watch for in this year's Olympic games with one of their own competing.

Jean Racine, freshman, performing arts, is not only participating in the first Olympic appearance for the women's bobsled but is also considered a favorite to medal and possibly come away with the gold.

Racine and her new partner brake-woman Gea Johnson set a track record in December during the U.S. Olympic trials at Park City, Utah. With a time of 48.92 seconds, the run broke the Utah Olympic Park record set earlier in 2001 by Germany's Sandra Prokoff and Ulrike Holzner, one of Racine's toughest competitors.

In past years, Racine had been paired with long time friend Jen Davidson, but lack of improve-

ment as the Olympics drew near forced Racine to make a difficult decision. If she was to improve her chances of medalling in Salt Lake City, Racine needed to get faster and that all starts with the pusher.

A two-woman bobsled team consists of two members, a driver and a pusher. Racine is a driver and is responsible for steering the sleigh and helping to push the sleigh off to a quick start. Racine's new pusher, Johnson, is also the brakewoman, who is responsible for engaging the brake after the sleigh has crossed the finish line. Most importantly, however, a pusher's main duty is to get the sled moving to its highest possible speed at the beginning of the race.

In most cases, pushers are recruited from sports such as football and track. Johnson is a

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## Meningitis threat real

**Experts warn students to be alert for symptoms**

By Marianne Poulin  
THE OAKLAND POST

MSU student Matthew Knueppel died Sunday, Jan. 20 of Bacterial meningitis. Knueppel, 25, a graduate student in the School of Hospitality Business, was admitted to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing on Jan. 19 with flu-like symptoms, but was later released. He returned later that evening when the symptoms worsened. Since December 1996, two other MSU students have died from meningitis. Two other students diagnosed with the disease have survived.

Meningitis is a swelling of the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms often resemble the flu and include fever, stiff neck, severe headache, sensitivity to light, nausea and vomiting and a change in mental states.

Joanne Talarek, Clinical Coordinator of the Graham Health Center said that

even though the symptoms resemble the flu, they can be deceiving.

"This is very different from the flu," Talarek said. "This is a bacteria, the flu is a virus. There is viral meningitis, which is much less severe, and not typically fatal. The bacterial is very severe."

Talarek warned that although the symptoms may be similar to those of the flu, meningitis symptoms can come on suddenly and are very severe. She suggests that any student who is unsure whether they have the flu or meningitis should seek medical help immediately.

There are two types of meningitis, bacterial and viral meningitis.

Bacterial meningitis is serious and can affect teens and young adults 15-24 years old. Viral meningitis is more common and usually develops in winter affecting people under 30.

The Center for Disease Control said that a recent study showed that college students living in dormitories and resi-

dence halls, particularly freshmen, have a six fold increased risk for meningitis.

OU sends out a letter to all parents of incoming freshman informing them of risks of meningitis and the availability of the vaccines. Shanendra Patton, freshman, computer engineering, didn't realize the risk for freshmen students living in dorms.

"My mother tried to get me to get that shot, but I never got it because I am afraid of shots," Patton said. "My mother kept telling me to get it. After they sent the letter home, they really didn't stress anything else about it, so I really forgot about it."

Two of Patton's friends, also freshmen, living in the dorms agreed. Tennille Harris, freshman, education, said that she heard about the death of the MSU student on the radio.

"It's scary," Harris said, "Especially since it breaks out in freshmen, and we're freshmen."

"I really didn't know how important it is was to get it," confessed Sharmika Payne, freshman, business administration.

Patton's younger brother kept telling her about a commercial he saw about meningitis, and he kept asking her to get the shot.

"He kept saying, 'would you please get it? I knew a lot of people that went to MSU. It is real bad,'" she said.

"We should all be taking a trip to Graham Health Center," Payne said.

Patton agrees with Payne's sentiments. "I'm going to go get the shot," Patton said. "But I am still afraid of shots."

Meningococcal meningitis is one form of the bacterial meningitis and 5-10 percent of the general population carries the bacteria in their nose and throat in a harmless state.

Less than three in every 100,000 people become infected, but as many as 10 percent of those infections may be fatal.

There are five strains of Meningococcal meningitis, according to Talarek. A vaccine is available that protects against four types of the bacteria, which accounts for about two-thirds of the cases.

The vaccine is available at the Graham Health Center for \$65.00.

### NEWS COLUMN



Derek Dickow

Student body president

## Campus lacks enthusiasm

I watched as a member of our OU community reached a historic milestone. Our Men's Basketball Coach, Greg Kampe, officially inked his name in the record books with his 300th victory as OU Head Coach.

Congratulations, Coach!

On a campus that lacks the intensity that a Division I football team would bring basketball has become our spectator sport. I have sat amongst my peers rooting for the home team, wondering, where's everybody else? I think to myself does OU lack enthusiasm? Are we not proud of our team?

I hope not.

I know the facts. I know that 90 percent of students are commuters. I know it may be difficult to attend games with a job and a full credit load, but we are 15,000 strong. There is no reason our opposing team should have more fans than us at our home games. That is straight up pathetic, but it happens.

For those of you who do attend and support your team, know that it's appreciated. The players, coaches, administration, alumni and die hard fans would rather see a packed house than an empty one. On that note, the Dean of Students Office as well as your OU Student Congress is co-sponsoring two more games to give you an incentive to attend and pack the house against Oral Roberts: free tickets.

The first 200 students who attend the men's game on February 7, with a valid student ID, will get in free. The same will apply for the women's game on Feb. 11. The objective is not only to beat Oral Roberts, but to also have a slue of students cheering for our team as we approach the end of another successful season. I urge you to come on out to one if not all of the final home games and show your support.

On a different note, the first month of the semester is over and usually this gives professors an opportune time to administer exams. Student Congress has always subsidized the cost of scantrons, and allows each student to pick them up for free from our office. This year our Executive Cabinet has also subsidized the cost of blue books. Please stop by to pick up whichever you may need to take your exam.

On an academic note, would the students of OU want to see their majors on their diplomas? I asked the same question to our Legislative Body at our meeting on Monday and it was unanimous.

Most freshman probably have not declared a major yet, but for those of us graduating this year or next this is an issue.

So you've spent your college career focusing on a particular major, and now when you graduate your diploma will state where you earned your degree but not what you earned it in?

What's that all about?

I would like to see what students have to say on this issue before Student Congress takes action, so please email me. Your input is appreciated.

Student Body President Derek Dickow is a senior majoring in political science and philosophy. Email him at [djdickow@oakland.edu](mailto:djdickow@oakland.edu).

## More parking opens south of BIT, SEB

By Ann Zaniewski  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

In an effort to ease OU's parking shortage, the university recently built a parking lot on Pioneer Road just south of the Science and Engineering building.

After being officially open for more than a month, however, lot P37 is not getting as much use as the school hoped.

"I don't think its been used much at all yet because the perception is that it's not completed," Rusty Postlewaite, associate vice president for facilities management said. "Since it's been paved, it's been hardly used."

The construction of the \$190,000 lot was approved in

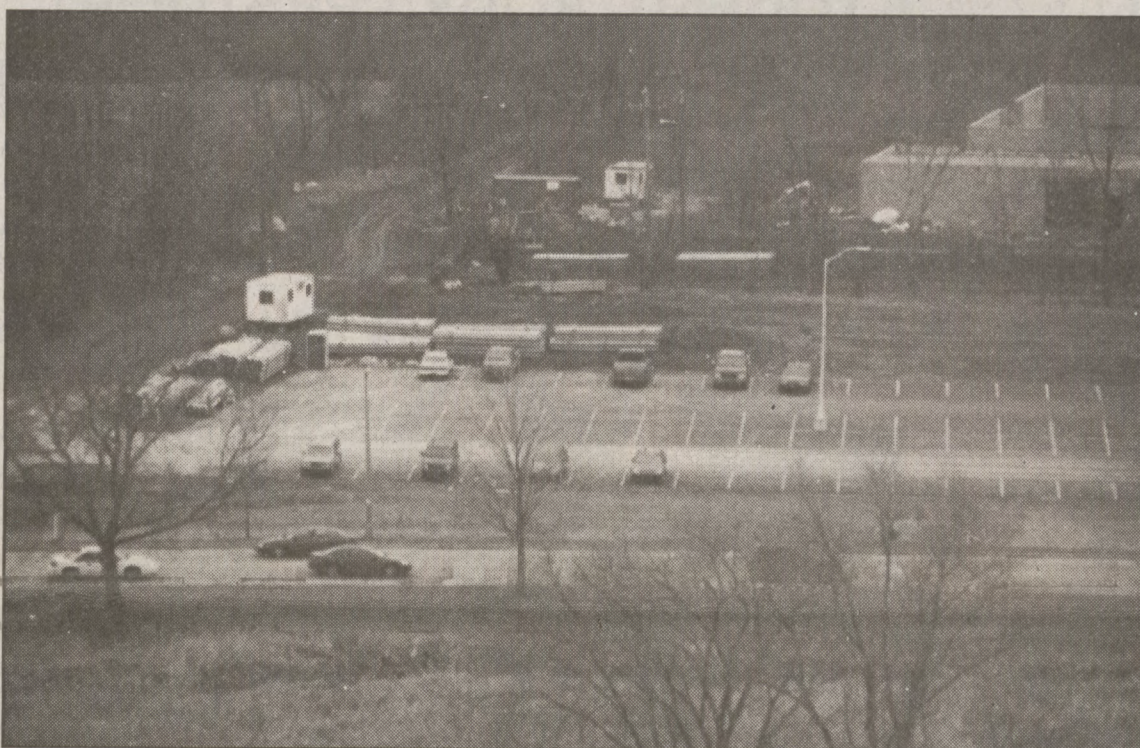
1996 by the Board of Trustees as part of a 1,000 parking space\* expansion plan.

Last September, the grassy field where the 170-space lot currently sits was first opened to students as an overflow lot. Paving began in October and was completed in December.

Lot P37 was designed to address some of the parking problems, but many students argue the lot is not conveniently located.

"That lot where you need a walking stick to get back to class?" said Tony Morris, sophomore, MIS. "I parked there once, and it took me so long to get to class, I decided, 'what's the

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Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post  
MOVING ON OUT: The parking lot near SEB and BIT is now available for students to utilize.

## College Bowl challenges minds, offers cash prize for winning team

By Melinda Parker  
THE OAKLAND POST

Six teams competed in College Bowl on Saturday and Team Thomas walked away with the \$600 cash prize.

Captain Jason Thomas, Matt Hudson, Mobin Anandwala and Heather Douglas pulled for the win with an overall score of eight games won and one loss.

Team Thomas is now qualified for regionals against other schools in Michigan and Ohio.

The second place team, Team Bochenek, with the score of eight wins and two losses received \$200.

Teams Thomas and Team Bochenek battled it out, trying to be the first to ring its buzzer and answer the question.

The questions asked were mostly at a moderate level.

"There were a wide variety of questions, but there were less pop culture questions this year than last, and more questions geared toward politics," Thomas, senior, English, said.

Douglas, senior, language arts said this was her second college bowl.

"It's something challenging, fun, and for one day if you win you get lots of money," Douglas said. "There is some skill involved rather than going to the casino and just throwing dice to win money."

Team Bochenek captain Aaron Bochenek thought that the College Bowl was very well run but disagreed about a situation that took place at the third to last game against Team Thomas when moderator Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs in the Center for Student

Activities, allegedly mispronounced a few words in one question and threw out the question altogether.

Instead, Paul Franklin gave the

teams a different toss up question. Team Bochenek wants to contest this action due to the fact that they "could have won" if they had answered that question correctly.

"There was a complex question, and I pronounced a few words wrong," Franklin said.

"I thought it was unfair to the teams that I couldn't read the question correctly, and no one rang in to answer the question, so instead of rereading it, I gave them a different toss up question."

There is no specific rule about throwing out questions. However, there is a section on how discrepancies are handled and it states if the moderator makes a mistake both teams receive a toss up question. Other than that, Franklin thought that the College Bowl went well.

"It was the most competitive one we've had in a long time," he said.

The next College Bowl will be hosted at 9 a.m. on Feb. 16 and 17 at OU.

**It's something challenging, fun and for one day if you win, you get lots of money.**

Heather Douglas  
College Bowl competitor  
member of winning team

### CRIME WATCH

•A live .357 caliber bullet was found on the sink in the 2nd floor men's bathroom of Kresge Library, Jan. 25. OU police responded to the call.

•On Jan. 25, a female student reported to OU police dispatch, that her planner, including her cell phone, was missing. She said that she may have dropped it on the way to class and it may not have been stolen.

The planner contained a driver's license, check book, credit

cards and gift cards.

When she called to cancel the credit cards, she said that \$3.17 had been charged. The student did not say where she may have lost the planner. There are no suspects at this time.

•A vending machine in Anibal House reportedly had the plastic on the front pushed in and some of the candy trays bent on Friday Jan. 25. The amount of candy stolen and the total damages to the machine was not

reported.

According to Kirsten Baker Resident Assistant, Anibal House, the vending machines have been repaired.

•Four phone lines in Vandenberg Hall were disabled on Jan. 23. The rooms that lost phone service were 313, 315, 317, and 318.

•A 31-year-old woman from Waterford was arrested, for alleged drunk driving on Jan. 23. OU police pulled over the

woman at 2:30 p.m. on E. Walton near Adams.

Police said they were using a radar detector, the woman passed a car, allegedly traveling at 55 mph in a 45 mph zone. When asked for proof of insurance, she reported that she did not have it.

The police officer allegedly smelled alcohol and asked the woman if she had been drinking. She told police "yes, just a few."

She was given a road sobriety test, failing that the officer gave her a PBT which registered at .14. When she arrived at the Auburn Hills police department, the PBT was given again and registered at .15.

Michigan State law says that a person is legally drunk at .10 or above.

The woman's 1998 Saturn was impounded and she was given a ticket for OUIL and transported to the Oakland County Jail.



Nominations are now being accepted for the following student awards:

**WILSON AWARDS**

Nominees for the 2002 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards must be graduating seniors in April 2002 or have graduated in June, August or December 2001. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. Nominees must have a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 or higher G.P.A.

**HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD**

Nominees must be graduating in April 2002 or have graduated in June, August or December 2001. The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

Nomination forms are available at the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, or by calling 370-3352. Deadline for both nominations is Friday, February 15, 2002.

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**African-American Celebration 2002**  
**Heroes of Life**

**Tuesday, February 5**  
"Heroic Efforts: Words, Photos and Dance"  
featuring the Cass Technical High School Poet's Society  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Education Resource Lab (ERL), 216 ODH

**Wednesday, February 6**  
Film: "Men of Honor"  
Time: 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

**Thursday, February 7**  
President's Colloquium on Racial Profiling  
Time: 11:30 a.m. - Reception; Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Presentation (Seating is limited.)  
Location: Gold Rooms, OC

**Friday, February 8**  
Reaction Panel to Racial Profiling Presentation  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Location: Fireside Lounge, OC

Friday Night Live: Comedian Kivi Rogers  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

Akanke Dance Troupe's Reggae Dance-a-thon  
Time: 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.  
Location: Gold Rooms, OC  
Cost: \$2.00 OU students/\$5.00 non-OU students

**Monday, February 11-Friday, February 15**  
ABS Week

**Monday, February 11**  
African-American Heroes in Medicine  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Location: Fireside Lounge, OC

**Thursday, February 14**  
SPB Slam Poet: Kirk Nugent  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Location: Oakland Room, OC

**Tuesday, February 19**  
Closing Ceremony  
Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Location: Fireside Lounge, OC

**Wednesday, February 20**  
10th Anniversary of the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet  
Keynote Speaker: Martin Luther King, Jr. III  
Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Location: Shotwell Pavilion  
Cost: \$100/ticket

**Wednesday, February 27-Sunday, March 3**  
SPB: Trip to Atlanta, Georgia  
Location: Sign up at the CSA Service Window, 49 OC.  
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Cost: \$125.00/OU student.

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✓ February 5 **When You Need Legal Advice**  
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✓ February 12 **Time Management**  
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✓ February 13 **Income Taxes**  
Presented by: OASIS

✓ February 18 **Caring for Older Parents**  
Presented by: Sharon Collins, OPC

All programs will take place in the Fireside Lounge, OC, from noon until 1:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your lunch.

**The Winter Blood Drive**  
Today (January 30) is the last day to donate blood in OU's Winter Blood Drive. The drive will be in the OC Gold Rooms until 9:00 p.m.. Walk-ins are encouraged and welcome.

**Oakland University**  
**Congratulations to the 2002 OU College Bowl Champions**  
Jason Thomas Heather Douglas  
Mobin Anandwala Matt Hudson  
**Good Luck at the ACUI Regionals!**

**AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW**

✓Reservations for:

- South Pacific (February 7 and 10)
- The Vagina Monologues (February 21)
- Dance Theatre of Harlem (February 27)
- Cinderella (March 10)
- David Copperfield (March 17)

✓Sign-up for:

- Mardi Gras Fashion Affair 2002 (February 15)
- Keeper of the Dream Student Waiting List (Feb. 20)
- SPB's Winter Break Trip to Atlanta (Feb.27 - Mar. 3)
- CSA Student Leadership Retreat (March 8-9)

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## Weak economy slows auto industry

*Enrollment in engineering down, but outlook for grads remains promising*

By Josie Randazzo  
THE OAKLAND POST

In a town built almost exclusively on the automotive industry, Ford Motor Company's recent Revitalization Plan, which includes job cuts, sparks concern about how the public will be affected.

Professors at educational institutions have questioned how the weak economy will affect enrollment in engineering programs.

According to Dr. Pieter Frick, Dean of School of Engineering and Computer Sciences, the troubles in the auto industry haven't had much of an impact.

"Engineering education isn't necessarily earmarked to one particular industry," said Frick. "We do specialize in automotive because we're in Detroit."

"We have a large number of students already employed in the automotive business in some capacity, whether it be supply, contract engineering or the Big Three itself."

According to statistics published by the American Society of Engineering Education, enrollment in OU's Engineering program has decreased from a total of 792 students in 2000 to 698 students in 2001. However, there has been an increase nationwide of engineering student graduates.

OU Engineering advisor Patrick Bennett said that

enrollments remain solid, despite reports of the Big Three restructuring.

"We've gone through bad times before in the auto industry," he said.

OU mechanical engineering grad Jason Bryce, employed by a local engineering firm, sees some of the fallout of the cutbacks and restructuring in the auto industry.

"Everybody's making job cuts, not in my division, but in other divisions. Some engineers have been let go due to budget cuts."

"It's based on business - not necessarily to any particular company," said Bryce. "The foreign companies are doing great."

Bryce's firm does business outside the Big Three, including Volkswagen.

"The American automotive industry is a little tight right now, but there are still jobs out there," Bryce said. Frick agreed.

"Engineering education is broad enough to employ students in a variety of applications," he said, adding that students are educated with a "level of advance knowledge so that they can function in any industry."

Frick cites the consistency of engineering education programs across the country.

"Whether here at Oakland University or in Berkeley, California, engineering programs and schools across the

country will not be significantly different from one another," he said.

Frick noted the biggest decrease in engineering employment and subsequent engineering education enrollment came not from the automotive industry, but due to the end of the Cold War.

"Between 1990 and 2000, we had a decrease in engineering employment of around 25 percent," said Frick. "It hurt enrollment. When the military industry restructured, we had to restructure what we do."

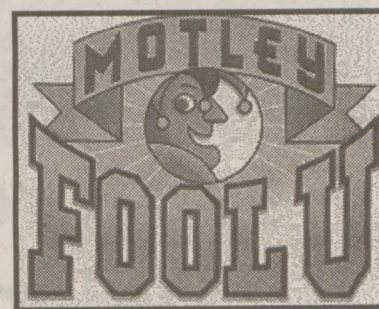
Bryce thinks the current engineering programs could be upgraded to include internships.

"Internships should be required for the hands on experience," said Bryce. "Right now, internships are not required for engineering students."

Bryce said that prospective employers often not only look at grades but at experience, as well. Lack of experience can have an impact on a graduate's earning potential.

Conflicting Wall Street messages are also having an effect on the industry as well as education, according to both Bryce and Frick.

"I keep hearing conflicting economic reports," said Bryce. "Sometimes it seems like it's going to turn around, but then sometimes it doesn't. I hope it does - and soon."



## What's a company's capital structure?

**Q. Can you explain what a company's "capital structure" is, and whether it's important?**

A. When evaluating a company's merits as a possible investment, you should examine how it finances its operations. This is referred to as a company's "capital structure." It's usually a mix of cash, debt financing (borrowing from a bank or issuing bonds), and equity financing (selling a chunk of the company and/or issuing shares of stock).

A gander at some (admittedly extreme) examples will shed more light on the concept.

Imagine a company financed completely through debt. If it's paying 5% interest on its debt, but is growing earnings at 10% yearly, its payments can be met and the financing is effective. The lower the interest rate and the greater the difference between it and the company's earnings growth rate, the better. If a company is carrying a lot of debt at high interest rates, but is growing slowly, this is bad news. Fluctuating earnings can also be problematic, as interest payments may sometimes completely wipe out earnings.

Next, imagine a company that raises funds only by issuing more stock. This is an appealing option when the market is hopping; cash is generated with little effort. It's not as easy or effective when the market is in the doldrums, though. The downside to equity financing is that the value of existing shareholders' stock is diluted every time new shares are issued. This is OK only if the moolah raised creates more value for the company than the value eroded by dilution.

Eventually, the company may become so profitable that it can methodically buy back shares, driving up value for existing shareholders. This is something that firms such as Coca-Cola (NYSE: KO), Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT), Gap (NYSE: GPS), and others have done in the past.

Finally, imagine a firm that's financing its operations completely on its own. This means that it's fueling growth with the cash created from operations. The advantage of internally financed growth is that it forces a firm to plan and budget carefully, resulting in (sometimes gradual) value creation for the company's owners. The weakness is that it can be a slow, grueling process. Worse yet, competitors effectively issuing debt or stock can fund quicker growth than this company.

That's it — whatever combination of debt, equity, and cash financing a company uses is its capital structure. It's an informative aspect of a company to pay attention to.

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## Candidate proposes new path for U.S.

By Andrea Zarczynski  
THE OAKLAND POST

Barely a year into George Bush's first term as president, one perennial presidential candidate is already mounting a challenge.

Lyndon LaRouche, a possible presidential candidate for the 2004 election, presented his beliefs on America's current position in the fight to restore peace, and his plans for a successful future at a Jan. 24 speech at a Washington D.C. hotel.

He began his two-and-a-half-hour speech, titled "Continue the American Revolution," with his opening keynote address named, "And Now A Year Later." Opportunities for conversation with his audience followed.

Through his study of the terrorist attacks, he has come to the conclusion that they were "an attempted coup d'etat against the Bush administration."

This idea, discussed in his just released strategic study titled "Zbigniew Brzezinski and Sept. 11th," was the basis of his address and discussion.

The address centered around four main points, including the idea that proper leadership as well as renewed ideas of the American Revolution are necessary to pull the U.S. out of its current economic and social state.

LaRouche said the current economic collapse supports his long-standing economic forecasts.

"First, the economic forecasts which I have circulated internationally during more than thirty years to date, are the only known forecasts which have been consistently correct," he said.

In 1994, LaRouche was elected as a new member of the Universal Ecological Academy of Moscow as a result of his extensive economic research project from 1948-1952.

He feels that without his "reorganization-in-bankruptcy" process conditions will not improve.

LaRouche also sees the current economic problem as an invite for what he calls "a global clash of civilizations war."

He said that conflicting utopian and U.S. patriot ideas have pushed the world to a "genocidal convulsion."

Merissa Piazza, senior, political science, and president of political science honors organization Pi Sigma Alpha, sees a necessity for strong leadership in America, but only with foreign policy issues.

"There's a danger in his plan. We (America) founded ourselves on separate identities."

Next, LaRouche believes past history may provide ideas for a future path away from these two threats. However, this leads to a third problem, finding a leader with the correct historical leadership skills necessary to achieve this.

"Therefore, history reminds us the necessary leader for a time of existential crisis is always the person who challenges popular opinion," he said.

The role of The United States is LaRouche's

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Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

**COOPERATIVE LEARNING:** After school, students gather for a lesson at the YAPO Computer Learning Center in Pontiac. The center provides residents of the Walter Park Manor Cooperative with the opportunity to explore career and educational options in a positive environment.

## Computer center welcomes low-income residents

By Michael Beard  
THE OAKLAND POST

Michael Yapo had a vision for a center where children and adults could learn about computers and use them regularly. Although he could only type one key at a time, he knew that computers were tools capable of helping the people of his community.

Yapo served as treasurer of Pontiac's Walton Park Manor Cooperative for 25 years and devoted his life to community service.

In July 2000, almost eight years after he died, the YAPO Computer Learning Center at Walton Park Manor Cooperative opened in his memory.

YAPO welcomes any volunteers who want to help the Pontiac community.

"It's hard to imagine what an impact a little of your time can make," said Abby McHugh, senior, psychology and former AmeriCorps volunteer. "Many of the children, and adults for that matter, just need encouraging words and positive guidance to help create attainable goals. A place like YAPO makes great sense

for the city of Pontiac."

The center, located at 68 Karen Court 3 in Pontiac, is a nonprofit organization that relies on the Pontiac Neighborhood Youth Initiative (PNYI) and other corporations for funding.

"So many different places throughout the community have donated for us," said Jean Hirsch, an administrative assistant and senior aide for the center. "We have several different agencies that work with our children like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the United Way."

According to Hirsch, the center trains people of all ages in computer usage and provides Internet access, but it also aims for a stronger community. Its programs help residents take pride in their neighborhood and strengthen the bonds not only between schools, homes and the community, but also between children, parents and seniors.

Adults are taught how to use the resources available to them in an attempt to keep them socially and economically stable, and to reduce their need for public support. Youth programs promote leadership and

education. Hirsch said the number of students fluctuates because of the various programs offered, but she estimates 10-25 come daily.

"We have after school tutoring, mentoring and computer assistance services," she said. "There are also sessions for young mothers to learn how to raise their kids also providing time to bond."

Reported police research says many children are without supervision 40 percent of the day, and the time between 3 and 6 p.m. is the most common for juvenile crimes. In addition to these statistics, Pontiac deals with typical urban problems like poor housing, low economic standards and neglected schools, all contributing to graduation rates being less than 40 percent, according to the PNYI.

"We have an outreach program with GM and the City of Pontiac Youth Force that keeps many of the kids off the streets," said Hirsch. "We recently had eight of our young men out in the community doing environmental type work."

For more information on YAPO, call 248.338.2338.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bush addresses the Union, Salt Lake City security beefed up for the Olympics

- President Bush outlined several ideas in his first State of the Union address last night. Most of his speech was devoted to what aides call three great goals: The war against terrorism, domestic defense and the economy. In his speech, Bush also condemned corporate irresponsibility, called for community activism and proposed education tax credit for private school tuition.

- According to the New York-based Conference Board,

consumer confidence improved for the second consecutive month in January. The board said Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 97.3 this month from a revised 94.6 in December.

- The Pentagon announced Tuesday that 21 U.S. soldiers were injured Monday in Afghanistan. Sixteen were injured in a helicopter crash and five were hit by a forklift. One of the five injured by the forklift was in critical condition and taken to Germany for treatment.

- Olympic security official Robert Flowers said Monday the federal government agreed to send about 50 more security officers to the Salt Lake City games. When Attorney General John Ashcroft visited Salt Lake City earlier this month, he noted that one undisclosed area needed more security personnel. "I'll take as many as they can give us," Flowers said.



# PERSPECTIVES

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## Editorial Report refocuses Vision 2010

OU's management team took a blow last week when years of planning and setting goals were shattered by a report from a team of advisors.

The Washington Advisory Group visited campus last March, spoke with community members and offered suggestions on how the campus could be improved. Before all of this, though, President Gary Russi and the 'campus-focused' Board of Trustees, as well as the vice presidents and the then-provost Louis Esposito, decided to create a concrete set of goals for the school and called it Vision 2010.

In the vision that was shared in a series of presentations with the campus community, they identified five primary programs that will be the focus areas of OU's growth and which will make the school more distinct.

Last year, when Esposito and Russi toured campus and some area businesses revealing their Vision 2010 plan, many thought OU was shooting a bit high – the vision called for increasing student enrollment to 20,000 with little changes to infrastructure – but many believed the goals were on the right track.

But, as the Washington Group points out in its report, focusing on only five programs would be a big mistake because of the potential it imposes on alienating other programs.

As the report states, few institutions of higher education have only one or a few programs for which they are well known (for example, Harvard's is known for its law and medical schools, but its undergraduate program is strong by itself).

In a letter regarding the report that was recently sent to department chairs and deans, Interim Provost Virinder Moudgil stated that the Trustees have endorsed the report and will consider its implementation in light of the Vision 2010 university profile.

Moudgil goes on to ask for faculty feedback on the group's findings. But what about the students? After all, isn't this vision all about them? Why not ask those who will be directly affected by change? What direction would they like to see OU take?

The Board would be wise to consider the view many students have concerning enrollment growth. It's a safe bet that very few of them would like to see the student body grow by more than 5,000 within the next 8 years when the campus can hardly support the more than 15,000 students it has now.

## Corrections

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## Letters to the Editor

### Valparaiso student criticizes Post column

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Chad Mack's sports column entitled "The team you love to hate is coming" (Jan. 23). In his column, Mr. Mack alludes to the Valparaiso Crusaders as the "most arrogant team in the conference." He then gives absolutely no rationale for this statement. Why are the Crusaders so arrogant? Is it because they win?

It's not like Valpo has T-shirts printed with the score on them when they knock off a big team like Michigan. Is it because they have never lost to OU? That does not make a team arrogant; that proves that they have the other team's number.

Mr. Mack goes on to comment about last year's games against the Crusaders, including the 89-57 loss at Valpo. He says that the only thing that the Golden Grizzlies won was a fight between Jon Champagne and Phil Willie. If my memory serves me right, it was Champagne who emerged bleeding from the brawl. I've watched the fight several times, and there was no winner.

Mr. Mack continues on with a preview of last Saturday's game by labeling VU centers Raitis Grafts and Antti Nikkila as "goons." What does that even mean? That would be like me labeling Mike Helms and Jordan Sabourin as "thugs," or something immature and uneducated like that.

I understand that this is a big game for the OU fans, just like it is a big game for Valparaiso fans. I have a great deal of respect for the OU team and enjoy watching your players play. However, like the journalists at The Post, they need to walk the walk before they can talk the talk.

If anyone in the conference has the right to do that, it would be Valparaiso, however after following the team for several years, I can guarantee that they do no talking. They let their play on the court do their talking for them.

In closing, I wish you luck in the rest of your season, and I look forward to when you visit the Athletics-Recreation Center. I hope that Mr. Mack decides to grace Valpo with his presence.

Paul Oren

sports writer, The Torch

Valparaiso Student Newspaper

### College too expensive

Dear Editor,

Recently, I had a friend of mine move out of the dorms because he did not have the financial resources allotted to him by the deadline for class registration. Although he did eventually receive the financial aid, it was of no use because he was no longer able to register for classes.

The very idea that people are turned away from educational institutions because they do not have enough money has been an idea that has angered me for some time.

Education is no longer about students learning in order to better their lives, it is

about large businesses (otherwise known as universities) blinded by greed.

The example that I gave you about my friend Andy is only the tip of the iceberg.

I wish I could recall the names of all of the students that were allowed to slip through the cracks because of their lack of financial resources.

I write this on behalf of my friend, whom I was sad to see leave. He has convinced me that education inherently favors the wealthy and discourages the poor.

In time, this prevention of the less affluent from receiving and education will only become worse as the price of education increases. In other words, the price of a piece of paper, otherwise known as a diploma, is steadily rising.

There is simply no reason that the price of education should increase. Schools have expanded beyond the scope for which they were created, for people to learn about what they desire. Simply put, a change is needed if we hope to continue to provide a fair opportunity for all of our youth. After all, it is only now that educational institutions are starting to realize that they possess a monopoly – the monopoly of deciding who will receive an education and who will not.

Amir Emami  
junior, health science

### Rec fee not a waste

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the letter by Justin Mularski ("Fee a waste of money," Jan.23) about the Rec Center. Mularski didn't want to pay for a facility he doesn't use. Well, I too am a commuter student (over an hour drive each way). I have 20 credits this semester, and I work one full time job and one part time job. All of this, yet I still find time in my schedule to use the gym each and every day that I am on campus.

I would like to know if Mr. Mularski is one of those same students that complains about the parking situation on campus? If he would just wake up a bit earlier and get to campus nice and early, he would find plenty of parking spots. And since he would be here nice and early, he would have plenty of time to use the Rec center.

Or is Mr. Mularski one of the students that makes obscene gestures at me while I am in my car, which is always in the closest parking spot, because I am just eating my lunch and listening to the news and not giving him the parking spot I woke up at 5 a.m. to get? I do not have the foggiest idea how often Mr. Mularski goes to the gym that is near his home, but if he were to spend an hour before class in the gym here on campus (which is cheaper per month

than the one he is paying for off campus) he probably would not mind carrying his gym bag to and from his car each day. And if the rest of the students would use the gym that they are paying for anyway, maybe they would not mind parking further away from class and walking from the car to the buildings. I was not a student when the vote was taken about the Rec center fee, but I don't mind it. In fact, I am happy to pay it and get my use out of it.

Danny Riley, Jr.  
sophomore, public administration

### Fee debate continues

Dear Editor,

The letter, entitled "Fee a waste of money" by Justin Mularski, criticizes OU for charging students \$75 a semester Rec Center fee.

As stated in the letter, this fee is charged to students regardless of whether they use the facilities or not. Like the author, I too am bothered each time that I open yet another bill from OU, but I must disagree on the issue of whether we should pay for the Rec Center.

The author states that since he doesn't use it, and wasn't a student when the issue was voted on, he should therefore be exempt from paying for it. Now, I shouldn't have to point this out to a pre-law/political science major, but if we follow that logic, the majority of us shouldn't be paying for welfare, social security and numerous other government run institutions.

I can also point out numerous other instances where students pay for things they don't use (or use things they didn't pay for). I'll start with the parking lots that commuter students (the majority of the student body) use every day. Obviously some of them were paid for and built before the author or myself attended OU.

The student activities fee (also paid by every student) is used to support various student organizations like sports clubs, Student Congress, Greek organizations and many others. As is more than likely, it also supports the same on campus organization of which the author is the president. As can be attested to by the majority of OU students, the student activities fee pays for organizations of which they are not a part.

Obviously, both the Rec Center fee and the SAF pay for things that are not used by all, but benefit all, and are nonetheless available, should they choose to make use of them.

Kenton T. Lewis  
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## This Week

### Friday, February 8

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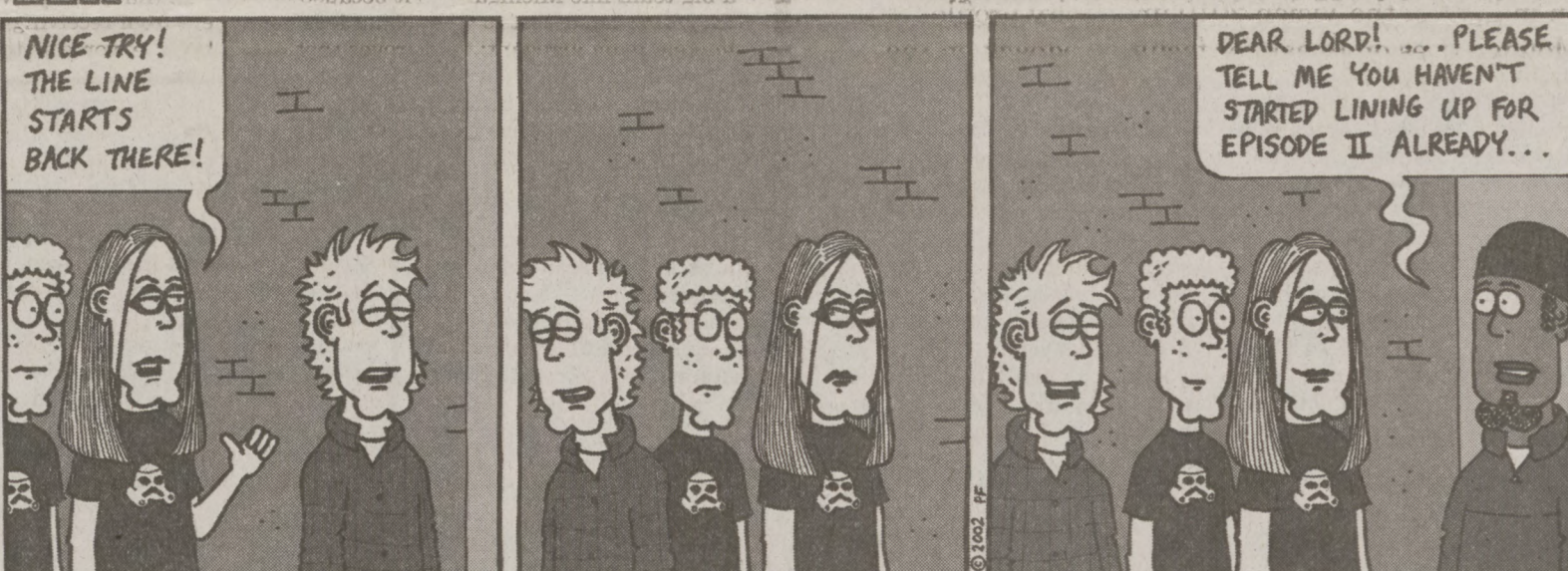
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## VISION

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During the Vision 2010 presentations, some of the campus community expressed dismay at the President's decision to focus on only five areas of study.

The WAG report suggested ways administrators and faculty could improve the Vision 2010 campaign and included eliminating the five-program focus and broadening OU's focus to all areas of undergraduate studies.

"I thought that this report gave us a different perspective, one that was already there on the minds of some but was never formalized," said Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil. "I also feel that the report has

brought in something which is very unifying for this campus. For example, if we were to move into five areas of distinction, as we originally planned, it could leave out a lot of students and faculty who just don't fall into those categories. Yet, I believe that distinction at Oakland University is more wide-spread."

The report outlined a number of ways that could help make OU a distinct regional university. Among them was the creation of a lifelong wellness contract. The report suggests enrolling students into a program that would give them ongoing health check-ups and encourage students to live a healthy lifestyle.

Above all, the report encourages OU to revamp much of its undergraduate program, crossing departmental boundaries. Mathematics in Art; Sight, Vision

and Seeing in Art; and Art in Science and Engineering were three of the "state-of-the-art" courses WAG pitched in the report. It also recommended that OU create more programs that simulate real life situations, such as outreach programs and internships.

"This will allow us to redirect our resources to make the undergraduate experience a distinctive one for every student," said Moudgil, "which means we need to find resources to provide additional opportunities, internships, outreach programs, the real world experience for all students."

In order to meet these goals by 2010, the group identified means with which OU could guarantee distinctiveness. Among those means, the report stated that OU needed to recruit a number

"world class" faculty members, because "such appointments would transform the stature of the university."

Moudgil identified two techniques OU will use to raise money to fund Vision 2010.

"We are enrolled in two issues: one is a capital campaign ... which is to raise the funds for Oakland University programs" and which will be formally launched later, Moudgil said. "The second thing is to go to area partnerships, industries, and say, 'We want Oakland students to have a distinctive experience, and we want you to be our partners in that.' The state allocation and tuition dollars are not going to do it, we need more."

In an email sent to faculty last night, Russi stated he was confident that OU would make it through the economic hardship

that the country is facing and reiterated the results of the WAG report.

"The WAG made the case in its report that Oakland's true strength, and true potential, could be found in providing a distinctive undergraduate education - instead of attempting to become known for several niche areas - by 2010. We are now asking the campus to review the WAG report in light of our desired characteristics - our 2010 Profile - and to think about strategies that various units might employ to create and promote a distinctive undergraduate experience," Russi stated.

In the upcoming months, Moudgil said that the administration plans to solicit opinions from faculty and staff regarding how much or little of the WAG report should be implemented

into OU's vision.

"So, what the WAG report has tried to do for us has given us an outside perspective saying, 'this is where your strength is, and these are the things we value from looking outside,'" Moudgil said. "The emphasis would be to make a unique experience for undergraduate students in all areas. Then we are a university of distinction."

The WAG report was prepared by former Dean and Provost of U-M Frank Rhodes, who was also the President Emeritus at Cornell University, former Director for the National Science Foundation Erich Bloch, Dean Emeritus of Harvard Medical School Daniel Tosteson and former Vice President of General Motors Robert Froesch.

## BOBSLED

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former NCAA heptathlete champion at Arizona State.

Although, in theory, the heaviest sled and crew will run the course the fastest, the driver is the key, according to bobsled experts. Racine's role is to keep the sleigh on a tight line, avoid wasting priceless milli-seconds by getting too high in the turns and make sure she doesn't destroy valuable momentum by scrapping the sleigh's sides in the straight-aways.

Racine is in good position

after setting the record on the same course that the Olympic competition will be held.

The Germans have improved tremendously over the last year, but Racine's confidence is at an ultimate high.

"Both Jean and Gea, as well as Jill (Bakken) and Vonetta (Flowers)," the other pair racing for the U.S. team in the two-woman bobsled, "have raced well internationally," said Julie Urbanski, Media and Public Relations Director for the

United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation.

"There's hope one, if not both, will medal," Urbanski said.

Racine was unavailable for comment because of her training schedule, but has said she has "had a few talks" with the track and they "are getting along really well."

The two-woman Olympic competition is set for Feb. 29. The Olympics will be broadcast on WDIV Channel 4.

## MEEHAN

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solely a police problem—in fact, our research shows that residential segregation plays an important role in this. There is an important sense in which the community demands of its police protection of community boundaries from minority outsiders. Our data shows that where African Americans are a routine part of the landscape, profiling behavior is not significant. As African Americans move into whiter areas—it begins dramatically. On this model, we would argue that the more African Americans are integrated within communities, the lesser the likelihood of this occurring. So, we see profiling as a side effect of institutionalized residential segregation.

Q: Where did you grow up and what effect did that have in shaping you into the person that you are today?

A: I spent my early years being raised in a juvenile detention center operated by my parents. It was the family business having been first given to my grandmother to run in the early 1930s. My father was a police officer, like his father before him and my mother now ran the detention center 24-7 as they say

with the assistance of family members. I would play in the asphalt parking lots adjoining our jail throwing a baseball against the wall imagining a career as a professional baseball player. A career in policing for any of the four Meehan sons was out of the question.

One late Sunday afternoon, while playing a solitary game of the ninth inning in the World Series, a police officer stopped a vehicle within 20 yards of my Yankee Stadium. The real world quickly dissolved the play world, when to my horror I observed the officer begin beating the driver, a black man.

No amount of words can describe my immediate fixation on this scene nor my horror at seeing the amount of blood streaming from this man's head. I ran into the jail telling my father, "The policeman is in a fight." Telling me to remain inside, he ran outside. A short while later he returned very upset. I asked him, "What did that man do? Why did the policeman hit that man so hard he was really hurting him?" My father, in what could only be described as calm outrage told me, "Not all policemen are good. He should not have done that to that man." Coming from a policeman who would later be president of his police union,

whose family was steeped in the police tradition, this was remarkable. I always thought of course, like many young children do and are taught that the police are good. Which I believe the vast majority of them are good people. He also told me that day that if I wanted to do something important with my life I should go to college and become a teacher and not a cop.

Q: Why did you choose to major in sociology? Where did you go to school?

A: I began as a psychology major and had moved along in my major when my social psychology professor, who I had worked with on a field research project, told me that I thought more like a sociologist. I received my PhD. in sociology from Boston University.

Q: Why did you decide to come to OU?

A: OU is the perfect place for anyone who wants to combine the scholarship and teaching role. I do enjoy teaching students and I believe my research makes me a better and more interesting teacher.

There will be a reaction panel to racial profiling on Feb. 8, from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OC. These events are open to the public but reservations are required. To make a reservation, call 248.370.4648.

## PARKING

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point?"

Morris said OU's layout makes it difficult to expand the number of available parking spaces.

"The way this campus is built, we're stuck," he said. "You really can't build a parking lot anywhere and make it useful."

Chris Duemling, junior, sociology also said that the new lot is far removed from central campus.

"It's not a bad idea, it's just not that useful because it's so far away," he said.

While Postleware agrees the lot may seem like a far walk, he pointed out that other spaces are just as far away from academic buildings.

"It seems kind of removed because it's by itself," said Postleware. "If you're going to the SEB, Dodge Hall or even the library, you would walk farther from some parts of P1(OU's main parking lot) just to get to North or South

Foundation."

According to Postleware, Walker Parking Consultants completed an OU parking study in January, 2001.

"They determined we would have enough spots for now, but we would run out in five years or so. Enrollment picked up quicker than they thought," he said.

He added the shortage became a "critical situation" last September when fall 2001 enrollment increased roughly by 600 students from the previous fall semester.

In December 2001, the Board of Trustees approved the addition of a three-story parking structure across from the new education building. Postleware said the \$6 million structure will add 550 spaces, and construction could begin as early as April of this year.

Walker Consultants also said putting a parking structure on the main P1 parking lot and

immediately south of SEB may help alleviate congestion.

"Some students have suggested putting a structure between the OC and Beer Lake or between the Rec. Center and the library ... The long-term philosophy is we want to build buildings in the interior of campus and parking on the periphery," Postleware said.

Postleware anticipates lot P37 will be utilized more frequently once lights and definable signs are added.

While parking continues to pose a challenge for students and faculty, some people are trying to keep a positive outlook.

Jim Walsh, junior, MIS, agrees parking is tight but is still thankful OU doesn't charge a parking fee.

"The parking here is awesome," Walsh said. "I'll walk any distance for free parking."

## OUSC

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To access the online directory, students can visit the OU website under the "current students" section.

Also at the meeting, Student Body President Derek Dickow announced that Congress and Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh are co-sponsoring the

OU vs. Oral Roberts basketball games and will be giving away free tickets to the first 200 students at each game with a valid Spirit Card.

The men's home game is on Feb. 7, and the women's game is on Feb. 11. Both games start at 7 p.m.

In addition, OUSC is working on a project to get majors printed on degrees, which Dickow began


thinking about after he was told his diploma would only say "College of Arts and Sciences."

"This was first brought to my attention two years ago when I was a legislator on Congress," Dickow said. "I don't know if it was ever pursued, but this year when I asked my advisor about it, I didn't find the answer appropriate. I have never taken a science class, and I've never taken an art class."

Dickow plans to represent OUSC's unanimous position on this issue at the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction meeting at 2:15 p.m., today, in 101B O'Dowd Hall.

Dickow also plans to make a presentation to Congress at its next meeting regarding the UCUT's response.

"In 10 years when students have a degree on the wall, they're going to want someone to look at it and see right away what they focused their time on and where they earned their degree," Dickow said. "The diploma should do all of that, and right now it doesn't."




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## LAROUCHE

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fourth issue. How should our history be portrayed in applying its lessons to steer the future? Will this system work unless it is run with "correct leadership", such as Franklin Roosevelt had run our country? Also, could our civilization continue to exist without LaRouche's plan?

This future candidate ran five times for the presidential office between 1976-1992. He also ran once for Congress.

"We must have political leadership in the American intellectual tradition, a leadership which puts the truthful promotion of the general welfare of present and future generations, back into the saddle again," LaRouche said.

"America is presently drowning in a river of its own shit," said Adam Rea, freshman, business, adding that America could get out of the economic slump without LaRouche's plan.

The website [larouch04@aufait.net](mailto:larouch04@aufait.net) offers more information.



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• Think your band has the skills to pay the bills? SPB will be sponsoring the Battle of the Bands on Fri. Feb. 1 in the OC food court at 8 p.m.

• MIS club will be hosting a meeting to anyone interested. The special guest speaker will be a representative form Daimler-Chrysler. The meeting will be held on Tue. Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. in the Lake Superior room in the OC.

• Make sure to check out Rhinoplast, Garden Party and One Hump Chump at the Ridgewood Rec. Center on Racine Road in Warren. Profits from the show will benefit the OU women's hockey program.

## SHOWS

• If you're in the mood for some down-home-in-the-delta blues, check out Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise at the Royal Oak Music Theater on Fri. Feb. 8. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

• All poetry and hip hop enthusiasts mark your calendar. The incomparable Saul Williams will be appearing at the Sno-Core Icicle Ball on Mar. 16 at the State Theater. Also, appearing will be Blackalicious, Nikka Costa, and Karl Benson's Tiny Universe. An all ages show. Doors are at 7:30.

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• Cranbrook Art Museum will be hosting African-American Culture Day on Feb. 2 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The cultural celebration will feature dancing and music. The cost is free with museum admission

• Camp Ticonderoga will be holding their 6th Annual Beach Bash. The bash will feature live reggae from La Trinité, tattoos, numerous tropical food and drink specials. Camp Ticonderoga is located at on Rochester Rd. in Troy.

## OU alums teach in Taiwan

## Sponseller, O'Connor offer insight, anecdotes

By Jennifer Decker  
COPY EDITOR

Elbow-to-elbow, spoke-to-spoke in densely-populated Taiwanese areas, OU alumni are finding themselves immersed in a foreign culture to meet the challenges of teaching English to Chinese-speaking children.

Jeni Sponseller, history, has been teaching in Pan Chiao, Taiwan since November 2001 with Hess, a private language school.

"I have been interested in teaching for quite a long time actually," she said. "After studying Chinese culture and history, I became determined to travel to Asia to see what I had been reading about for so many months."

Some of Sponseller's students start kindergarten as early as age three. They do typical kindergarten things such as numbers, the alphabet, story time, art and exercise.

"Right now, they are learning about winter, which is crazy because they have never seen frost or snow," she said.

"My students are only allowed to speak English," Sponseller said. "If there is something they don't understand, I will stop and say, 'May I speak Chinese?' They will say 'yes' and I will try to explain it to them. If I cannot, my Chinese teacher (who is always present and is fluent in English) will explain it to them quickly. The Chinese ends there though."

Older students attend language school classes twice a week for reading, conversation, grammar and phonics. Students must take examinations for high school or university placement. English competency is required. Competition is intense and there is great pressure upon children to succeed.

Sponseller prefers mass transit to acquiring a scooter. "Pan Chiao is fast paced and jammed with people and scooters," she said. "People and scooters riding their children and pets. A family of four can fit on a scooter—it's pretty fun," she said.

"Scooters are crappy motorcycles. They don't go that fast. There are millions of them here. Parking is illegal everywhere, but the usual place is the sidewalk. Occasionally, the cops will stop leaving a chalk ticket telling you where your scooter is."

The West and all of its goods are both coveted and imitated.

"The Taiwanese really like white skin, as well—they think it is beautiful. There are many products here that carry the label 'whitening,'" she said.

How about corn on your pizza? Microwave dumplings from 7-11? Eyes staring back at you from your plate.

"They have some weird food sometimes," Sponseller said. "I was munching on some veggies and rice one day and found little shrimps with eyes. When I ask the kids, 'What would you like to eat?' sometimes they say, 'fish eyes'."

Another OU alumnus teaching English in Taiwan is

When I ask the kids, 'What would you like to eat?' they say, 'fish eyes!'

Jeni Sponseller  
OU alumnus  
Taiwan teacher



Photo Courtesy of Jeni Sponseller

HEAD OF THE CLASS: Jeni Sponseller (second from left) with her class of young students in Taiwan. Sponseller has been teaching English in Taiwan. In order to help her class learn the language, she only allows them to speak English in class. In Taiwan, English competency is required in order to enter high school and college.

Jacqueline O'Connor. A sociology major and Mandarin Chinese language minor, O'Connor came to Taichung, Taiwan in February 1999 and has worked for Hess Language School for more than two years.

Currently, she teaches for Camp David, an all English school for children ages 3-6. Her class consists of 20 children ages 3-4. She teaches them conversational English, phonics, math, art and spelling.

She has had her share of wacky experiences while working at Hess. "During the last 10 minutes of one of my mid-level classes (ages 10-12), from the corner of my eye I saw this head bobbing up and down outside my classroom window," she said. "I kept teaching and just ignored it thinking it was a friend of one of my students waiting for class to end. Suddenly, the door flew open and a jacket was flung across the room at one of my students by his mother. She said, 'Hao neng!' (it's cold in here). There was a short pause and then all of my students in unison yelled, 'no Chinese!' to the mother and started laughing."

Not to be outdone by the Hess incident, O'Connor recalled a story from Camp David. "Sometimes, Chinese people add an 'a' after certain words. For example, 'look' will become 'look-a' or 'Patrick' will become 'Patrick-a.' In my class, I happen to have an Eric, but my students kept calling him 'Erica.' I told them that Erica is a girl's name, and whenever they would say Erica, I would respond with 'There isn't an Erica here.' One day my Chinese supervisor came into my classroom and said, 'Where is Erica?' Four year old Kevin shouted his response across

the room: 'It's Eric-not Erica! There isn't an Erica here!' I didn't know what to say because this is my supervisor. I didn't want her to lose face because a four-year-old's pronunciation was more accurate than hers, so I just started shaking my head and laughing to help the situation along, and luckily it worked."

Sponseller and O'Connor were introduced to the idea of teaching English in Taiwan by Linda Benson, professor of history.

"Here at OU, we require students to take a course in non-western civilization," Benson said. "Most of the professors teaching these courses have worked and lived in their country of specialization and naturally we end up talking about that experience, how we got there, what we liked about it and so on. I think most of the students I have had go abroad were motivated in part by these and other various parts of the world."

Benson lived in Taiwan and taught at National Chengchi University.

"Teaching in Asia is simply a wonderful experience," she said. "The people are friendly—both on Taiwan and China itself. None of the students I have encouraged to go have expressed any regret. One former student in China plans to return as soon as he finishes. He does not speak Chinese, although he did learn how to order a McDonald's hamburger in Chinese."

Taiwan remains divided by history and language. However Benson feels that "the [Taiwanese] are usually very pleased to meet and make friends with Americans."

Many websites now carry ads for jobs abroad, but Benson cautions that it is always better to conduct thorough research about the place or school before signing up for anything.

## Professor gets involved on campus

By Gayle Issa  
GET OUT EDITOR

Editor's Note: This is the beginning of an occasional series of professor profiles at OU. Please nominate names of professors who deserve special attention at [gayleok-post@yahoo.com](mailto:gayleok-post@yahoo.com).

Professors' jobs are to teach, but a few go beyond the call of duty. Professor of biology Barry Winkler is an example of the latter.

Winkler started working at OU in 1971 at the Eye Research Institute which was founded in 1968. His specific focus is the physiology and biochemistry of the retina. He also teaches a neurobiology class once a year on visual reality and perception.

"Teaching is a great part of who I am and being a professor means getting involved," he said.

So he makes a point of hiring undergraduate students to assist him in the lab. But maybe the new avenue of Winkler's OU life will stand out the most in students' minds.

He is currently serving as the faculty advisor to the Arab-American Student Organization. This is not unusual. There are other professors in similar roles. But this particular situation is unique because he is Jewish.

Last winter he was approached by a student who was starting to build the organization.

"I must admit, when she asked me, I just smiled," he said.

He said he was uncertain if she knew he was Jewish.

"It didn't matter to me, but I wanted to make sure she didn't care and that it wouldn't be awkward for other members of the group," he said.

He agreed because of her confidence on the matter.

"They all just embraced me. It was never an issue. It was just me being overly concerned, and now it's the most marvelous thing," he said.

The joint effort of Winkler and the AASO provides an important lesson in tolerance setting aside differences.

Fall was the organization's first semester in operation. The events of September 11 prompted the members of this group to act quickly, according to Winkler.

"They have it tough right now, but the group handled it well," he said.

The AASO and the Muslim Students Association hosted a series of panel discussions for the purpose of informing and breaking stereotypes about Arabs and Muslims. Winkler was impressed with their efforts.

The MSA faculty advisor was surprised when he found out who the advisor for the AASO was, according to Winkler.

"We're human beings. We ought to be able to get along, especially now more than ever," Winkler said. "You'd have to be ignorant to not know that there are cliques at OU, but I hope and strive for more togetherness amongst the students."

Dina Hasso, senior, MIS major, has been a member of the AASO since it started.

"I was shocked when I found out that he was Jewish. I had no idea," she said. But her sentiments have changed since the first meeting.

"I love the guy. He is very open, thoughtful and gives a lot to the organization," she said. "He's always at every function. He has broken down the boundaries between us in terms of nationalities and helped blend us into one unit."

According to Winkler, taking other people's religious and political views into consideration is vital, and this value is instrumental in his role as an advisor for this particular organization.

"If there was another Jewish professor

who didn't want this position I would understand and respect that," he said.

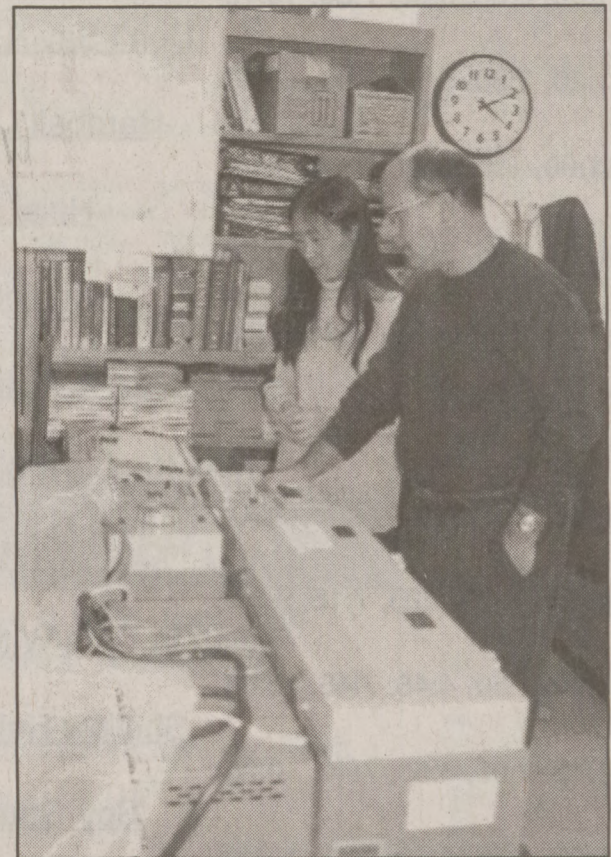
"I never think of it like that, as me being Jewish. I only think of myself as faculty. Participating with students is worthwhile. Everything else is secondary," he said.

In 1995 he began teaching and working for the Honors College as a faculty member on its advisory council. In 1999 he became the chief faculty advisor and associate director. Today he is serving as the interim director.

He said one of his favorite aspects of this particular part of his job is the Thursday lunches. Once a week he eats with students. This time is an open forum for discussion, and he also listens to students' complaints. They have recently talked about the issue of stress and ideas for dealing with it.

"I look forward to it quite frankly. There should be more of this kind of thing," he said.

And it doesn't stop there. He is taking French 215 right now.



ABOVE AND BEYOND: Professor Barry Winkler (right) and Dr. Jie Li, a post-doctoral fellow, work in the eye research lab. Though his specialty is the retina, his vision stretches much further. Winkler is also the faculty advisor for the Arab-American Student Organization.

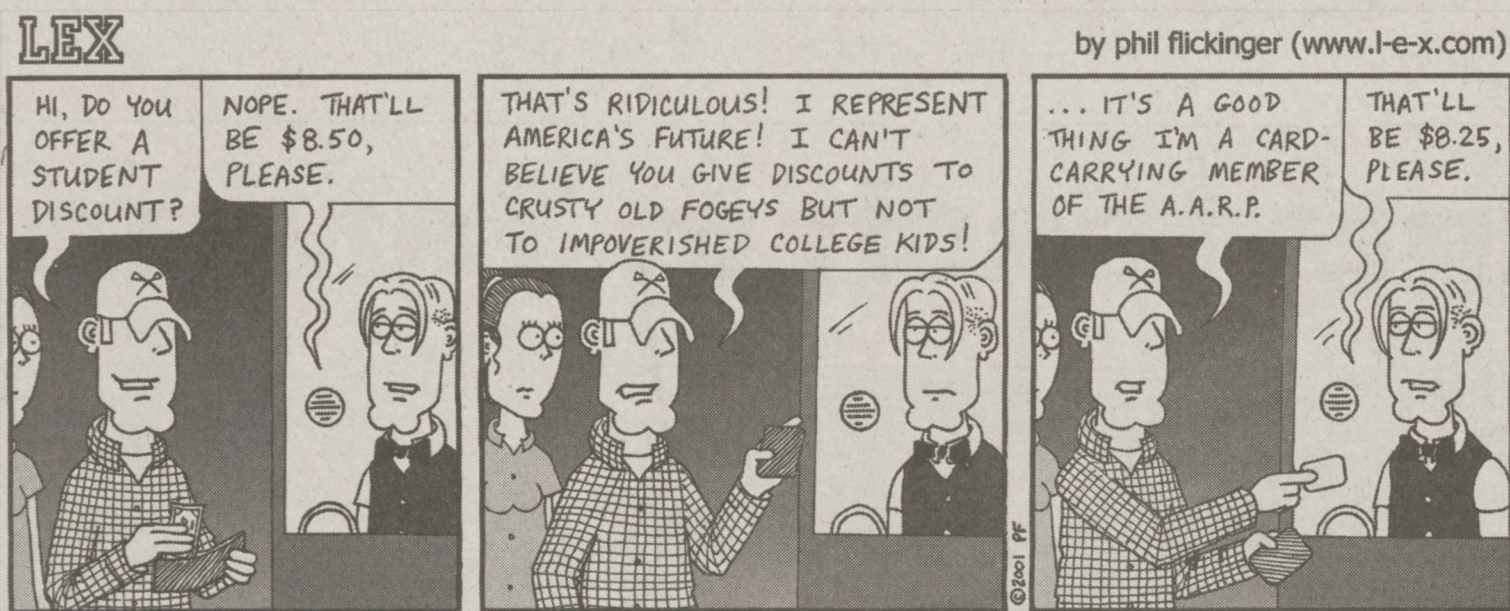
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"Every faculty member should be a student again, just to see how it really feels," he said. "I put my head down every time a professor walks by so that I don't get called on."

"I have no complaints so far," he said, "apart from the fact that I have no time to play ball and get to the gym."

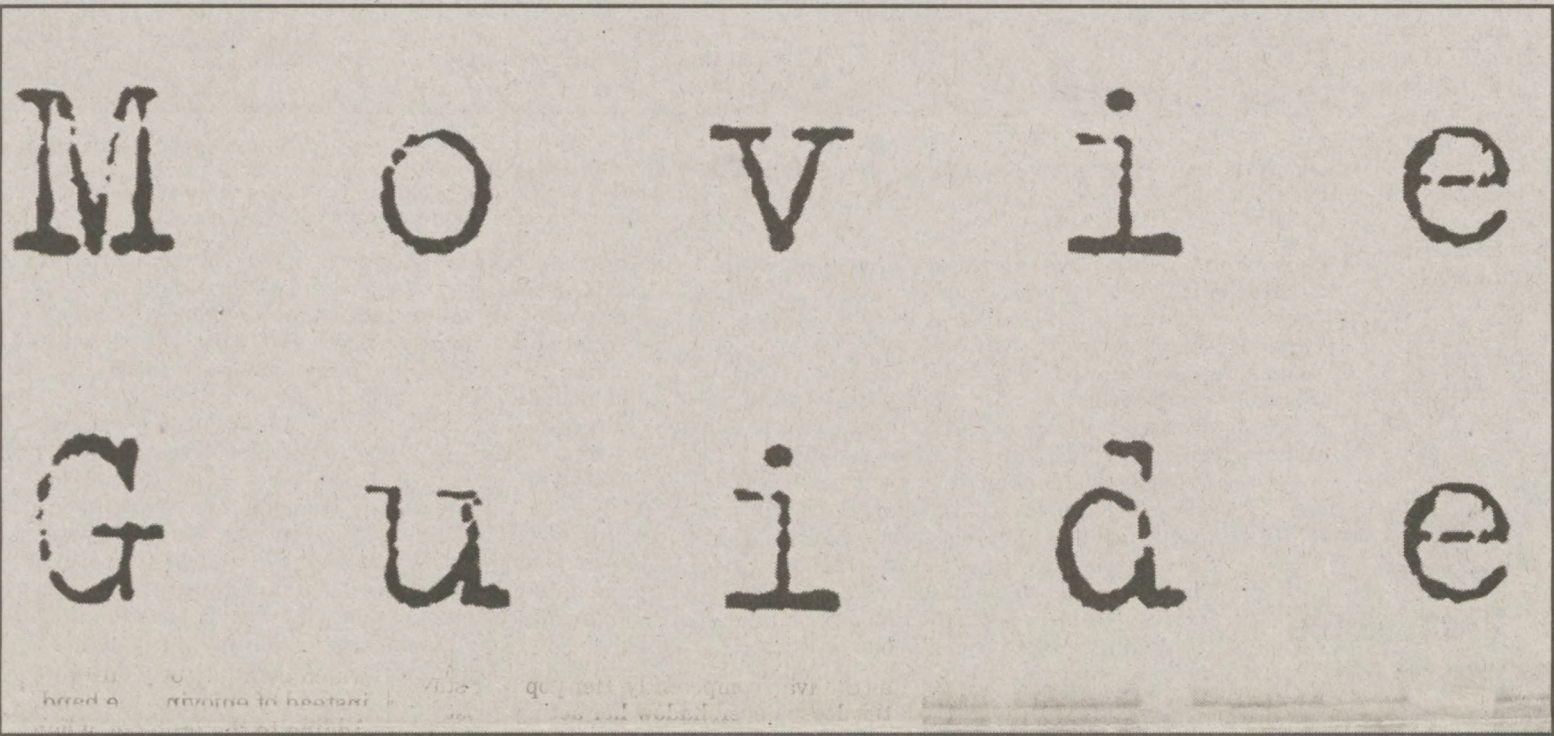
"My take-home message would be to just respect other people," he said. "And my simple philosophy is you have to root for students. This is at the core of what makes a good professor. You have to help them get there," he said.





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♈ Aries

This is a great week to push for what you want, particularly if it's something you have been longing for. People are more receptive than usual and are eager to help others achieve their goals. Unfortunately, the most negative thing that could happen is actually fulfilling your desires — you may realize that it isn't exactly what you expected to be. Stay realistic and be careful what you wish for.

♉ Taurus

A romantic situation will go in your favor without too much work on your part. You can get a lot done this week, particularly if it is a creative endeavor.

♊ Gemini

You've got the energy to get things done, but don't burn yourself out. There will be plenty of time to take care of business later, so take time to relax if possible.

♋ Cancer

This is a great time to clear up any issues you have with your partner. Listen to your gut when it comes to big decisions this week.

♌ Leo

Fighting won't help a situation, but if you turn on the charm you'll have lots of people supporting you right now. Thinking things through is wiser than feeling your way.

♍ Virgo

You may have outgrown a relationship, so don't be afraid to move on. Don't push yourself too hard this week, particularly with things that really aren't under your control.

♎ Libra

Most things will run smoothly this week, but don't be afraid to take the reins. Avoid scattering your efforts and put your extra energy into something constructive.

♏ Scorpio

Concentrate on taking care of the home front, whether it's spending time with family or literally fixing your house. Avoid overreacting to a problem, particularly at work.

♐ Sagittarius

A setback may slow things down, but it won't cost you everything unless you let it. Make time this week for a short trip or break.

♑ Capricorn

You probably want to go against the flow of things, which may actually work out better. Working with others will take a lot out of you, so make time for yourself this week.

♒ Aquarius

People are listening, so don't be afraid to try something that didn't work out before. Take risks, since you can handle a failure better than usual right now.

♓ Pisces

You can get what you want right now, so this is less a time of planning and more a time of action. You can make serious strides in a money situation if you are aggressive enough.

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# Breeze provides tropical fun

By Rachel Rybicki  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Looking for an escape to a tropical paradise? If so, Bahama Breeze is the place to check out. With Caribbean-style food and an atmosphere to match, Bahama Breeze serves up a great time.

The service was excellent. There was never an empty glass, and with more specialty drinks than one knows what to do with, there was much decision making to be done.

The "tour guide" was awesome.

She suggested the entrees that were the specials and offered drink suggestions, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. It turned out that the lemonade was spectacular. The crushed sugar cane and fresh squeezed lemons all mixed into a delicious drink to awaken the taste buds.

The appetizers were the same way.

There was a lot of variety and many things were on the menu that would not often be seen at another restaurant.

Such specialty items like goat cheese pizza and coconut battered onion rings are sure to please any guest visiting this tropical haven.

Dinner was just as excellent as everything else.

When it arrived, it was piping hot, not warm, which is an important aspect when dining out. The presentation was classy and the aromas filling the restaurant when guests walk in was packaged all onto one plate.

The one drawback, however, is that many of the dishes are prepared with all of the ingredients already in them, making it next to impossible for onions, tomatoes and such to be removed.

The servers are extremely accomadating and check back frequently, making sure everything is in order. As mentioned before, the service was top notch, making dining there a more pleasant experience.

The restaurant opened its doors in December 2001 and since has done great business. Business has been so good that lately there has been close to a one and a half



BAHAMA MAMA: Bartenders breathe fire at Bahama Breeze in Troy. The restaurant offers a wide variety of beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

to three hour wait for a table.

But not to fear, there is a bar for people to mingle at and a patio for those over 21 years old. The bartenders even put on a little fire show for guests to enjoy. Out on the patio however, a bonfire is ablaze and authentic Caribbean music is playing, sometimes from the rhythms of a live band. Everything on the menu can be ordered on the patio except for entrees. It is heated in the winter and cooled in the summer making it comfortable year round for guests wishing to enjoy a refreshing beverage, get an appetizer or two and maybe even some dessert.

Dessert, one word, yet so many decisions at this paradise.

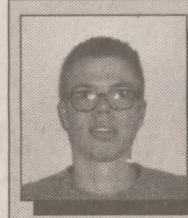
There are fruit desserts, chocolate desserts, cheesecake desserts, all of which looked delicious. The key lime pie however takes it all. The pie is made with real key limes

from Florida, not the crappy kind that anyone can buy at the grocery store for 29 cents. The tartness and sweetness combined makes this dessert a sure fire winner. The only drawback? If not a meringue lover, beware. It is topped with a homemade meringue, but it can be easily scraped off.

When the evening is complete and the bill arrives, do not be alarmed. The prices are more than reasonable for the amount of food and drinks guests receive.

There is also a gift store located in the front of the restaurant where guests can take home an island treasure, and with free valet parking, maybe there is some extra money in wallets to be spent to remember this getaway.

Over all, this place is a must visit, even if only to escape to the Bahamas for an hour or two.



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## Poor concert etiquette must cease

Through the years, I have attended numerous concerts. I have bled at the lip, been pick-pocketed, witnessed friend's concussions, as well as seen many other things, most of which could have been avoided had simple concert etiquette been followed. It is not my goal to try and set rules to limit fun, I simply wish to make clear the acts that cause discomfort to concertgoers. A concert, like any situation involving large crowds of people, requires that some general etiquette is followed.

A key issue that must be addressed is the shirtlessness so prevalent at rock and roll concerts. Please, surely they must wear shirts at other social events, such as weddings or bar mitzvahs. Why is it that at a concert, where hundreds of people are packed into small rooms, that they feel compelled to remove their shirts?

The heat surely plays a role in this display, but the shirtless must consider others in the audience. In addition, these others do not wish to be pushed into some sweaty guy with no shirt and potent body odor. So even though ventilation is not good in most venues, and heat can be uncomfortable, please keep your shirt on.

Another sore point is crowd surfing. Personally I am against it completely, and wish there were more bands like Fugazi, who refuse to play when people begin crowd surfing. Despite my personal aversion to the practice, many seem to enjoy it.

If you are going to crowd surf, make sure to wear soft shoes. It is bad enough that fans have to watch behind crowdsurfers instead of enjoying the band. Adding to the problem, when someone is crowdsurfing they inevitably kick a few people in the head. Most would rather get kicked in the head with a nice soft running shoe than with a heavy combat boot.

Since the people keeping you from falling and breaking your neck are the same ones being kicked, it would be only courteous to accommodate them.

I suppose while on the subject of courtesy it would only be proper to address the issue of fans screaming the name of a song they wish to hear. There is really no problem with this common practice except when this screaming occurs during a song. Simple respect for the band, as well as the other fans, requires that you wait for a break in the music before yelling "Freebird."

Given the nature of rock shows, it should also be mentioned that there will be a fair amount of pushing and shoving. This jostling is generally common near the stage where fans, along with eager young groupies, are struggling to close to the performing band. This is only mentioned because often members of the audience are shoved into each other. If this happens, it is generally not an individual's fault. If you do not wish to be pushed, stay away from the front row. If you insist on remaining near the stage, do not be offended when pushed.

Another practice at concerts that has become problematic is the throwing of heavy objects. Sure, throwing things can be fun, and I have known people to toss something light like a water bottle into the crowd. While this may have been uncomfortable for the recipient of the bottle, it is generally a minor problem. However, when people begin to throw glass bottles and shoes, things can get ugly. Being hit with a glass bottle is more than a mild annoyance. The same is true for shoes.

So, in the words of WXOU radio personality Matthew Seidl, "Stop throwing your Pumas."

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# Moore falls for bad boy in clichéd teen film

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THE OAKLAND POST

Long glances. Shy smiles. It's those small moments "A Walk to Remember," a contemporary fairytale set in high school, is intent on capturing and stirring.

Based on the Nicholas Sparks book, pop star/MTV VJ Mandy Moore is plain Jane Jamie Sullivan and Shane West ("Once and Again") is bad boy Landon Carter, living in Beaufort, a small town in North Carolina. A prank he and his friends set up goes wrong one night and sends another classmate to the hospital. As punishment, the principal has him tutor disadvantaged students and perform in the drama club's spring play. In both activities, he meets conservative Sullivan, the Baptist minister's daughter.

## "A Walk to Remember"



out of four cameras

**Starring:** Mandy Moore, Shane West  
**Director:** Adam Shankman



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

LET'S GET SINFUL: Shane West and Mandy Moore star in "A Walk to Remember." Based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, the film is hindered by a predictable plot.

Sullivan doesn't care what others think of her and isn't afraid to show her faith. After realizing he needs help, he seeks out Sullivan. It is then he starts falling in love with her but Sullivan resists, despite her feelings. She does let him in eventually, but not after revealing her secret which affects the both of them.

"Walk" has sincerity, a quality often

lacking in the teen romance genre.

However, some lame dialogue hinders the storytelling. Jamie's father calls Carter "sinful" at one point.

In another scene, Carter and his best friend, Dean, share a handshake, which caused giggles in the audience. During a serious scene, they share the handshake again. Laughter ensued the second time,

undermining it.

Unfortunately, Carter's friends, the "in-crowd" don't fare any better. Dean's change from bully to understanding friend is too quick. Mostly, they are stuck with acting immaturely and giving Sullivan dirty looks.

West, in his first leading role, gives depth to his character. He allows the viewer to see Landon's change from aimless bad boy to heroic nice guy throughout. He doesn't let Carter fall prey to the "one scene" change.

Moore, previously seen in last summer's "The Princess Diaries," handles her role as Sullivan competently. Her pop star status doesn't overshadow her acting. Most importantly, her innocence is believable. A quality neither Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera could have pulled off.

Look for Daryl Hannah, unrecognizable in brunette hair, as Carter's supportive mom. Like most parents in teen movies, she's in the background and not given much to do.

"A Walk to Remember" is a classic reminder of what people hope love is or what they want it to be.

Despite its weaknesses, it is able to grab hold of your heartstrings. Bring a box of Kleenex, this one's a tearjerker.

# Book offers humorous, satirical take on parking problems

By Kimberly Hodson  
THE OAKLAND POST

Murray Tepper is a New Yorker with a mission.

He has a car to park once he finds an open spot, and there's no telling when he will move it. Strangely, and quite annoyingly, Tepper simply parks his car and sits in it. When others drive up inquiring as to whether he's leaving, Tepper uses one of two responses. He either shakes his head or shakes his finger.

Tepper's antics and parking adventures are the focus of a new book by Calvin Trillin entitled "Tepper Isn't Going Out" (Random House, \$22.95). The novel begins with the simple premise of Tepper's somewhat strange parking behavior. Once he finds a highly coveted

parking spot in bustling Manhattan, Tepper pulls in and remains inside his car to read the paper and watch people as they drive by.

Eventually, his family tries to entice him indoors, yet Tepper remains content to sit alone in his Chevy Malibu. Tepper's behavior soon becomes a sensation.

Everyone from reporters to the mayor, a Rudolph Giuliani-type character, wants to talk to him. Tepper blindly continues with his daily business while a hurricane of publicity and attention begins to surround the calm and peaceful introvert.

The plot is remarkably familiar to OU students. When driving up and down the rows hopelessly looking for and open spot close to your class, your heart jumps when you see someone walking to their car. It seems like an eternity for them to

reach their destination. Suddenly they make eye contact and watch as your hopeful grin melts into a stern and angry frown when they shake their head in rejection.

Parking problems are the topic of discussion on the many other college campuses in Michigan as well as around the country. The campus newspapers of Michigan State and the University of Michigan, The State News and the Michigan Daily respectively report parking problems on their campuses at least once a month.

In an interview with USA Today, Trillin recalled discussions with faculty and students at a few southern colleges as well as at Harvard about their preoccupation with parking woes.

It would seem parking spaces are a hot

commodity everywhere. They are few and far between in local downtown areas like Birmingham and Pontiac. Parking at local malls and theaters is also difficult at times. Simply, too many cars are competing for too few parking spaces.

"There are forward-looking urban planners who would be against my God-given, American right to have a car," Trillin told USA Today.

Parking difficulties across the country are typified by Tepper's antics in the novel. Trillin adds a bit of whimsy to the touchy subject by suggesting a toy inspired by Tepper. "It's a Chevy with a guy at the wheel, and when you wind it up and it doesn't go anywhere."

One thing we can be sure of is that OU is not alone in its on campus parking problems.

## One Student's Picks



Liza Zanotti

junior  
biology

**Favorite CD:** The Beatles - Abbey Road

**Favorite Book:** Jitterbug Perfume by Tom Robbins

**Favorite Website:** jcrew.com

**Favorite Movie:** Amelie

**Favorite TV Show:** The Practice

**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Restaurant:** CK Diggs

## MOVIE ONE-LINERS

Guess what movie each quote is from, then visit [www.oakpostonline.com](http://www.oakpostonline.com) to see if you're right

1. When a man is chasing a woman through an alley with a butcher's knife and a hard-on, I figure he isn't out collecting for the Red Cross!
2. I'm sorry. Don't listen to me. I'm on mescaline. I've been spaced-out all day.
3. All every woman really wants, be it mother, senator, nun, is some serious deep-dickin'.
4. Loneliness has been following me my whole life.



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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

January 24	
Oakland	93
Western Illinois	75
January 26	
Valparaiso	86
Oakland	77
January 28	
IPFW	77
Oakland	71

WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL

January 26	
Oakland	70
Valparaiso	56
January 28	
Oakland	64
Western Illinois	47

## MEN'S SWIMMING

January 26	
Eastern Mich.	137
Oakland	95

WOMEN'S  
SWIMMING

January 26	
Eastern Mich.	119
Oakland	118

## MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

January 25	
Indiana	5
Oakland	3
January 26	
Miami (OH)	6
Oakland	2

WOMEN'S CLUB  
HOCKEY

January 26	
LSSU	9
Oakland	3

UPCOMING  
GAMES

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

• 9:05 p.m., Jan 31 - at Southern Utah  
• 5 p.m., Feb. 2 - at Chicago State

WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL

• 2 p.m., Feb. 2 - at Chicago State  
• 9:05 p.m., Feb 4 - at Southern Utah

## MEN'S SWIMMING

• Prelims 11 a.m., Finals 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 - National Independent Conference Championship (NIC)

WOMEN'S  
SWIMMING

• 4 p.m., Feb. 1 - St. Bonaventure  
• Prelims 11 a.m., Finals 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 - NIC

## MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

• 8:30 p.m., Jan. 18 - Ferris State Univ.  
• 8:30 p.m., Jan 19 - Univ. of Michigan

## Women rebound for victory

Defense, hard work pay off

By Allison Lingenfelter  
& Brendan Stevens  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU women's basketball team destroyed Valparaiso's perfect record in Mid-Con play Saturday as the team defeated the Lady Crusaders 70-56.

"This was a big win. We really needed this," said coach Beckie Francis. "Valpo was nervous, and we wanted to take advantage of that. I spoke with Sarah (Judd) about keeping our team loose and confident, so that when we stepped on the court we would have control."

OU came out strong in the first half, applying full court pressure as well as using a lot of the bench to tire out the Valpo players. This kept the game close with many lead changes throughout the half.

With six minutes left in the half and the game tied at 26, Valpo went on a 9-2 run to gain its largest and last lead of the game 35-28. The lead did not last long as the Golden Grizzlies went on an 8-0 run, ending the first half with the lead, 36-35.

"Our zone helped us to tire (Valpo) out. We got smart and had good momentum and wanted to keep that going in the second half," said junior Katie Wolfe.

The Golden Grizzlies started out the second half just as strong. Valpo cut OU's lead to two, 51-49, at the 13 minute mark. But this was the closest Valpo would get. Over the next seven minutes, OU scored 16 points, broadening the lead to 67-49.

"I remember it was a five-point lead, and then I looked up and it was 20," Francis said. "We were flowing. I didn't even realize it. It was the defense and the rebounding. And we had some great fast breaks. We needed that."

Wolfe was the high scorer of the game with 25 points, eight assists, and seven rebounds. Judd scored 15 points, eight rebounds and blocked three shots. Junior Romica Clint rounded out the double-digit scoring with 11 points.

"Valpo beat everyone, and we beat them. It gives us confidence," said Wolfe. "It's an important win, and we just need to go on from here. We need to take it one game at a time."

OU retied its sneakers on Monday night to square off against Western Illinois Westerwinds in a hard fought contest, 64-47. After trailing for the greater portion of the first half, the Grizzlies took the lead with 7:03 to play before the break and never looked back.

Freshman Amanda Batcha put in a layup to push the score to 22-20 in OU's favor. The Golden Grizzlies continued to add on to the margin and went into halftime with a 31-26 lead.

The Westerwinds were able to fight off the possibility of an extended double-digit deficit until Katie Wolfe flashed her smile and hit two free throws after being fouled by a trash-talking Western Illinois defender.

The Golden Grizzlies continued to show its presence on the boards, outrebounding Western Illinois 37-31. Batcha has been the key figure in the renewed rebounding capabilities, with back-to-back double-digit performances, according to Francis.

"Amanda has been rebounding all year," Francis said. "The guards are helping with the rebounding too."

Wolfe led all scorers with 18 points. Judd (17) and Batcha (12) were also in double figures. Batcha was one rebound (9) from her first career double-double.

OU's defense forced the Westerwinds into 22 turnovers



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NOT BACKING DOWN: Romica Clint drives to the hole in the Golden Grizzlies 70-56 upset victory over Mid-Con leader Valpo.

while the Golden Grizzlies committed only 10 of their own. In the second half, OU switched to a zone which added to the defensive pressure.

"We're trying different things," said Francis. "Have to

see what works." The women go on the road to play Chicago State Saturday and then travel to Southern Utah Monday to continue Mid-Con play.

## Struggling swimmers fall in meet



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TAKE YOUR MARKS: Tara Berringer prepares for her race against eastern Michigan University this past weekend.

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

This weekend's swim meet against Eastern Michigan University was the men's last chance for a dual meet victory this season, but they couldn't pull it off. The women's meet came down to a misscored diving event and a one-point difference, but they couldn't pull it off either.

The men fell to Eastern 137-95 and the women came close, but the Eagles still prevailed 119-118.

"It was disappointing. I would have hoped we could pull away with at least one win," assistant coach Jon Teal said. "But at the same time it was a good experience, and you learn from it."

Danielle Ward was the individual leader for the women with two first places in the 1000y freestyle (10:20.52) and 500y freestyle (5:04.78). Following were four teammates with one individual victory each.

Tanya Korniyenko won the 200y butterfly (2:04.29), Oksana Strelets placed first in the 100y freestyle (52.67), Tara Berringer won the 200y backstroke (2:10.18) and Shelley Aurit was victorious in the 200y breaststroke (2:22.18).

The women's 400y freestyle relay team of Tamara Swaby, Holly Miller, Christina Mocerri and Strelets also placed first (3:34.61).

Chris Sullivan led the men's team with two firsts in the 50y and 100y freestyle

(20.66 and 46.45, respectively). Tim Johnson placed first in the 200y freestyle (1:41.55), Dave Hartzel won the 200y backstroke (1:51.88) and Mark Quinn won the 200y breaststroke (2:05.56).

The men's 400y freestyle relay team of Johnson, Andy Munoz, Sullivan and Sean Broadbent followed the women's win with a 3:03.92 victory.

"It was a really competitive meet," Teal said. "I thought the girls swam well collectively, but there were a couple key races that we really needed to win, and we just didn't get our hand on the ball fast enough to do it. On the guys' side, the meet was really tough. We were much stronger in the sprint freestyles, but their depth in the butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke really hurt us."

Besides the pressure of stiff competition, the team also had to deal with the three-meter diving event being misscored, so they thought they were ahead in the meet.

"They had scored the meet wrong at first, and we thought we had won by five points," Teal said. "It turned out that they misscored the diving, and we thought Devon won the three-meter, but she actually got second."

The Eastern meet marked the end of the dual meet season for the men's team, and the women will swim one last time against St. Bonaventure at 4 p.m. Friday in the aquatics center, which is also the team's senior recognition night.

## O'Shea wins regional Coach of the Year honors

By Brendan Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

Women's soccer coach Nick O'Shea was named the Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year by the National Coaches Association of America.

O'Shea said he was pleased to have been rewarded for the season, but credited the team, as well.

"It's always nice to be recognized," said O'Shea. "It shows the contributions of the whole team. I am grateful to the play-

ers."

O'Shea's, as well as the team's, list of accomplishments this season was lengthy.

The Golden Grizzlies captured the Mid-Con conference regular season title to compliment its second straight Mid-Con tournament title.

Most impressive was O'Shea's leading of the Grizzlies to the first ever Division I tournament bid at OU. That was the defining accomplishment of the season for O'Shea, he said.

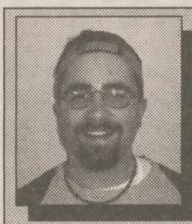
"It's the first season to get into

the tournament," O'Shea said.

"It's good to be the first team to get in. Hopefully, we have paved the way for future teams."

With the starting defensemen and goalkeeper returning, O'Shea believes the Golden Grizzlies will need to capitalize on the same formula they used this year to continue their success next year.

"We need quality players, a season long plan as well as single game plans. And a little bit of luck," he said.

Brendan  
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Sports Editor

First experience  
brings new  
perspective

This weekend, I had the chance to attend what I will always consider my introduction to collegiate athletics.

For those of you who aren't into our dear school's sports, our basketball team battled Valpo this weekend at the O'rena. And wow, was the place hopping.

I don't think I will ever forget the burst of excitement from the full house at the O'rena when Mike Helms dunked after a steal just over halfway through the first half. Then Mychal Covington followed it up with his own dunk after a steal by Jason Rozycki. I actually had chills when I heard the roar of the crowd all around me. It was absolutely amazing.

Sure, I have had personal achievements in my own, very limited sports career. But when I sat among a couple thousand fans in the crowded O'rena, I was happier for a bunch of guys who have no idea who I am than I have ever been for anything I have accomplished personally.

I actually felt more compelled to root for those strangers I saw on the court Saturday than I did in high school, when I watched the guys I saw in class everyday play in the closet-of-a-gymnasium at my high school.

As the game progressed, the score began to get closer and was eventually in Valpo's favor, but I still cheered. I cheered for that defensive stop we all hoped for. I taunted the Valpo free throw shooters, even though I was on the other side of the arena. And everyone cheered with me.

I will remember that companionship. Even if the only words I said to another fan was "excuse me" when I accidentally bumped their leg when I stood up, I felt camaraderie with everyone cheering for OU in that stadium. A special bond that only those of us who were there, and are as nuts as me, will remember.

Cheering for my high school team used to be my idea of excitement. Or sitting outside, in much-too-cold weather, getting pumped for a football team that was, honestly, pretty bad.

Even my own personal achievements in sports, which have been few and far between, can't compare to Saturday. The sense of belonging I felt among the hoards of excited fans in the O'rena vehemently outweighs the idea of a team in high school.

But now I have been welcomed to what collegiate sports are all about. I re-discovered, at what will become hallowed ground for me in the next four years, my love for sports at the O'rena on Saturday.

My friend Chad (yes, the same Chad Mack whose name you see on this very page) summed it all up for me after the game. He turned to me and said, "They'll have to do it on your watch now."

As a student, Chad will never be able to see OU beat Valpo on the home court of the O'rena, so it's up to me to wait and hope.

That's just what I will do, too. I will watch, hope and cheer, just as Chad has done in years past and as thousands have done in OU's three years at the Division I level. With unwavering confidence and excitement I will continue to support those guys who don't know me, but hopefully soon will.

I will join the crowds and remember just what it is I love about sports.

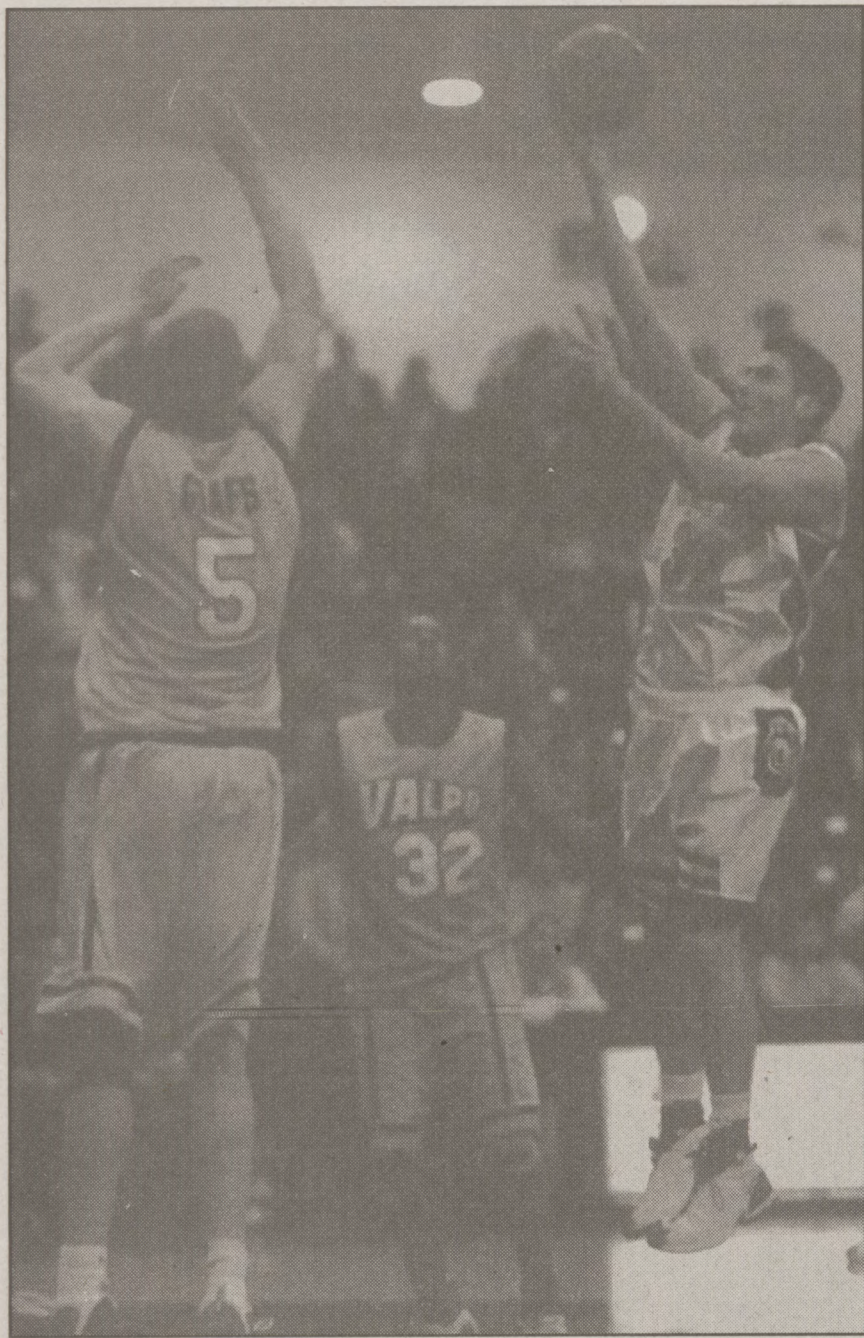
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WHO 'DA MAN: Women's Soccer coach Nick O'Shea.



# OU comes up short against rival



## Valpo beats Grizzlies with three pointers

By Chad Mack  
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In a weekend filled with ups and downs, the Grizzlies finished 1-1 and were left back in the middle of the pack in the Mid-Con regular season title chase. Last Thursday, OU earned head coach Greg Kampe his 300th career victory. It was a great night for OU basketball and put the Grizzlies one game out of first place with the conference leader coming to town.



TRICENTENNIAL MAN: (Above) men's basketball coach Greg Kampe corralled his 300th victory at OU in a 93-75 win over Western Illinois this past Thursday. (Left) Brad Buddenborg shoots a jumper over the outstretched arms of a Valparaiso defender. The men were on the lower end of a gut-wrenching 86-77 contest (left).

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Valparaiso had to play the second game of a road trip at the O'rena after defeating IUPUI in Indianapolis by one point in overtime. The scene was set for OU to beat Valpo for the first time and simultaneously grab a share of the conference lead. The O'rena was packed to capacity, standing room only. The Grizzlies began the game with high intensity and lots of emotion, its trademark this season. At one point in the first half OU, was up by 16 and it appeared that it would finally overcome this one obstacle that has plagued the Grizzlies since it joined the Mid-Con. And then reality sunk in. With the Grizzlies leading by 16 with a little less than five minutes to play in the first half, Valpo went on a 22-9 run and cut OU's lead down to three at halftime. "I was pleased with how we played when we were down 16," said Valpo head coach Homer Drew. "I felt we ended well. Every team gives us their best shot." As the second half began Valpo continued to play exactly where it left off at the end of the first half. It started on a 15-6 run and took the lead by six points. "They have the mindset that they're going to win the game," said Kampe. OU managed to fight back and tie the game at 65 with a three-pointer by Mychal Covington, but Valpo answered right back with its own three by Milo Stovall. That play proved to be the difference and OU never recovered. Valpo went on another run, 12-5, and OU wilted under the pressure of the Crusaders' full court press. The Grizzlies couldn't whittle the lead down to less than five, and Valpo made its free throws down the stretch as the Grizzlies were forced to foul to try and get back in the game. "They've got the players that have been there," said Kampe. After the game Kampe stressed the reality of the situation. "Big games mean things. This was not a big game. We can't worry. What we're doing is playing for position (in the Mid-Con tournament). It's just a matter of getting to the tournament." This is the second year in a row that OU has blown a double-digit lead to the Crusaders at home. "The problem with tonight is that it was Valpo," said senior Jason Rozycki who scored 19 points for the Grizzlies. "We've got supreme confidence that we can play with any team. We know we can beat them. They made the big plays at the end." Covington scored 19 for OU and added six assists to his league-leading total. "It's always frustrating to lose. I still feel like we got a better team. I gotta take my hat off to them, because they're a good team," he said. "Their players knocked down big shots." In the first half the Grizzlies defense was able to create some turnovers. It forced Valpo into committing 11 errors in the first half. That figure dropped down to six in the final stanza. "We got kind of lazy in our zone," said Covington. "That's when they started hitting threes." Valpo finished the game shooting 42 percent from behind the three-point arch. "They showed us why they are the top team," said Rozycki. Monday night the Grizzlies took a quick road trip down I-69 to play IPFW. The game was played at the Coliseum in Fort Wayne, the same place that the Mid-Con tournament will be held. OU lost for the first time ever to IPFW 77-71. "We played as bad as we could play," said Kampe. "We missed free-throws." The Grizzlies made 23 of 36 from the charity stripe. OU was up by four at the half, but it was unable to pull out the victory in the final minutes. "We gave them the feeling that they could beat us," said Kampe. Covington did not play against IPFW, nor will he play at Southern Utah Thursday, due to disciplinary reasons. He will resume play Saturday.

# Battle ahead for men after losing two straight

By Randy Dudek  
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After a weekend in which it dropped games to two national top five teams, the OU men's club hockey team found itself in a difficult, but certainly obtainable position in the quest to qualify for the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) national championship tournament. The Grizzlies' weekend road trip first took the team to Bloomington to take on the hottest team in the ACHA, the Hoosiers of Indiana University. Seeking revenge from its last loss, in November against OU, Indiana jumped out to a 3-1 first period lead on the strong play from its top line. The second period wasn't much kinder to OU, as IU extended the lead to 5-2 by the second intermission. The Golden Grizzlies put forth a valiant effort in the third period, closing the gap, but the

comeback fell short and IU held on for a 5-3 victory. The Hoosiers' penalty killing unit was the key to its victory, killing off all seven Golden Grizzly power plays, as well as adding two short-handed goals. Sophomores Sean Trueblood and Brandon Marineau both finished with a goal and an assist and sophomore Nick Shenduk had OU's other goal. Junior goalie Shaun Zeldes played well in net for OU turning away 27 of 32 Hoosier shots on goal. Saturday's travels took them to Miami-Ohio to take on the undefeated and top rated team in the Southeast Region, the ClubHawks. OU rebounded from the previous night's loss and started the scoring off minutes into the game on a goal by junior Scott Marlinga. Fellow junior, team captain, Karl Borgquist added a power play goal in the final minutes to jump out to a 2-0 lead. Miami snuck on to the scoreboard in the closing seconds of the first period to gain the momentum.

The ClubHawks tied the game midway through the second period, and took the lead for good with less than five minutes to go. Miami didn't look back once they got the lead, and ended the game with a 6-2 victory over the Golden Grizzlies. Sophomore Ryan DeLiso got the start in goal for OU and he responded with a solid performance, making 43 saves against the talented ClubHawk squad. OU is currently ranked fifth in the 30 team ACHA Central Region. In order to gain entrance into the national tournament, the team must be ranked fourth or higher when the final rankings are released on Tuesday, Feb. 5. MSU, CMU, and Robert Morris College all appear to have the inside track on three of the four spots afforded to the Central Region. OU is in a close battle for the final playoff spot with Illinois, Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley. With so

many teams ranked so closely together, the final spot will likely come down to each club's final games. The Golden Grizzlies will finish up its regular season on Friday with a home game against Dayton and then travel to Grand Valley Saturday in a game that head coach Anthony Jalaba feels, "Could be for the fourth playoff spot." "Both Indiana and Miami are very competitive teams and both are definitely in the top 5 in the nation," team general manager Tom Ricketts said. Illinois has been slipping a bit in the standings as of late and has two remaining games against interstate rival Northern Illinois University. With the strong play of both OU and Grand Valley, chances are high that the final playoff spot will go to the winner of the OU/GVSU contest. The game against Dayton will be at 8:30 p.m. at the Onyx Ice Arena, in Rochester.

# Polar Bears set ablaze by hot LSSU team

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The OU Polar Bears women's ice hockey club came up on the short end of the hockey stick in a 9-3 loss to the Lake Superior State Lady Lakers Friday night at the Onyx in Rochester. The Polar Bears had control of the action in the early going, but LSSU soon calmed down, and both teams settled into a tight, defensive-minded game. There were only nine total first period shots on goal between the two clubs. OU opened the scoring on a goal from junior forward Amanda Pietras, but the Lady Lakers tied the score three minutes later, and the opening stanza ended in a 1-1 tie. LSSU managed to grab the lead halfway through the period, but OU came right back to even up the score on

the power play when sophomore forward Krissy Kamin pushed the puck home. The Lady Lakers regained the lead 30 seconds later and by the second period's end had increased the lead to 5-2. OU was guilty of some costly mistakes early in the third period, and LSSU capitalized on them, pushing the lead to 7-2. Unwilling to give up, the Polar Bears battled back to within four by adding its second power play goal of the night when junior forward and captain Laura Cunniffe picked the loose puck off the back boards and scored. OU's attempt to further cut into the lead backfired when LSSU scored twice more with junior goalie Erin Gleason on the bench in favor of an extra forward. After the game ended, the team was disappointed with its performance, but had already begun the search for positives in a self-described bad loss.

"We need to use this game as motivation," said Pietras. "We're a little frustrated at ourselves right now, but we'll pull it together by next game." Assistant coach John Burkhardt agreed with Pietras' assessment. "Temper are a little high right now, but I can guarantee the girls are going to go hang out tonight," Burkhardt said. The team's unity was apparent the following afternoon as the tribe of women's hockey players stormed the O'rena court at halftime of the OU-Valpo men's basketball game and won the "Most Spirited Club" contest. The Polar Bears take on U-M Friday Feb. 8 in Ann Arbor at 11 p.m. The women's ice hockey team then returns to home ice on Saturday Feb. 9 when it faces off against the same U-M squad. Puck-drop for Saturday's game is at 10:30 p.m.



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FOLLOWING THROUGH: Laura Owczarski shoots the puck in a 9-3 loss to LSSU.

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE STANDINGS			
MEN'S BASKETBALL		WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Oakland	4-3	Southern Utah	3-4
Valparaiso	11-11	Valparaiso	7-12
6-1	UMKC	6-1	UMKC
16-6	3-4	15-5	3-4
Oral Roberts	12-7	Oral Roberts	7-13
5-2	Western Illinois	5-2	Chicago State
11-11	1-6	11-9	2-5
Southern Utah	10-10	Oakland	6-13
5-2	Chicago State	4-3	Western Illinois
8-11	0-7	10-10	2-5
IUPUI	2-17	IUPUI	9-10
4-3		3-4	
10-9		7-12	

First stat represents the team's conference rank. The second is the overall rank.

## GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

### DANIELLE WARD

Ward was named last week's Mid-Con Female Swimmer of the Week. In addition, Ward led the women this weekend as they were edged out by one point against Eastern Michigan University. Ward placed first in the 1000y and 500y freestyle races.

-Lisa Cali



# GET OUT

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## ferndale

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*This is the fourth part in a series on the most popular cities along Woodward Ave.*

Ferndale is the city that can. "You can get all your needs met within a couple of blocks," Mare Costello's words, like those of many other frequent visitors of Ferndale, seem to characterize the city.

"Here it is newer, fresher and more interesting,"

Costello, a Ferndale resident and self-employed artist said, "It has a raw quality, something untouched that offers more possibilities." She believes that it is this undercurrent of energy, which Ferndale possesses, that helps to fuel her creative abilities. She mentions the diversity of the people and the businesses as still other features of Ferndale.

City Manager, Thomas Barwin, offers words to support those of Mare Costello:

"We think that Ferndale's a terrific place to live or conduct business from or visit. The biggest thing that we have going for us in a regional context is of course our location. We're truly in the very middle of the Southeastern Michigan population center with 696 on our northern border, Woodward running through the heart of town, 8 Mile on our southern border and I-75 less than a mile east of us. You can really get anywhere from here rather quickly. We think it's a convenient place to be."

The City of Ferndale was incorporated in 1917 and has seen both the successes and struggles, which come with the passage of time.

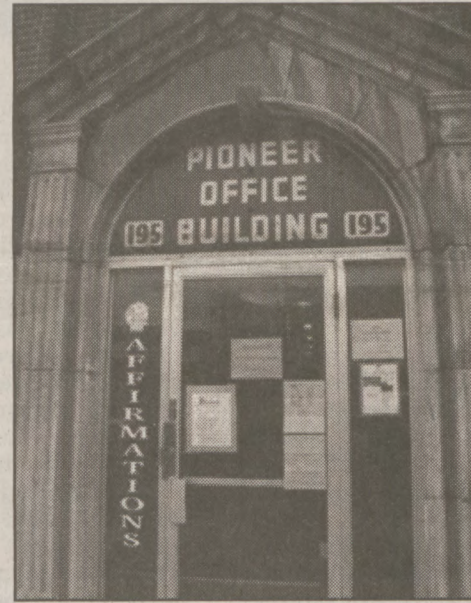
"Ferndale was marked by the turmoil of the 1960s, as the first northern district to be involved in a school segregation issue," according to Barwin. "Ferndale was a microcosm of the times..."

So it continues to be today, incorporating the interests of a very varied group of community residents; diverse in culture, ethnic background and lifestyle.

An estimated 10 percent of Ferndale's community are gays and lesbians, who in Barwin's words, "raise money, contribute to the library, and have helped heighten our sense of taste and design and our facilities."

And they have helped to revitalize the downtown business district by owning and operating stores and participating in community renovation according to Barwin.

Amy Blake, owner and operator of A Woman's Prerogative



Above: Ferndale street scene.

Left to right: Izzy's Import Sore, A Women's Prerogative Bookstore and Affirmations - Ferndale's homosexual community center

Ferndale has a population of approximately 30,000 and a median family income of approx. \$35,000.

Bookstore for over ten years, has seen the city evolve over this time, especially in the immediate past. For her the gay and lesbian community has made business both vibrant and effective, allowing her shop to carry "lots of stuff for the lesbian community in particular".

Her shop offers a comfortable and interesting place for almost any woman in the community to explore ideas about sexuality and women's issues in general.

For Blake, doing business in downtown Ferndale has made sense.

"It has a real downtown, not just a drive through strip." When she opened her business she had considered Royal Oak as a possible location but Ferndale was less expensive.

She is very pleased about both what she offers the community and what the community in turn offers her.

Ananda Peetrie describes being lesbian in Ferndale as, "an easy going experience where the people treat you like another human

being instead of some kind of freak. I'm free to be me in a place where I'm welcome."

"Affirmations is a wonderful place and I can't say enough good things about Leslie Thompson, the Executive Director. They work really hard for the gay and lesbian community," Peetrie said. Affirmations is a community center specifically targeted for homosexuals.

"Just 4 Us is a great shop full of cool stuff and A Woman's Prerogative is just a sweet little shop," she said.

Like any city, Ferndale must deal with issues. According to Barwin, "The most pressing issue is what most cities are going through and that's how to respond to some of the budget cuts that we're receiving from Lansing."

Twenty five percent of our revenues that we use to run the city come from the state. Because the economy is on a downswing we're seeing reduced revenues. We've also had a reduction in population... We have to reduce expendi-

tures through people retiring and changing jobs so we don't have to actually cut any jobs."

Another problem is the age of the city.

"I think the biggest problem that old cities like Ferndale are facing are the high costs of maintaining an older community while urban sprawl continues to rage."

Ferndale, though, isn't a community to just sit and wait for things to happen. This is a city that makes things happen according to Barwin.

"We're doing everything we can do to revitalize the community. We've just spent about \$40 million repairing our roads and our water and sewer lines. We spent \$1.5 million revitalizing our parks and put parking back on our streets in the downtown central business district. That's been a tremendous success," Barwin said.

Ferndale is also active regionally. "We're working to try to build coalitions to help redevelop the Metro area into that vibrant metropolitan urban community that

so many people strive for, especially young people, musicians, artists, and people of the Internet and computer world. They like to be around people, like to see people and really the whole region should offer that," Barwin said.

Ferndale offers more than community and business opportunity. It is fast becoming known as one of the premiere weekend entertainment spots. This pedestrian-friendly city offers a great selection of restaurants, music venues, art galleries, dance clubs, beer gardens, vintage clothing shops, record stores, trinket shops, used book stores, coffeehouses and municipal gardens.

The Om Café serves up great vegetarian fare and Howe's Bayou serves up the finest dishes to make its way out of Southern Louisiana.

Christine Carlson, an OU student, is particularly fond of Club Bart. "It offers the best Jazz in the Detroit area! It's a great Saturday night stop for friends, food and fun."

## WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN FERNDALE

### ARTS

E'Koko Bleu on West 9 Mile Road for hip and trendy home decor ideas a gallery display

Harper Galleries on West 9 Mile Road for more traditional fine furniture and antiques

### FOOD & DRINK

Woodward Avenue Brewers on Woodward for beers and flat bread pizza

Rosie O'Grady's on Troy for a varied menu and live entertainment Wednesday through Saturday and it's situated off the main drag, making it an ideal destination for the weekends

Club Bart on Woodward has live blues or alternative rock, with comedy on Thursdays.

### SHOPPING

Check out A Woman's Prerogative Bookstore on West 9 Mile Rd. for literature on women's issues

Dolly Rockers on Woodward for eclectic clothing

Izzy's Imports on West 9 Mile Road for unique mementos from south of the border

### PARKING

There is metered parking along 9 Mile Rd.

A number of municipal parking lots near the downtown area just off 9 Mile and both to the east and west of Woodward

The largest lot is at Withington and Planavon streets