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Election charge proceeds to trial

By SHAJAN KAY
Staff Writer

The voters may have spoken in this month's Student Congress elections, but the battle for the top student leadership position may have just begun.

Monday evening the Elections Validations Committee saw evidence and heard numerous arguments in regards to the 12 charges which were filed against Presidential Candidate Nick

Mitchell, his running mate Rob Filer, and the Student Congress Elections Commission. The charges ranged in seriousness from the possibility that someone could have stuffed the ballot box, to whether Mitchell's campaign used the Congress office to store campaign supplies.

Of the 12 charges filed, only one will proceed to trial after the Validations Committee hearing. The charge, presented by Presidential Candidate Carina

Moore and Presidential Write-In Candidate Philip Hall, dealt with members of the Mitchell/Filer campaign team sitting near the voting area with shirts saying "Nick Mitchell for President".

After Moore and Hall presented information about the people wearing T-shirts, Mitchell was allowed to defend himself. He argued that he had told people not to wear campaign shirts within the voting area. He also presented photographs of people

from his campaign staff voting without their campaign T-shirts on, as well as affidavits from his campaign team saying that they didn't wear campaign shirts within the voting boundary.

The Validations Committee was not swayed by Mitchell's argument in this case and voted to allow the charge to go on to the trial process.

In addition to the pending trial, there is also a potential controversy over some statements

made by Mitchell during the hearing. The problem arises from a charge accusing the Mitchell/Filer team of distributing flyers bearing the names of other candidates who were part of the Mitchell/Filer team.

The charge, introduced by Hall, stated that "Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Filer designed and distributed flyers containing my name, Mr. Steve Sandlin's name, and Mr. Anthony Deluca's name without our consent. ... Mr. Sandlin and

Mr. Deluca were never approached about this matter."

During the hearing, Mitchell stated that Sandlin and Deluca (who were not present) had signed a statement saying that they didn't mind having their names on Mitchell's flyer. Mitchell also said that he felt he had Hall's consent as well.

The committee voted with the information offered and decided the charge was not worth passing. See HEARING page A2

State gives OU \$24K to support non-drinkers

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Editor in Chief

Results of recent studies conducted on college campuses have alarmed President Bill Clinton, Governor John Engler, parents and college officials. The problem is binge-drinking.

Binge-drinking isn't the newest fad for the college kids of the 90s, it's just that it isn't being tolerated anymore.

"We're talking about (drinking and its consequences) ... I don't think there's a higher percentage (of students binge-drinking). It's high, and it's always been high," said Brenda Hartman, OU's coordinator of Substance Abuse Services.

However, she said that the difference today is that "(people are) making more of a united effort at combating the problem."

Nancy Schmitz, director of OU's Health and Counseling Center, agreed.

Across the nation, parents, students, administrators and legislators have been working together to institute programs to curb binge-drinking and offer support groups. The problem is being combated and addressed in numerous ways, she said.

The reality, however, is that most college students are not binge-drinkers and it is time to refocus by shedding light on positive actions with a positive program, focusing on students who are not classified as binge-drinkers, and keep them alcohol free, Hartman said.

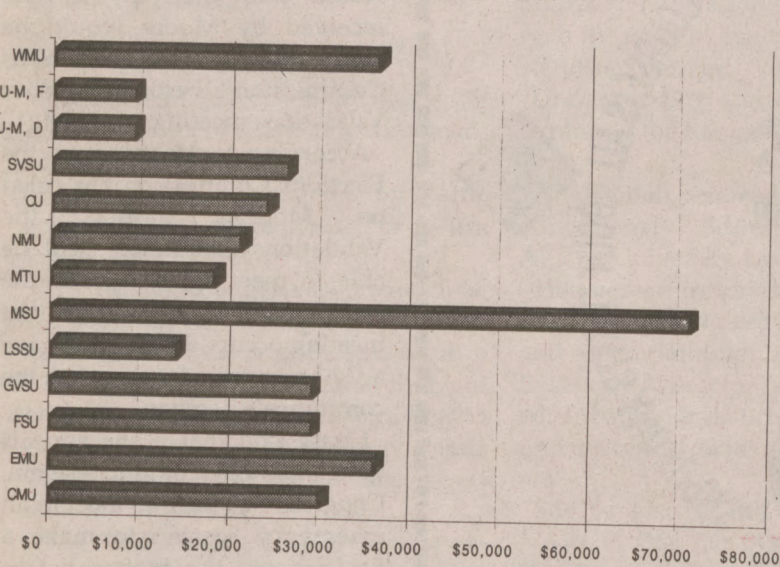
This is just what the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) plans to do.

On April 1, the MDCH director James K. Haveman, Jr. announced that \$433,000 in funding will be designated to help universities statewide institute comprehensive mentoring programs to emphasize alcohol and drug-free activities for first-time, non-transfer freshman students.

The college years are the most likely time for young adults to pick up drinking habits and drink excessively, Hartman said.

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Grant Distribution



* Funding was allocated on basis of enrollment of first-time, incoming freshmen.

KEY TAKES THE GOLD



Post Photo/Tom Bressie

Congrats to the members of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

The organization was awarded for most participation and greatest overall involvement during the 1998-99 school year.

New VPAA/provost visits campus

Louis Esposito spent past three days in meetings with OU administrators

By LIDIJA MILIC
News Editor

Louis Esposito has been hard at work trying to learn as much as possible about his new domicile institution.

Esposito, chosen OU's vice president of academic affairs and provost at the Board of Trustees March meeting, spent Saturday through Tuesday on campus.

He is currently teaching economics at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Prompted by OU President Gary Russi's suggestion, Esposito took some time off to meet with Russi, deans, vice

presidents and the academic affairs staff before his start date on June 1.

"I'm very excited about (the new job)," Esposito said.

"The biggest thing I need to do is to educate myself," he added.

For the new provost, the tasks ahead include, among others, dealing with issues which the North Central Accreditation Association has brought up in its initial review of the university.

"The NCA report will certainly drive the academic agenda," Esposito said.

One of the items on the agenda is the insufficient offering of

continued education programs.

"The president believes we could do more," Esposito said.

Other initiatives would include a

reevaluation and possible redevelopment of the general education requirements core.

Esposito said the goal is to

have a coherent general education core, which also works within the degree curriculum for all students.

Other items on his immediate agenda will be distance learning, course availability, diversity, a center for English as a second language, and a variety of issues regarding international students and studies.

Esposito also commented on the recent upheavals on campus regarding the apparent commercialization of OU, including the second golf course and the discussed multi-purpose complex.

He said that, of all the funding

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FAST

FACTS

• **Advising Resource Center** invites all undecided students to schedule a session with their office. The Center staff would like to

help students with selection of major and class choice for the summer and fall semester.

Call (248) 370-3227 for information.

• **"Why I am a Professor of Political Science"** presented by Michelle Piskulich, associate professor of PS, will be held Thursday at noon in the OC Oakland Room.

The lecture is sponsored by the campus ministry consortium.

• **Poetry Bash** in honor of the National Poetry Month will be held Thursday from 5:30-7:30 in rooms 128-130 OC.

During the event, hosted by Assistant English Professor Rob Anderson, participants will be able to read poems in an open mic session.

• **GRE (Graduate Record Exam)** preparation workshop will meet four Saturdays starting April 24.

The workshop is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the cost is \$300.

For more information and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

• **University Senate meeting** will be held Thursday at 3:10

p.m. in the OC Gold Rooms.

• **OU Feline Rescue League** is looking for interested members. The League, a student organization in the making, would rescue stray cats from the campus grounds and give them for adoption.

Those interested in participating can contact Michael George at mjgeorge@oakland.edu.

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Student Affairs Student Affairs EVENTS

UPDATING OU

- **CONGRATULATIONS 1999 SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:** Michelle Guy and Kristen Kouba, Julie Mayes, Shaunda Scruggs and Natasha Vanover for your group efforts.
- **DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS RECREATION.** The Rec Center staff would like to thank the 127, 458 people who came through our doors this first year! What a great start you gave us.
- **GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER.** Get ready for bathing suit weather! Start an exercise program. Schedule time in your week for 30 minutes three times a week to exercise and visit the **Graham Health Center** for a diet that will suite you. Call 370-2341 for more information.
- **CONTINUE YOUR REC CENTER PARTICIPATION** when you are not in school. Students who were registered for class during winter and are eligible to enroll in the future may continue their exercise regime by joining the Rec Center as "Continuing Student" affiliates! **Don't stop now!!!** Graduates may continue their affiliation as "Alumni Members." Just call the Rec Center for details. Now that you have started the workout or finally have time to fit it in - keep it up! Call 370-4REC (370-4732).
- **THE ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER,** 103 North Foundation Hall, 370-4215. Study with people who know how to study for the classes you're taking - they know because they've already done well in them! Looking for campus work in the Fall? Apply to be a Supplemental Instruction Leader or a Peer Tutor. Applications available at 103 North Foundation Hall.
- **FALL 1999 CAREER PREP WEEK.** Watch for information on **Career Prep Week (Sept. 25 - Oct 1, 1999)** to appear on the **Placement and Career Services web page** (<http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu>) prior to the start of the Fall semester. Events will include a **Career Fair and Health Careers Job Fair.**
- **MICHIGAN JOBS CONSORTIUM.** Upcoming and recent graduates seeking employment should explore a recently expanded network of job openings made possible by the recent formation of the **Michigan Jobs Consortium.** Access can be gained through the **Placement & Career Services web site** at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> (click on Job listings).

THIS WEEK

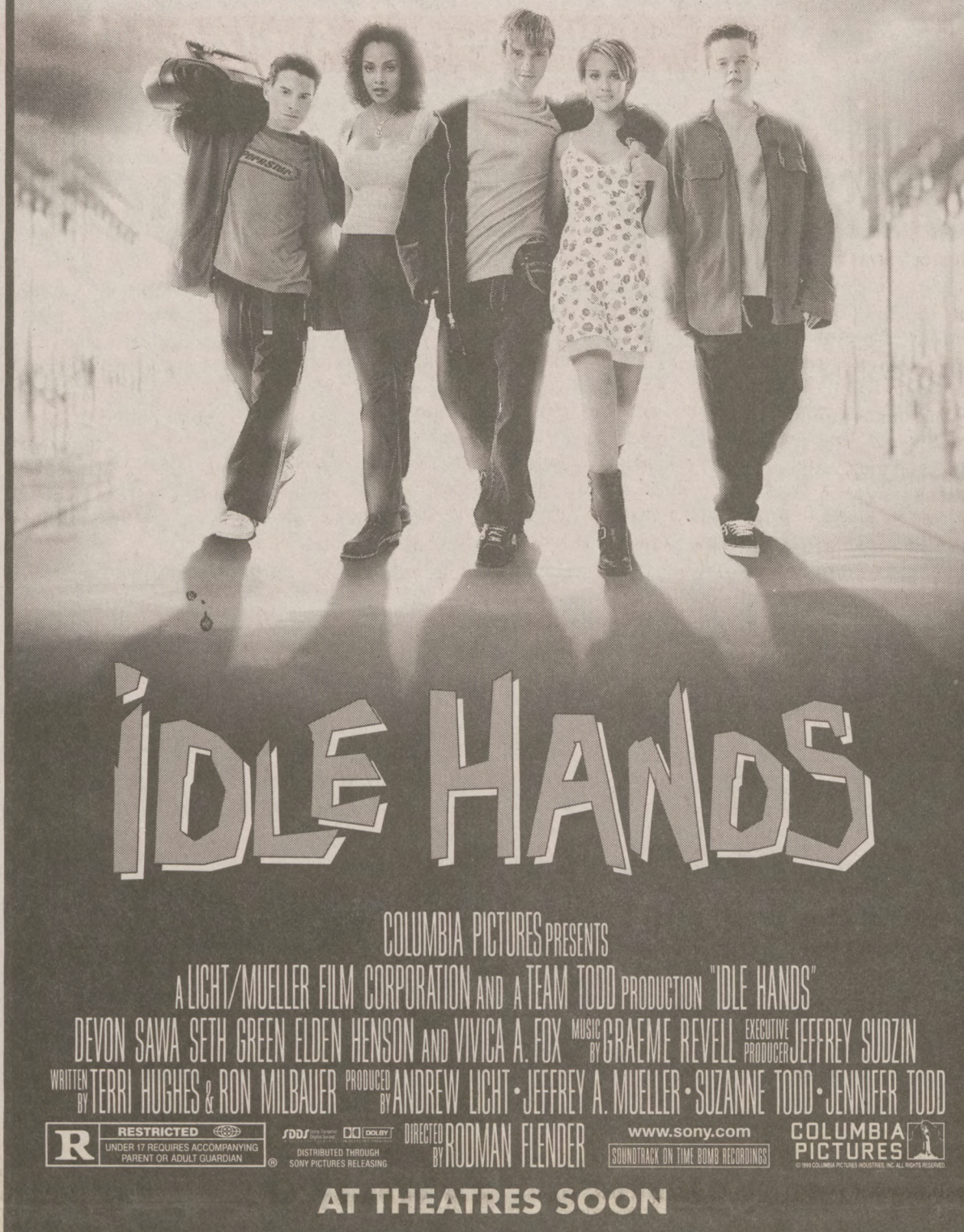
- **COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AND ENHANCED CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AWARDS.** Applications for both awards are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 OC, for the 1999-2000 academic year. Deadline is April 19. See POST ad for details.
- **CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CRC).** The following Workshop will be offered during the month of April: "Career Planning for Athletes" on Wednesday, April 14 (6 p.m.) in the Pioneer Room at the Lepley Sports Center. Call the CRC at 370-3263 for details. Explore your CAREER OPTIONS... Spring hours for the CRC are Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **EDUCATORS RECRUITING DAY.** Educators Recruiting Day will be held on Monday, May 3, 1999. Limited openings are still available for interviews with area districts and schools. Contact Placement and Career Services (370-3250) for details.
- **JOB QUEST.** The Job Quest 1999 Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at the University of Detroit Mercy Outer Drive Campus. More than 75 employers are expected to participate. This unique job fair is an excellent opportunity for liberal arts students to market themselves to outstanding employers for full-time and additional career-related opportunities. To register to attend, contact Vicki McNiff at Placement and Career Services (370-3250).
- **WOCO -** Keep your calendar open for the 5th annual Weekend of Champions - OU on Sept. 31 - Oct. 2, 1999.
- **FALL CONVOCATION.** The annual Fall convocation for new students and their parents will be held on Sept. 9, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. in the arena.
- **COMMENCEMENT.** Congratulations to all those students who will graduate at the May 1st commencement.

The staff in the Student Affairs Division would like to wish OU students the best of luck on finals. We also hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

The comedy that gives
horror films the backhand.



Hearing

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ing on for a trial phase.

However on Tuesday, after the Validations meeting, Sandlin was informed about what had been said about him.

Sandlin approached THE OAKLAND POST and said that Mitchell and Filer had told him that Monday night's meeting was closed and that he was not allowed to attend it.

Sandlin stated that he would not have signed Mitchell's document had he been told that he was allowed to attend. Sandlin feels that he would have told a little different story than what Mitchell stated. According to Sandlin, he had no prior knowledge that his name was going to be a part of Mitchell's campaign flier.

Sandlin indicated that he would probably be writing a letter to the Dean of Students about the issue.

Barry Gray, Multi-Cultural Advisory Board Chair, also spoke at the hearing in relation to a charge against the Elections Commission for letting Scott Andrews, Congress president, maintain his ex-officio status as a member of the Elections and Validations Committees.

According to the charges, Andrews was seen endorsing the Mitchell/Filer ticket on numerous occasions. Gray, who was a member of the Validations committee, was upset because he had given up his position on the committee due to allegations that he supported Moore.

Andrews was allowed, because of his presidential status, to remain on the committee. Gray said that "he felt that when doing the elections for students, there has to be some sort of ethics which are followed, regardless of how you want to interpret what something on a piece of paper says." Gray felt students were being cheated because the rules weren't being applied to all.

Although the entire four-hour hearing was tense, most of the verbal fireworks were saved for the end of the meeting. Moore argued that the entire hearing itself was invalid because Vicki Larabell, one of the members on the Validations committee had not been approved by Congress.

Moore stated that she was going to file a motion to have the entire hearing declared a mistrial "on the grounds that Ms. Larabell was sitting as a voting member of this committee, without voter approval of the University Student Congress as required by Congress's and the Validation Committee's Guidelines."

According to Jeff Haase, Elections Commission Chair, Moore had until 8:16 Tuesday evening to file her motion to have Monday's Validations Hearing declared a mistrial. Haase said that any motion received by Moore would be reviewed by the Elections Commission before another Validations meeting occurred.

According to Haase, once the Elections Commission has ruled on Moore's motion, the Validations Committee will be able to meet again to hear the case against Mitchell. After that meeting occurs, Moore will have a 24-hour period to appeal the committee's decision.

Haase said that if she appeals the Validations Committee again, Congress will have to meet in an emergency session to make a decision on the matter before finals end.

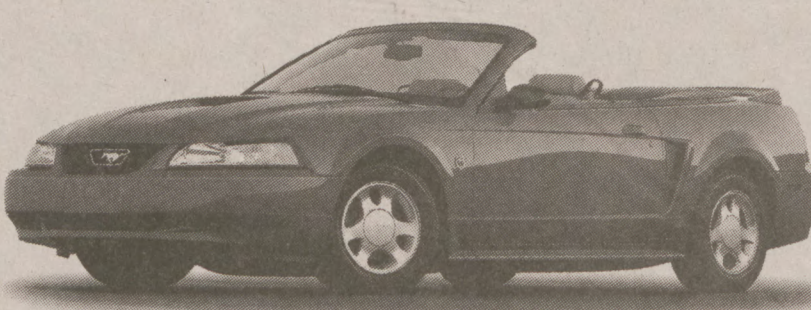
Congress has 15 days to settle the matter before the current congressional term end. If a resolution is not met within that period, there will be no one left to make a decision on the matter.

According to Andrews, if the semester ends with no resolution to the matter, the results might just me released and validated without any validations meeting.

For the followup on the elections, refer to THE OAKLAND POST web edition at www.oakpostonline.com next week.



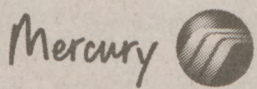
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ON CAMPUS

OC works to be done by end of April

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Assistant News Editor

The lower level of the OC will welcome back its regular occupants in June after a year of dislocation and relocation.

The \$2.2 million lower OC renovation was supposed to be completed in March, but delays forced the date back to April and possibly May, OC Director Richard Fekel said.

"(April) was our last projection (given by the contractors of Barton-Malow) for substantial completion," Fekel said.

"It might take a little longer," he said. The April date, however, does not include the time it will take to wax the floors, order furnishings, clean and complete other operational preparations, Fekel said.

"Once the space is turned over to us (by the contractor), then (OC staff) have

to prepare it for occupancy," Fekel said.

Fekel estimates that renovation will be complete by the end of June, at which time all the organizations who had to relocate during the renovation will be able to return to new quarters in the OC.

"We can't wait to have everybody move back in downstairs," Fekel said.

The 2.2 million budget included construction, furniture, equipment and fixtures (including a new heating and cooling system).

Program elements (spaces designed to meet student needs) include spaces for Student Congress, WXOU, The Oakland Post, Pretzel Logic (an ARAMARK food establishment), a television lounge, a game room, three new meeting rooms, a large area for other student organizations and a quiet study space.

Also, the new setup will offer network access in the offices and e-mail stations next to phone booths.

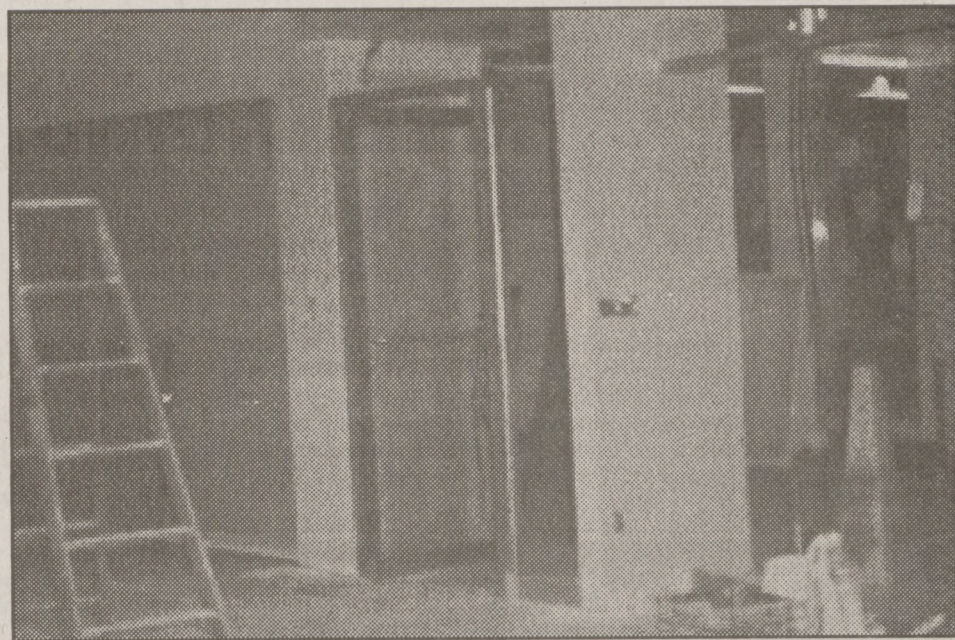
Construction was delayed for at least five months due to a quarter of a million dollar overrun in September from its original \$1.69 million bid.

The cost was approved by the Board of Trustees at their June meeting.

According to Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs, Fekel spent eight weeks last September meeting with contractors and external architects, as well as architects employed by OU discussing ways to trim the construction budget to fit the approved amount.

Although Barton-Malow (the same contractors that built the rec center) was the lowest bidder, the cost was still approximately \$220,000 over the budget, Snyder said.

"One alternative would've been to renovate less square footage, but instead we changed some electrical, mechanical and architectural features that shouldn't be noticed by students," Snyder said.



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarov

LOWER LEVEL: Student organizations will probably be able to move back into their offices in the OC basement around the end of June.

Nursing students promote wellness

By HILLARY CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

OU students are more aware of health issues this year with the help of nine nursing students and their professor, Assistant Professor of Community Health Nursing, June Miller.

Working six hours a week every Monday, the students covered many issues to help fellow students and others understand their health. The efforts were a part of their class, "Nursing 226: Health Promotion and Wellness in the Community."

The nine students, who received three credits in a clinical class and two credits in a theory class, have worked at the Graham Health Center, the new Wellness Center at the Recreation Center, and Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute to promote more awareness to health issues today.

Within these three areas, the students did many promotions to show people that nursing extends its reach way out of the hospital setting.

"The nursing program is moving towards wellness instead of just helping in the hospital," said Ania Sobotka, nursing sophomore and student in the program.

"It's not just about helping people when they are sick."



Photo Courtesy/June Miller

PRESSURE OFF: Participants in the nursing class that took them out of the class and the hospital setting had a table in the Rec Center where visitors could get their blood pressure checked.

In groups of three, each group working one of the areas assigned by Miller for three weeks, the students were able to help students, faculty and others learn more about the risks of stress, nutrition, blood pressure etc.

The group of students put out a total of 12 different flyers all over campus, had blood pressure screenings, and nutrition information available in the OC during the African American Week on campus.

The group also worked with SEMDON (South-East Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network), which is a health care

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Financial Institute awards OU grad for excellence

By DIANE FRKAN
Staff Writer

Academic success does not go unnoticed by business companies.

OU accounting and finance alumnus Mark Goodenow, Jr. was one of 11 students from Michigan honored with the 1999 award for academic excellence Tuesday, March 23.

The award was given by the Detroit chapter of the Financial Executives Institute (FEI) at their dinner meeting.

Goodenow was chosen in cooperation with an award selection committee within OU's accounting and finance department.

He was awarded for demonstrating academic achievement in accounting and finance concentrations, said Gadis Dillon, accounting professor and FEI member.

Goodenow is also member of OU's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary professional accounting association, Dillon said.

In addition to the award, the 11 recipients will have plaques in each of their schools, designating them as one of

the winners for 1999.

The process for choosing a candidate begins at the end of fall semester, Dillon said.

Eligibility is based on academic accomplishment, involvement in campus activities and work experience, he said.

According to Aimee Brenner, Comerica Bank corporate communication representative, candidates must have a finance or accounting major.

In addition, they must be selected by a faculty member or advisor in their school's finance or accounting department.

"Mark is a very bright and hard-working student who definitely deserved the award," Dillon said.

The FEI is a professional association with headquarters in Morristown, New Jersey, and is comprised of more than 14,000 senior financial executives from over 7,000 leading corporations.

It was formed in 1931, and has over 90 chapters throughout the US and Canada.

The Detroit chapter is FEI's largest, with over 290 members.

Speaker to discuss anger management at conference

By MATT GARCIA
Staff Writer

How to deal with anger and managing it is the subject of a day-long conference May 7.

Some people are angered by hectic schedules, substance abuse, or issues known only to them.

The results of anger vary as much as the sources. Some people get abusive, abuse themselves, or just lose control.

The problem with anger is that not enough people fully understand how to deal with it in a constructive way, claims Crystal Kuykendall, the keynote speaker at the conference.

The 1999 Spring Conference, sponsored by OU's Counseling Department's Graduate Counseling

Student Association, will be dealing with the issue of controlling and understanding anger under the title "Understanding and Managing Anger: Exploring the Range from Frustration to Rage."

Kuykendall received her doctorate in educational administration from Atlanta University Law Center in 1981.

Her career includes being guidance counselor for minority undergraduates and potential high school dropouts, Executive Director of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, a university instructor and other endeavors.

She is also a life member of the NAACP, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, and is involved with several other organizations.

Kuykendall is president and general counsel for her own law firm (K.I.R.C.), which stands for Kreative and Innovative Resources for Kids.

She is the author of several books, including "From Rage to Hope: Strategies for Reclaiming Black and Hispanic Students."

Along with Kuykendall, other presenters will speak on the subject of anger.

Other conference speakers include Robert Jarski, PhD (lecture "Anger and the Mind-Body Connection"), Terrilyn Krueger, LPC (lecture "Stress Decompression Techniques"), Michael Govan, MA, LLP, LPC (lecture "Seven Steps for Resolving Pain and Anger from Your Past") and others.

The Graduate Counseling Student Association is also helping HAVEN

through the conference.

HAVEN is a non-profit organization that provides services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Ten percent of the profits from this year's conference will go toward helping HAVEN, which will help stop abuse.

The conference will take place Friday, May 7 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the OC. It will include lectures, luncheon (by request), and a raffle.

The cost to pre-register for the event is \$40 for students and \$55 for non-students. Late registration (on site) will be \$55 for students and \$70 for non-students. Pre-registration is encouraged, as space is limited.

For information, call Susan Lasek at (810) 797-2271.



Photo Courtesy/Susan Lasek

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER: Crystal Kuykendall will give a lecture at the May 7 conference.

CRIME

WATCH

Parking Lot Incidents

One car hit another while looking for a parking space Wednesday morning, April 7 in the parking lot across from South Foundation Hall.

The first driver said that she did not see the second car until the second pulled out of her parking space, hitting her car.

The second driver said she saw the first, but was unable to stop in time.

Both cars grills were damaged, and the second car's hood was dented.

Hall early Thursday morning, a man who did not know how to operate a stick shift rolled into a parked car.

The truck's front bumper was scratched, as was the car's rear one.

When returning to his car Saturday, a student noticed that the passenger side of his car, parked in the parking lot across from Vandenberg Hall, was damaged. According to the police sketch,

another car might have rammed into the parked car.

When returning to his car last Monday afternoon, a student noticed his doors unlocked, his windows rolled down, and about 40 CDs costing approximately \$400 missing from the backseat.

According to the student, his doors were locked and windows rolled up earlier that morning.

No pry marks were found.

Phone Harassment

A Vandenberg Hall resident reported an obscene voice mail message from an unknown male early Sunday morning, and that she has been receiving similar messages since January.

She was not sure if the calls had been made on or off campus, and was told to inform OUPD if they continue.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Long chapter comes to end, memories remain

I don't know about all you other graduating seniors, but I can describe my college experience in one word. And, I can tell you it's not "Homework." And it's not "Boring." Nor is it "Party."

Although my college years were filled with all the above, my experience at OU can be summed up in only one word — "Work." Or in my case, three words — **THE OAKLAND POST**.

Three years ago I walked through the door of what was then the POST. It sucked me in like a black hole. At the time, all I was looking for was something to become involved in at OU. But it became something much, much more. It sucked me in, consumed all my energy — and hasn't spit me out, yet. Little did I know it would cause me to change my major and become the center of my University experience, often causing me to forget that I am a student with classes and homework — honestly, I never wanted to skip classes.

Today I consider myself a veteran of the whole operation, and feel as though I played a major role in the newspaper's growth and success. And, at this very minute I'm wondering what task I'll have at hand at this time next month.

For the past month I've felt an overwhelmingly amount of insecurity. And for all those who know me, you know that is something I don't feel too often.

The world in which I've known for five years is coming to an abrupt end, and the "Black Hole" that sucked me in three years ago is spitting me out ... Today.

My official post as Editor in Chief is over today, aside from a few loose ends to tie and some boxes to pack. My college experience will come to an end on May 1 when I'm handed that ever-so important diploma.

Hmm, work you wonder. Doesn't sound like too much fun. But in my case you're wrong. It gave me something of OU. Here, many students do what I did my first year — worked full-time off-campus, went to class and left.

My choice to change a so-called college career opened many doors of opportunity. Having direct contact with the community allowed me to make a difference, and the constant interaction with University officials and faculty members built trust and hopefully, lasting friendships.

Yes, my jobs at **THE OAKLAND POST** have been a lot of work. Some have been harder than others, some have been emotionally draining, some have been infuriating and some have been a joke. But it was an experience I wouldn't have gained elsewhere, and you know what? I wouldn't trade it for anything.

My work is done here, but the changes I've made, the stories I covered, especially those of sensitive natures, the several OU faculty members and administrators I've worked closely with and the POST family will stay with me forever.

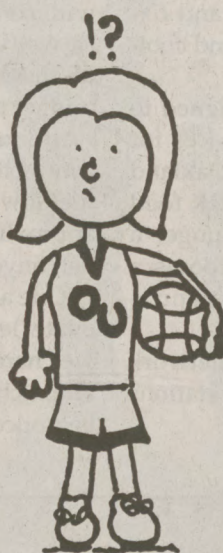
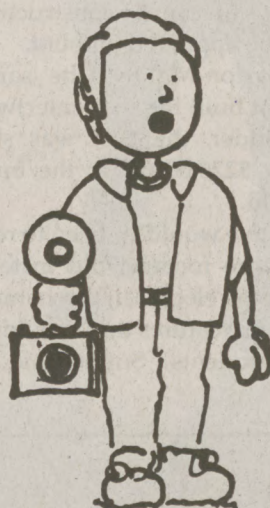
For that I say thank you, and I wish next year's staff the best of luck. Remember, we do have deadlines.

And for those looking to enhance their college experience, here is the best piece of advice you're going to get. Become involved — you'll be pleasantly surprised with what you might find.

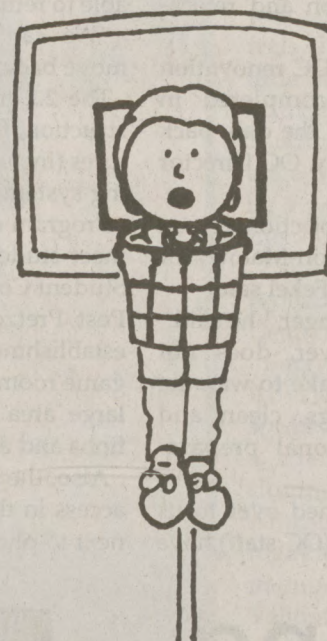
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PERSPECTIVES

Waddya' mean you don't want to wear a dress for OU's athletic guide photo? You're on the girl's basketball team, right?



I had to open my big mouth.



GUEST OPINION

American government lacks guidance; should use principal as moral compass

Dear Editor,

In case the reports of massive ethnic cleansing in Kosovo were not enough to turn your stomach, seeing the bruised faces of captured American servicemen on Serbian TV ought to do the trick.

In response to this outrage, President Clinton issued a stern warning to the government of Yugoslavia, declaring that "The United States takes care of its own."

The brutal irony of this oft-quoted sound bite is that if the U.S. were renowned for "taking care of its own," it would not have involved its fighting men in this conflict — and staff sergeants Ramirez and Stone, and specialist Gonzales would not have been captured in the first place.

For what kind of foreign policy is the United States renowned? Quite simply: refusing to protect its own interests and people and sacrificing these same interests and people for everything else.

The bombing of Yugoslavia is just the latest example of a series of foreign policy action dedicated to the proposition that America does not care for its own.

When the U.S. sent its troops to be butchered in the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia, it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. attempted to "moderate" relations with Iran — a country that openly supports anti-American terrorist groups and is suspected of orchestrating the recent bombing of U.S. barracks in Saudi Arabia —

it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. capitulated time and time again to the Libyan government, and thus the terrorists who blew up Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, remained at large in Libya for more than a decade, it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. continually granted trade favors to China, a brutal dictatorship threatening U.S. interests, including suspected nuclear espionage at Los Alamos, it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. sent troops to "keep the peace" in Haiti, but then sent the Baltimore Orioles to play in Cuba in spite of protests by thousands of Cuban Americans, it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. sent a paltry few cruise missiles to blow up tents in Afghanistan as its only response to Osama bin Laden's terrorist attacks at U.S. embassies in Africa, it was not taking care of its own.

Regardless of whether the American POWs will be released, their unnecessary and unacceptable ordeal portends a grim future for Americans around the globe.

In case there is a nation left on Earth that still thinks that the U.S. takes care of its own, the Yugoslav crisis will forever erase this impression. If anything, the crisis in Yugoslavia will only make them realize that there are plenty of Americans waiting to become victims of capture and terrorism.

The voices who favor bombing Yugoslavia — and who favor sending ground

troops to "finish" the job — argue that it is necessary to avert a major humanitarian crisis.

Others argue that full-scale intervention is necessary to preserve the credibility of U.S. foreign policy.

Observe that both of these goals — the protection of the brutalized Kosovars or the preservation of the U.S. image in the eyes of other countries — are to be achieved at the cost of American money and lives, without benefiting any proper American interest in the least.

Contrary to the arguments by those pushing for U.S. intervention, to refrain from sending our troops is not to sanction the atrocities committed by the Serbs.

On the contrary, to refrain from senselessly sacrificing the best of America's men is to reassert a proper foreign policy — one dedicated to protecting the rights of American citizens.

If only the American government were to make that principle its own consistent moral compass — in foreign and domestic policy — our example would stand as a beacon to a stormy world. And that is the best that we can and should ever hope to offer.

Sincerely,

Ben Bayer
Graduate Student
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Women athletes deserve equality

Dear Editor,

I applaud (Lisa Borich) on (her) March 24 (column).

The kind of gender discrimination that occurs today is so subtle and hard to pinpoint, even University administrators can overlook it.

However, (she) did a nice job of exposing the lack of sensitivity that occurs when athletics is as male dominated as it is at OU. Equality will not be achieved until more women are involved in the decision making process at all levels.

Furthermore, it's time to do away with the "old boys" club of coaches and allow female coaches to be put in the ranks of coaching female athletes at all levels — to choose otherwise is to perpetuate the kind of discrimination and sexual confusion that has plagued female athletics so far.

Case in point — Anson Dorrence, University of North Carolina Women's Soccer Coach (see December 1998 edition of Sports Illustrated).

Can you imagine the amount of money,

time and emotional hardship that would have been spared if the correct checks and balances were put into place in the first place.

When you mix the passion of athletics with the drama of male/female sexuality, you're bound to have trouble.

OU would do well to prevent such risks by hiring only female coaches to coach their female athletes.

It will be interesting to see if Jack Mehl has the wisdom and vision to grasp this. I guess time will tell.

Sincerely,

OU Student
Anonymous

Editor's Note: Sports Editor Lisa Borich wrote the March 24 sports column on the apparent double standard of athletics at OU. From viewing the covers of several sports media guides, it is in her opinion that the way in which the women appeared versus the men appeared, was sexist.

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

THE OAKLAND POST corrects factual errors that appear on its pages.

• In last week's article on the bookstore, Book Center Manager Denise McGee was incorrectly named as the speaker in the article. McGee was never interviewed for that story. Vice President of Student Affairs, Mary Beth Snyder, made the statement that current employees will have an opportunity to be a part of Wallace's team. THE POST apologizes for this error.

POST INFORMATION

Due to OC renovations, THE OAKLAND POST has moved to the south side of campus. The office is temporarily located next to the Science and Engineering Building in Trailer B.

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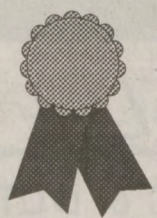
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sources public universities have, the state money and the tuition and fees paid by students are often not enough revenue for development.

"Unfortunately, states are not increasing their appropriations, so universities have to shift to other revenue sources," he said.

"(OU) happens to be an institution with a valuable resource: land," he said.

"It's a very difficult quest and you walk a very treacherous line. But you must make sure that there are substantial benefits (and that) the community knows what the revenues are and where they will be used," he added.

As for the push to change the University Senate into a mostly faculty senate, Esposito said there are clear benefits to having representatives from all branches

in one room.

However, he added, "Administration would have to have a very good reason to (be opposed to the idea of) faculty senate, if the faculty believe they would participate in the university governance the best (as a separate group)."

According to Esposito, OU is a uniquely positioned institution with tremendous opportunities in various areas.

The development ahead may radically transform campus life,

he said, but the key is to manage the growth process rationally.

"Sometimes the failure to communicate comes from the fact that you're moving too quickly," he said.

Esposito said it is the responsibility of administration to spell out its vision of the university's future clearly for the rest of the community.

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Nursing

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center for Arab people, and helped with glucose testing.

The students had a table set up in the Rec Center with information on many important questions students might have, like how to quit smoking.

The students were able to sign up for screening, which was held in the wellness room of the Rec Center.

Two of the bigger projects were to write informative articles for the wellness newsletter at the Rec Center and a formal teaching session at Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

Each article discussed one issue, such as sun-tanning, test anxiety, stress, nutrition, herbal remedies, osteoporosis, and drug interactions with nutrition.

Giving the three formal teaching sessions was the hardest and best learning experiences, the students agreed.

The sessions, "Sexuality over 65," "What's New with Supplementation," and "Aspirin as a Prophylaxis" were taught to people outside the student population and were watched by medical residents.

The students also had a political project for the theory part of the class. They investigated the policy of alcohol on campus by interviewing Nancy Schmitz, director of alcohol awareness at GHC. The investigation was then presented to the entire nursing class of more than 90 students.

Though this was the first time a clinical class has not actually been in a hospital helping the sick, it seemed very successful.

"I was a little nervous because it was my idea, but it was a great idea," Miller said.

"I thought it was pretty successful. I was really impressed with what they were able to do."

Gloria Vega, nursing sophomore and participant in the program, said, "I felt this was a very good learning experience for the field we are going into."

New students in the nursing program will be able to take the class next fall, and promote more awareness on campus. Miller, who coordinated most of it, will also be teaching the class in the fall.

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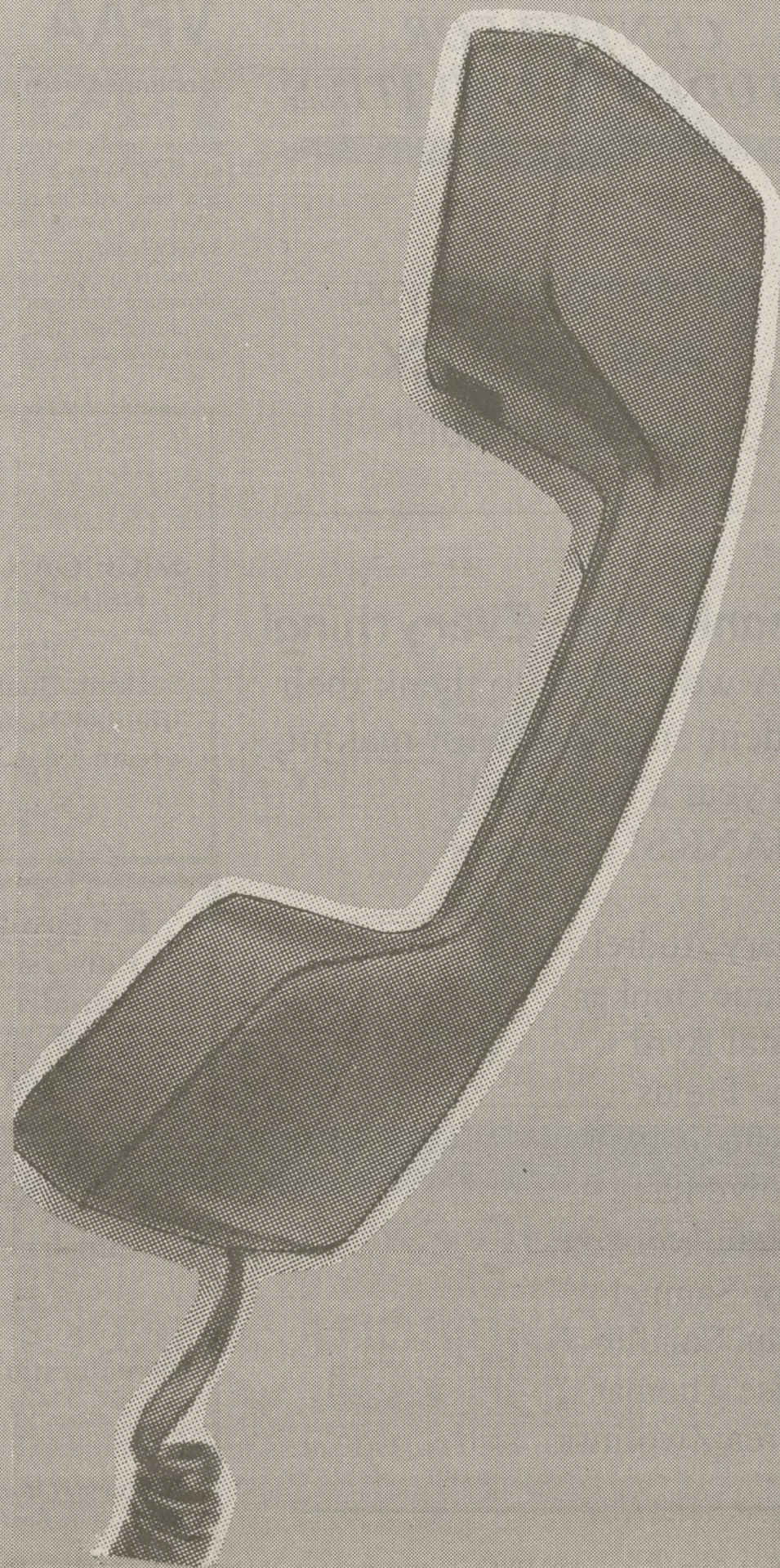
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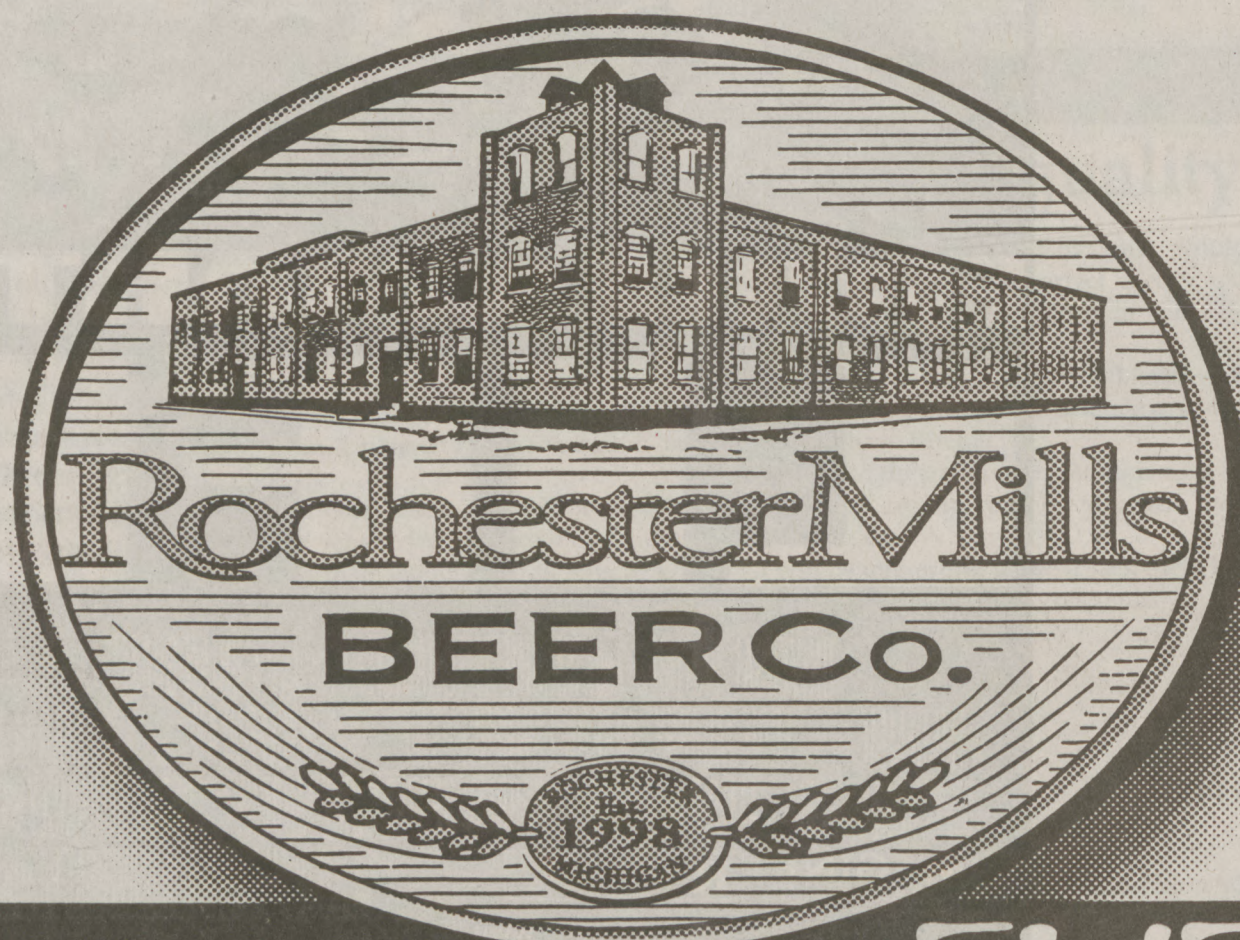
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• **Parenting in the 21st Century**
Author Dr. Penelope Leach will cover the topics of non-traditional families, the Internet's influence on children and families, daycare dilemmas, discipline and more. A Q & A session and book signing will follow the presentation. Sponsored by Providence Hospital and Metro Parent Publishing. Apr. 14, 6 p.m. Troy Marriott Hotel. Tickets: \$15. Call (248) 352-0990 to charge tickets.

• **Women's Health Seminar**
Especially for Women is a day-long conference featuring medical specialists talking about topics aimed at women. Sponsored by the Detroit Medical Center. Apr. 16, Westin Hotel, Southfield. Cost: \$40. Call (888) DMC-2500.

• **You and Your Aging Parent**
A series of four classes, led by Marcia Graham, a registered nurse with the Oakland County Health Division. Counseling alternatives in care and housing, safety issues, psychological changes of aging and the safe use of drugs will be discussed. Apr. 13, 20 & 27, 7 p.m. Independence Twp. Library. Cost: \$10 per family. Call (248) 645-2212 to register.

BENEFITS

• **Arthritis Foundation Fundraiser**
A Joint Parade fundraising walks will take place Apr. 17 in Royal Oak, Ann Arbor and Rochester. Walk 2, 5 or 7 miles. Check in at 8 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. For info. or to register, call (800) 968-3030.

• **Race For The Cure**
5K competitive run for women and for men, 4K walk & run for all and one mile fun walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Sponsored by the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Race is Apr. 24, 8 a.m., Detroit Zoo. Cost is \$20 by Apr. 16 and \$30 thereafter. Call (800) KARMANOS or go to www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit for more info.

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The Michigan Humane Society and other Michigan animal rescue groups will try to find new homes for hundreds of homeless animals at this adoption fair. May 1 - 2, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak. Call (313) 872-3400 for info.

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Fertility groups target students for egg donation

By TINA NEDDERMEYER
Staff Writer

The ad in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) student newspaper reads: "Donor needed. You must be 5' 10". Have a 1400+ SAT score. The payment, \$50,000."

Attempting to entice females, these and other ads have been cropping up in college newspapers around the country. "Ninety-five percent of our advertisements are in university or college papers," said Teri Royal, Registry Director for OPTIONS National Fertility Registry.

"Recipients are primarily looking for educated donors," Royal added.

Originating in 1992, OPTIONS is a registry that provides detailed profiles and photos of screened egg and sperm donors for couples who are infertile due to medical or genetic reasons.

Infertility in women can be caused by premature menopause, failure to produce usable eggs, or removed due to cancer, endometriosis or other pelvic infections.

"Our requirements are that the donors be between the ages of 21 to 30, have a clear medical history for three generations, and they must pass the MMPI (Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory) test," said Royal.

Their profiles consist of physical and character descriptions, educational background, and a brief biographical summary.

The MMPI is a psychological evaluation that tests the emotional and psychological stability of an individual.



EGG-TRA MONEY: The human egg means big business for the infertile and those who need cash. Eager clinics are paying donors up to \$50,000 for one egg.

Medical screening is required by law. Therefore, OPTIONS screens the family health and genetic history for three generations past for over 100 different health abnormalities.

Once the donor passes all the requirements, their profile is then placed onto the Internet of can be obtained by mail by the recipients.

"Our goal is not only to help people who can not have children, but to also protect, respect, and treat the donors fairly," said Royal.

Lyle Ulinski, Medical Assistant for the Michigan Infertility Center in Birmingham explains that each clinic is responsible for setting its own ethical guidelines.

"We compensate our donors at about \$1,500 dollars," said Ulinski.

"We don't want the payment to be so large that it would be the entire motivation for donating. We compensate the donors for their time, energy and support," he added.

Once the donor is screened and matched with a recipient, the donor will be given hormone medication such as Lupron and Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH). This medication is injected daily into the thigh of the donor, and will stimulate the growth for multiple eggs.

Approximately two to three weeks

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Last minute filers face tax time

By PAM HENDRIX
Staff Writer

Pay your taxes now or be fined later. Only one day remains before the 1998 income tax returns are due.

April 15th marks the day for those who don't want to part with their hard-earned money.

"Failure to file can cost you up to 50% of your balance due," said Wanda Meissner, office supervisor H&R Block in Clawson.

Meissner explained that those failing to file on or before April 15th would be charged a penalty plus interest for noncompliance.

"There are no debtors prisons, but the interest charged can be substantial," said Meissner.

"If you can't file by the 15th, estimate your income for 1998, file form number 4868 and pay the balance due today. This form will allow the tax return to be filed later," said Connie Walker, communication specialist at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

For most people, paying taxes is like studying for finals; it's something to dread and put off until the last minute. The hope is that some miracle will happen and there will be no test or taxes to prepare. But now that the last minute has come, what can be done?

The first and quickest option is to file using the Internet. With the click of the mouse, your taxes can be filed from home.

"As of April 2, 1999, 24.9 million people have filed electronically. That is a

16.7% increase over the same period last year," said Walker.

Tax forms can be downloaded at www.irs.ustreas.gov. The site includes a frequently asked questions file and an e-mail address for asking tough questions.

The taxes owed can also be paid electronically by credit card. The IRS web site has a calculator that can help estimate the balance due, and the user can

monly used forms are the 1040EZ for federal taxes and the Michigan 1040 for state taxes.

"These two forms, plus the W-2 which employers must provide are the basics needed to file an income tax return," said Meissner.

Be sure to check the new credits college students can qualify for. The Hope and the Lifetime Learning credit are two tax-free deductions.

"The Hope credit applies to the first two years of college. The benefit can be up to \$1,500 dollars the first year and \$2,000 dollars the second year," said Meissner.

"College expenses paid after June 30th, 1998 can qualify for the Lifetime Learning credit. There is a potential savings up to \$1,000," said Walker.

IRS Publication 970, which explains both credits completely, and form #8863 which goes with the tax return can be downloaded from the IRS web site.

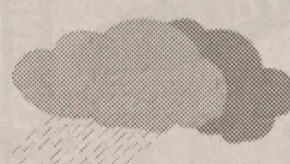
For those do-it-yourself types, tax preparation programs for home PCs are available, which make finding extra deductions, finding errors, and filing a snap. Programs like Turbo Tax are available in retail stores or online at www.macintax.com. Go to the Quicken store and download programs to your computer. Turbo Tax sells for around \$40 and Turbo Tax State \$28.00.

Post offices in Troy, Royal Oak, Detroit and Rochester will be open until midnight on the 15th for those mail their

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VALERIE'S FOUR DAY FORECAST

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Journalism Sophomore Valerie Shultz is the Weather Forecaster for THE OAKLAND POST.



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Should you ever use a full-service broker? Well, the decision is yours, which is the point of our answer. All your investment decisions should be yours and not those of that guy named Tad who criticized you for being an English major while he studied finance and became a broker. If you happen to find a full-service broker who you're comfortable with, whose advice you agree with, who helps you understand your investments and who doesn't gouge you too much, nobody's going to stop you.

Remember, however, that even if Tad is your best friend from high school, he's faced with a conflict that pits his best interests against yours. Brokers are salespeople: They make their money only when you buy or sell. Because of that, they may try to get you to trade too frequently to make commissions for themselves — generating "churn," which means you lose money to them and to Uncle Sam in the form of capital gains taxes.

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Eggs

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later, the eggs will be mature and ready for retrieval. Under a light sedative, the eggs are injected with the male's sperm to form an embryo.

"Possibly, the greatest risk from this procedure is ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome," said Ulinski. "This complication occurs when the ovaries become enflamed and fill with liquid. However, there is a very low risk for this occurring and can be monitored through regular blood work and ultrasounds."

Ulinski strongly suggests that both the recipient and the donors seek counseling during the process.

According to Ulinski, the primary concern for the recipients when selecting a donor is their physical features. The center follows a strict guideline of confidentiality, therefore, the recipient and donor never meet. However, pictures of the donor are sometimes available.

Conception is not a guarantee and therefore can be costly to the recipients. Through OPTIONS' payment plan, general fees include an application fee of \$145 dollars, with a \$25 dollar per month Database Usage charge. The egg recipient's fee schedule can be as high as \$7,000 dollars. This payment includes compensation for the donor and their legal fees.

Additional costs could include fees for physicians, medical screening, medical insurance premiums, and other surcharges.

According to Ulinski, many states do not have a case law or statutory law concerning egg donation. A legal contract for many clinics is required and should address issues such as the assumption of risk, the intent of the donor and the recipient and any other crucial issues.

Though not as prevalent as sperm donation, the use of donor eggs is on the rise. A small number of female OU students expressed reservation about the process.

"I would not donate my eggs," said Senior Spanish major Sarah Davis. "There are many kids out there in need of adoption. The ability to create a human life should be seen as a precious privilege, not something to buy, trade or sell."

Sophomore Nanette Miller, an accounting major, agreed, saying, "I don't think I would donate my eggs, nor take anyone else's eggs. The money would be great, but what if the donor came back and wanted to be a part of my child's life? You hear stories like that all the time with adoption cases. I wouldn't want to go through that."

Some students like elementary education junior Jenny Meehl have an opposite position, but still share similar concerns.

"I am not against the situation of

egg donation because people who can't have babies need a fair chance to try also," Meehl said.

"However, I might have a rough time emotionally because you never know, someone that is a part of you could be walking around and you would never even know anything about them," she added.

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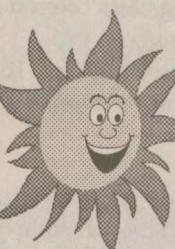
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According to Schmitz, OU received \$24,000 of the requested \$24,858 from the MDCH to fund OU's program, entitled "PAUSE." All but two of Michigan's 15 public universities received funding.

In a press release from the MDCH, Haveman said, "This truly is a collaborative effort as the state is working in partnership with these universities to change behaviors and educate students about the dangers associated with alcohol."

Currently, Schmitz and Hartman are seeking students to fill the 25 mentoring positions. Each mentor will have about 10 mentees. They will be responsible for introducing the freshmen to a fun, active, social and sober campus life during the first five weeks of the Fall 1999 semester.

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Both Schmitz and Hartman are confident the program will be a success.

"The attitudes of the mentors and the general support for (the program) from the administration, faculty and staff (will make it a success)," Hartman said.

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Directing class offers 'real world' experiences

By KRISTAL BYRD
Staff Writer

Look out Steven Spielberg, because you may have some competition.

OU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, has been putting talented student directors into the spotlight.

Among them are theatre senior John Michael Norman, who directed "Seascape with Sharks and Dancer" in the Fall and theatre senior Chuck Charbeneau, who recently directed an improvisational performance last weekend in Varner Hall's Lab Theatre.

In the Fall of 1998, John Michael Norman fulfilled the directing requirement for his major, when he presented at Varner Studio Theatre, a love story based on a man who rescues a woman from drowning. Norman said that it was a dramatic piece mixed with comedy.

Charbeneau, in order to fulfill the directing requirement for his major, recently presented "Roaming Charges" at Varner Hall Studio Theatre on April 9 and 10.

The performance, which featured the improvisational theatre group called "The Set," required audience participation. There were no scripts that the cast had to rehearse; whatever was acted out was based upon the imaginative suggestions the audience gave when asked.

Before Charbeneau and Norman could begin their directing projects they had to go through some preliminary steps.

Norman, before beginning his project, took a directing class taught by theatre Professor Michael Gillespie.

"Directing classes are offered twice a year," said Norman. "The first class I took was in the spring, then during the summer, I started looking up to the day of the plays and decided what I wanted to direct. In the fall, I took the rest of the course by directing the play."

As the final part of the course, which he took in the fall, Norman filled out a proposal form, and gave it to Kerro Knox, who is in charge of production design, and out of a list of other proposals, his play was chosen.

Next came the big job of putting the project together. "I had a great crew and great designers," he said.

Norman said that directing was an amazing experience for him.

Norman's experience caused him to find differences between acting and directing. "When you're an actor you're rehearsing and there's a big build up to the day of the performance, but when you're directing, the big day is the last rehearsal. This is when you take care of minor details and make finishing touches," he said.

Norman enjoys acting more than directing. He believes acting helps him become a more effective director. Norman is currently playing the character of Riff Raff in "The Rocky Horror Show," which opens tonight at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Charbeneau, whose improvisational performance, "Roaming Charges" was chosen for this semester, thoroughly enjoyed his directing experience. "It was a wonderful opportunity. I can't wait to do it again," he said.

This type of performance was a bit of a challenge for him, because improvisation is new to OU. "I had no mentors to help me. I was totally responsible for it," he said.

When asked how he chose the cast members called "The Set," he said "You look for those who listen and work well as a team."

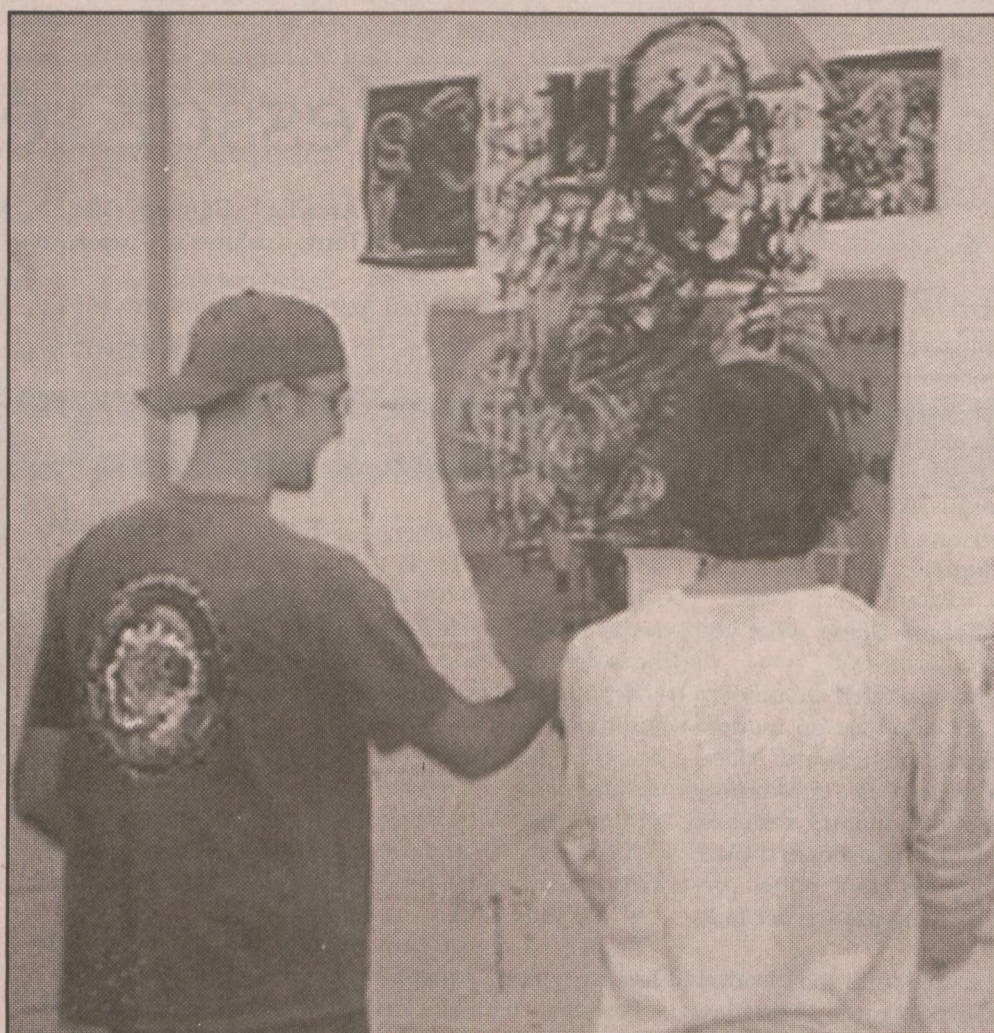


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FINGER PAINTING: Senior Gina Nam, human resource development, perfects her work of art in the Wilson Hall art studio in room 109.

Inventing the artists

Meadow Brook Art Gallery's
latest exhibition gives students
a professional outlet



WALL WORKS: From left, junior Brandon Curry, general studies, and junior Brian Gates, undecided, add the final touches to their exhibit piece.

By KRYSTAL KALTZ
Assistant Life Editor

It's time for faculty and students from the Department of Art & Art History to let the semester's hard work shine in Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

The Gallery will be exhibiting chosen works for a month from April 16 - May 16 in an exhibition entitled "Invention & Imitation."

The show will consist of close to 100 pieces of artwork, according to Dick Goody, special lecturer in the Department of Art & Art History, and curator of the event.

"Only two or three of the pieces will be faculty work," said Goody.

Every year, staff and students submit various works to a committee. The committee chooses pieces that will be displayed in the gallery.

Although mainly paintings, the exhibit will also include drawing, sculpture, mixed media, photography and video.

"This semester we've been doing nude studies," said Goody. "So there will be some nudes in there, too."

Goody, who is part of the committee that chooses the pieces, is a painter. He moved here from England and has been lecturing at OU since 1994.

According to Goody, a new part of the exhibit this year is that prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. The prizes will consist of gift certificates from Barnes & Noble bookstore, in amounts of \$100, \$75 and \$50.

For many students, this will be the first time their work has been exhibited in a major gallery.

Angela Hooten, art history junior, has some of her work displayed in this year's show.

"It goes through a jury process, but you can submit as many pieces as you want," she said.

This is the first year Hooten has submitted work, but one of her paintings, "Used Car," was used as the image on the invitation for the exhibit's opening reception this Friday from 4 - 7 p.m.

Brian Gates, undecided junior, will have some of his work in the show for the first time.

He is planning to further his career in art by transferring to an art school. He has applied to Pratt in New York City and also to the Art Institute of Chicago.

When asked about his plans upon acceptance to art school he said, "I plan to paint like a bastard!"

Mary Duenow, art history, also has three paintings in the show. Duenow had some of her work displayed last year as well.

The exhibit opens Friday at 4 p.m. After that, the exhibition will be available for viewing during normal gallery hours, 1 - 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday; and 2 - 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery is located across from Meadow Brook Theatre in 208 WH.



CHALK IT UP: English junior Pat McDaniel, working on her piece for the exhibit, is an art minor.

CURRENT

EVENTS

ON CAMPUS

• "Invention & Imitation," Department of Art & Art History Student & Faculty Exhibition, Opens Friday, 4 - 7 p.m. Gallery Hours 1 - 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday; 2 - 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call (248) 370-3006.

• "The Rocky Horror Show," 2 and 8 p.m. Wednesday; 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday; 6 p.m. Saturday; 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday; 8 p.m. Tuesday; Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (248) 377-3300.

• OU Symphonic Band Season Finale, 8 p.m. tonight; Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3014.

• The OU Community Chorus: Johannes Brahms "A German Requiem," 8 p.m. Saturday; Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3014.

• The Oakland Chorale/University Chorus "Spring Choral Concert," 8 p.m. Friday; Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3014.

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• Galactic, 9:30 p.m. Thursday; Blind Pig. Call (248) 645-6666.

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• Sister Machine Gun, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 14; Blind Pig. Call (248) 645-6666.

THEATRE

• "Jekyll & Hyde," Opens April 21; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; Fisher Theatre. Call (248) 645-6666.

• "The Dreamlife of Angels," 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday; 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday; Detroit Film Theatre. Call (313) 833-2323.

• "Destiny," 7:30 p.m. Monday; Detroit Film Theatre. Call (313) 833-2323.

EXHIBITS

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MISCELLANEOUS

• Poetry reading by Detroit writers Anca Vlasopolis, Melanie Van der Tuin & Argentina's Osvaldo Sabino, 12:30 p.m. today; Wayne State University Department of English Building. Call (313) 577-2450.

• Sinbad, 8 p.m. Friday; Fox Theatre. Call (248) 645-6666.

'Horror' holds shock value

Meadow Brook Theatre closes season with "The Rocky Horror Show"

By ANDREA BURMANN
Staff Writer

Get ready to do "The Time Warp" when "The Rocky Horror Show" comes rockin' and rollin' into Meadow Brook Theatre tonight.

This stage version of the 1975 cult classic movie will be performed today through May 9, with a special late-night performance and costume contest on Saturday, May 1 at 10:30 p.m.

"It's a rock musical," said director Geoffrey Sherman, stressing the word "rock." "Let's not get too prissy about it."

This send-up of 1950's genre science fiction films contains a seventeen-song score performed live by a four-piece band.

In "The Rocky Horror Show," lovebirds Brad and Janet have car trouble on a dark, stormy night and seek help in the creepy castle inhabited by Dr. Frank 'N' Furter. The couple experiences an evening of unusual, close encounters with the demented doctor, his hand-crafted monster, Rocky, and a cast of other eccentric characters.

Though the plot is essentially the same in both the movie and the play, John Michael Norman, who plays the butler Riff-Raff, says there is one significant difference.

"The show is going to be sexier than people remember the movie being," he said. "It's still very campy and goofy and fun, but we've decided to make all the characters sexual beings."

"After all," he said, "they are from the planet Transsexual."

Sherman said the play was originally rated PG-13, but they have decided to change the rating to NC-17.

"There will be people dressed in teddies, fishnets and high heels, but there's no nudity," Norman said. "It's not a skin show. It's a comedy."

John Michael Manfredi, who portrays the transvestite doctor Frank 'N' Frankfurter, said dressing up for his role is the only disadvantage to being in this play.

"My back and feet are killing me from wearing pumps all day long, and I've had to shave most of my body hair, including my eyebrows," said Manfredi.

Nevertheless, he said he's enjoying the play.

"It's not that often that you get to play a role that is so over-the-top, so flamboyant," he said. "It has been tons of fun."

Norman said he is also having a good time preparing for his role.

"I jump out of bed every morning for rehearsal," he said. "It is grueling and tiring, and it is dancing, but I'm having the time of my life."

Norman said the rehearsal process has not been all fun and games, though.

"It has been a challenge for the cast, because I'm the only one who has seen the movie more than once," he said.

Manfredi said 1977 was the last time he saw the movie.

"I would prefer not to be influenced by someone else's performance and steal from their act, especially since it is a well-known role that I'm playing," he



ROCKY ROLL: "The Rocky Horror Show," featuring a cast filled with feathers, teddies and fun, opens tonight.

"My back and feet are killing me from wearing pumps all day long, and I've had to shave most of my body hair, including my eyebrows."

John Michael Manfredi

Dr. Frank 'N' Furter in "The Rocky Horror Show"

said.

A challenge during the performance that the cast is preparing for is audience participation.

At midnight showings of "The Rocky Horror Show" at movie theaters all over the world, members of the audience dress up as the characters, recite their lines, dance in the aisles and throw things, such as dried rice.

"We're totally encouraging people to dance in the aisles and sing," said Norman, "as long as it is supportive, not detrimental, to our performance."

"But, of course, you can't throw things in live theater," he said.

Manfredi said, "We're hoping people will dress up and do 'The Time Warp' in the aisles. We're prepared for it, and we're going to try to lead it."

Songs from "Rocky's" score include "Science Fiction Double Feature," "The Time Warp," "I Can Make You a Man," "Touch-a-Touch-a-Touch-Me" and "I'm Going Home."

"Years ago when we first started talking about this project the idea of a live band came to us," said Sherman. "They have been practicing on and off now since Christmas."

"The Rocky Horror Show" will be the last play produced by Sherman as Artistic Director at MBT. He is leaving at the end of June to pursue freelance writing opportunities.

Manfredi, who has acted at the MBT for 16 years, said he is very disappointed to see Sherman go.

"It was more important for me to act in Geoffrey's last show at Meadow Brook

Theatre than it was to get the part of Dr. Frank 'N' Furter," said Manfredi.

"I was in Geoffrey's first show here and now I am in his last," he said. Manfredi portrayed Jussac in Sherman's first MBT production, "The Three Musketeers."

Sherman said of his final project, "It has been a lot of fun. The cast is tremendously gifted and the musicians are very talented."

Norman has a slightly different perspective on the show. "We're just rockin' and rollin' and running around in our underwear," he said. "What can be better than that?"

Tickets for "The Rocky Horror Show" can be purchased at the Meadow Brook Theater box office in Wilson Hall or at all Ticketmaster locations.

Popular English professor receives award

BY TRACEY ROBINSON
Staff Writer

He's the Mann.

For his outstanding accomplishments, Bruce Mann, Associate Professor of English, received the 1999 Judd English Department Achievement Award. The presentation and reception took place April 9 in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Mann received the award for his extraordinary work over the past several years writing for, talking to and teaching theater-goers in conjunction with a variety of local dramatic productions.

"I love it. It is a wonderful honor doing what you like to do most," Mann said.

As the English department's specialist in modern drama, Mann is known for his expertise on modern playwrights Tennessee Williams and Edward Albee. He has increasingly given of himself as a community resource, speaking at meetings of honorary societies, lecturing in libraries, celebrating Shakespeare's 434th birthday at bookstores, writing program notes, previews and study guides and offering pre-theater talks to the Meadow Brook Guild.

Mann served as scholarly consultant for the Meadow Brook production of Tennessee Williams's "The Glass Menagerie" in the spring of 1995.

Mann has offered pre-theater talks to audiences for MBT productions of Joe Orton's "What the Butler

Saw," Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia," Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women," and Tony Kushner's "Angels in America."

He has also written preview articles for MBT's newsletter, Marquee. He has also prepared study guides for high school classes attending the plays.

"I never saw anybody work so hard and do such a marvelous job. He (also) has an incredible sense of humor," said Joan Rosen, associate professor of English.

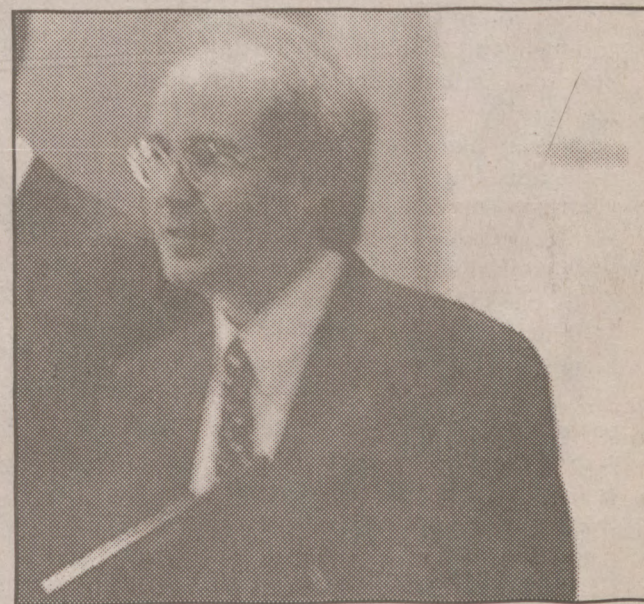
Senior Susan Fischer, psychology and elementary education said, "He is a man who is inspiring, awesome, energetic, friendly, easy going and has a good sense of humor. He has an excellent teaching style and he is definitely one of the best teachers I ever had."

The Judd Award was established in 1995 by alumni Randy and Pat Judd, both English majors. The \$1,000 award is designated for outstanding, innovative and distinguished accomplishments by a faculty member of the English department.

"Oakland University gives the best education. (They) have good English professors and good English classes," Pat Judd said.

English alumna, Gianna Barberi said, "Mann is excellent, very approachable, very nice and passionate."

Perhaps Brian Connery, English department Chairman, said it best when quoting three lines from William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" in his presentation to Mann on Friday.



Post Photo / Tom Bressie

WHAT A MANN: Associate Professor of English Bruce Mann is this year's recipient of the English Department's Judd Achievement Award.

Other members of the English department find the verse appropriate as well.

The words, also printed on the award plaque, are "His life is gentle, and the elements so mix'd in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This is a man!'"

GET OUT

MSIZE MATTERS

Smaller venues in the area offer big advantages for fans, bands

BY CARA PLOWMAN
Staff Writer

If video killed the radio star, perhaps colossal size concert venues killed musical entertainment.

Performers spend much of their before-stardom years in small venues, coffee houses and bars. Some say these are the best places to see bands.

Often, the band will mingle with the crowd, sign autographs and let you back stage because of the personal setting. It's a chance to see a performance and not feel like just another face in the crowd.

Places that cater to those who would die if they left a concert with bleeding ears and a bruised ego even one more time include Mill Street Entry, in the lower level of Clutch Cargos in downtown Pontiac.

This cigar and swing dance club hosts a number of live swing/jazz bands.

On April 3, "Highway 13" proved that American music never died. Nostalgic retro played from the three-man band, while the crowd remembered the times of sex, drugs and rock and roll.

On April 10, "Three Cent Stomp" swung into town from Chicago, Ill. Young and swanky, the hip band can appeal to any age group, even if you listened to this music in the '40s, or you're new to the scene.

Their original music is compiled on the CD's "Jimmy Primo Living at Large" and "Have a Swingin' Christmas."

Largely popular among swing dance fans, "The Asylum Street Spankers" stopped by the Mill Street Entry April 11. Their music philosophies are so fresh that anyone could appreciate them: electricity doesn't make a band (they don't use amplifiers, microphones, etc.).

When all else fails "Light Me Up a Funny Cigarette" (the title of a song they perform).

The ten members each play a variety of instruments, and six take turns singing. In addition to the basic guitar and drums, you'll hear original instrumentation from ukuleles, washboards, a kazoo, a standing bass, harmonicas and a classical-style violin.

Michael Simon, OU alumnus, has frequented swing clubs for over a year. "I got tired of the crowded clubs. There's no imagination there."

He came out for the "Spankers" concert to dance and hear a band he admires.



THEY'RE SO MONEY: Asylum Street Spankers are one of many bands that take advantage of smaller venues.



'DA DIP: Swingers go into their dance as Asylum Street Spankers jam at Clutch Cargos.

Mike
Murphy



'Net experience reveals bare necessities of life

We've come to the end of the road, OU, and like all roads in Michigan, it's been one bumpy, exciting ride. We've been buried in snow high enough to lose cars for days but not enough to cancel classes for more than an afternoon, broken in (and broken) new facilities, and seen more of one spandex man than you can wiggle a stick at.

For some of us, this was absolutely the greatest academic and social experience of our lives. For those of us who aren't freshmen, though, this was just one more year towards that phantom specter of a dream called (by some) graduation, in which a mighty piece of paper somehow provides us with the mental arsenal necessary to take over the world and make it do what we want it to.

It's one hell of a paper, I'm told.

For me, this year can be summed up in one experience: WebDorm. For the past three months, my dorm room — and my life — has been broadcasted live on the internet (www.webdorm.com, I'm "Morris").

It started on a Tuesday, when I was sent an application for WebDorm, unsolicited, in e-mail. I responded on a whim, not believing I'd be picked — honestly, what kind of sicko would want to watch me all the time? Less than a week after that first e-mail I was up and transmitting. I now have the ability to moon billions of people worldwide, without ever leaving the comfort of my living area.

(Note to Housing: This honestly, honestly, has not happened.)

But there's something about a bare bottom that breaks down all language and cultural barriers, you know. Immaturity may be our last vestige of hope for world peace. If international disputes were settled by a food fight and a wicked game of rochambo (the testicle-kicking game made famous by "South Park"), we might be able to live in harmony.

But I wouldn't have this opportunity to be a human internet exhibit without filling out that application. And recently, the WebDorm company flew all 20 or so of us "WebDormers" to meet face-to-face in Boston.

There I met friends for life, explored a new city and participated in a unique, if surreal event. I met people that I'd "lived" with, electronically, for two months — in person for the first time.

Now, I'm told that I can keep the camera running (moon-free, of course — of course) for the duration of my academic career, which will last anywhere from the next two years to my natural death.

All that, because I answered an e-mail on a whim on a Tuesday.

So if I have to leave you with one message from this whole semester, make it this: Today is the only day in which anything is possible. Don't overlook those whims, those little situations life presents you that seem so innocent and routine. It's all in the timing, and the slightest opportunity you grab, situation you handle or life you touch could come back to you in a major way.

But I've lectured enough for one semester — you must be tired of it. Have a safe off-season, respect yourselves and each other and cut the hell loose. It's college, baby, the time of your life for the time being.

It's all in the timing. This may be the end of the road, but the road splits in every direction. And where you go isn't always a decision that's easy to see.

If sending an e-mail can put a person's life on the internet for years, how much wonder could a day bring?

Let's go see.

Mike Murphy is a journalism junior and staff writer at THE OAKLAND POST.

WANT FREE TICKETS???

THE OAKLAND POST has complimentary tickets just for you, for this Friday's **Big Rude Jake** swing concert, at Clutch Cargo's Mill Street Entry in downtown Pontiac.

Clutch Cargo's will put you on their VIP guest list!

To reserve your night of fun, just be one of the first ten callers to leave your name, phone number and the number of tickets you need at (248) 370-4266. If that mailbox is full, try (248) 370-4263.

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FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

- Jaw-dropping abounds on "David Blaine: Magic Man," his second prime-time special in which he wanders streets, performing for amazed bystanders, at 10 p.m. tonight on ABC.

- Actor Danny Glover hosts "Scared Straight! 20 Years Later," a re-airing of the infamous 1978 shock-documentary, checks in with original subjects, some straight, some now dead, at 8 p.m. Thursday on UPN.

- "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years," stars Diahann Carroll in a televised version of the play, at 9 p.m. Sunday on CBS.

FILM

- Knee-slapping funny men Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence star in "Life," a comedy (yes, comedy) about prison time.

- Robert Altman's latest, "Cookie's Fortune," starring Glenn Close and Liv Tyler in a story of small-town scandal, continues its exclusive run at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

- No, it's not an episode of "Jerry Springer Show." "Goodbye Lover," stars Don Johnson, Patricia Arquette, Dermot Mulroney and Ellen DeGeneres in dark comedy about one wife's stray from marriage, and her affair with her brother-in-law.

MUSIC

- You like Fatboy Slim? Try fatcat British techno trio Underworld, who shiver and synthesize their way through the electronically-excelled "Beaucoup Fish," their third album.

- Simplicity reigns in real rock and roll. Tom Petty brings his Heartbreakers together for "Echo," the rockers' decidedly plain yet ferociously catchy new album.

- The crossbred stylings of '70s jazz and Indian Classical music come together in "Remember Shakti," guitarist John McLaughlin's two-cd visit down memory lane.

VIDEO

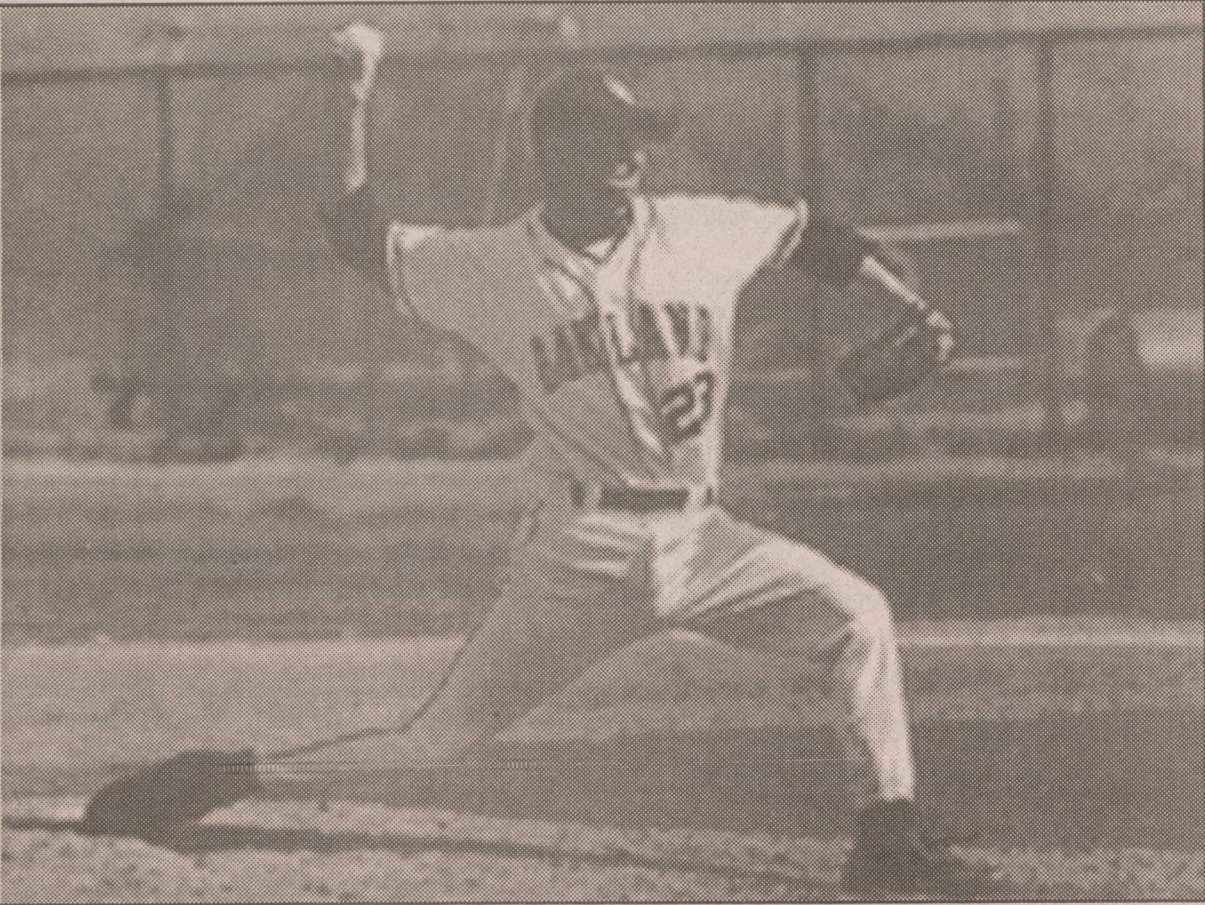
- Critically applauded but commercially lauded, "Apt Pupil" stars Brad Renfro as a Nazi-curious boy who looks to Oscar nominee Ian McKellan, a Nazi war criminal, for answers.

- Sweet somethings Claire Forlani, Jared Leto and Christian Slater star in the straight-to-cable "Basil," a Victorian-set story of lust, betrayal and revenge.

- Blink and you missed "One Tough Cop," a true story starring Stephen Baldwin based on the life of Bo Dietl and his fight against the bad guys — his own colleagues.

SPORTS

OU leads with home run week



HERE'S THE PITCH: (Above) Senior pitcher Chris DeVantier hurls a fastball across the plate.



FOR THE CATCH: (Left) Freshman catcher Mike Patterson awaits the ball to prevent the opponent from scoring a run.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- OU at U-M at 3 p.m., today.
- OU hosts Rochester College at 4 p.m. on April 15th.
- OU hosts Chicago State on April 17th and 18th.
- OU hosts Hillsdale at 4 p.m. on April 20th.
- OU at Valparaiso on April 24th and 25th. Time TBA.
- OU at Central Michigan at 3 p.m. on April 29th.
- OU at Notre Dame at 7 p.m. on April 30th.
- OU at Notre Dame at 1 p.m. on May 1st.
- OU hosts Detroit Mercy at 1 p.m. on May 4th.
- OU at Hillsdale at 2 p.m. on May 5th.
- OU hosts Youngstown State on May 8th and 9th. Time TBA.
- OU at Detroit Mercy the at 1 p.m. on May 11th.
- OU hosts Eastern Michigan at 1 p.m. on May 12th.

By RAMEZ KHURI
Staff Writer

Anybody who was lucky enough to see OU's Men's Baseball team beat the Siena Heights Saints last Wednesday witnessed a rarity. Sophomore Rick Green hit for a cycle, having a single, double, triple and a home run.

OU	15
SHU	10
OU	8
RC	3

Although there is no record of how many cycles have occurred at OU, Sports Information Director, Amy Hirschman said, "It never happened last season."

The offense didn't stop at Green however, the game featured four other home runs, including one by sophomore Erik Crossley.

"This was the first game that I got out on the field, so it just felt good to get a hold of the ball, and just to be out there. It was windy, so it was perfect for hitters," said Green.

Head coach Mark Avery said, "We went out there and hit the ball extremely well. We had 23 hits today (Wednesday) which is probably one of the best games this team will have throughout the years, so anytime you go out and put 23 hits on the board, your going to do well."

There was also some incentive to winning the game due to the fact that OU lost to Siena Heights a week earlier by one run.

"We had talked about that on the way home, that if they lost to this team again, they probably wouldn't stop running, so they knew they had to win," said Avery.

He added, "(Senior) Eric Paul is continuing to put up some great numbers for us this year, he's batting somewhere near .500, which is outstanding."

"Rick Green hit for the cycle, and that is something that doesn't happen very often, so that's great. It was a good effort by the kids."

The final score of the game was 15-10, improving OU's record to 10-6. The loss dropped the Saints record to 11-24.

OU also played against Rochester College last Thursday, winning 8-3.

Freshman Peter Varon went 4 for 4, scoring one run. Freshman Chris Kimball hit a three RBI double in the fourth inning, and sophomore Kip Harris doubled in the eighth inning.

The win improved OU's record to 11-6 and dropped the Warriors record to 0-5.

When asked if his team is where he wants it to be in terms of progress, Avery replied, "We are slowly getting there, it will take all season, and probably all next Fall before we can get to where we want to be."

He went on to say that the areas that need the most work are defense, base running and pitching.

"We are happy with the progress we have made at the plate, we probably made more progress than we had expected, but those areas, defense, base running, and pitching need a lot of work," Avery said.

"This was a game we had to go out and win, and we did," he added.

OU played two sets of double headers at Oral Roberts this past weekend, losing all four games 14-1, 9-6, 4-3, and 10-0. The losses dropped OU's overall record down to 11 wins and 10 losses, and raised Oral Roberts overall record to 27 wins and seven losses.

The losing OU pitchers were Jason Hoorn (3-3), Sean Boesch (1-2), Justin Robertson(3-1), and Eric Swanson(1-1).

OU's next home games are April 15th at 4 p.m., and April 17th and 18th, both starting at noon.

Lisa
Borich



A final farewell, a year in review

Some people were born to write sports, I was thrown into it. And, now that I think about it, this year has turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

At the beginning of the year I had the opportunity of being hired as Sports Editor. I'm making it sound like it was some high privilege, that I beat out 50 other applicants.

What really happened, there was no Sports Editor and I just happened to come along with some interest in being an editor, and I knew a little something about sports. I guess I was in the right place at the right time. Little did I know what I was getting myself into.

It wasn't until later that I realized what a privilege it was to really be the Sports Editor of a university paper that was in its first year as Division I.

I had an opportunity to put faces to athletes' names, and the ability to put voices to coaches' names.

Some of these people would later become an enemy at times because they would take so long to return phone calls.

You don't know how many times I literally hurdled boxes and chairs, running to the phone anticipating it was a person I was expecting and then come to find out it was a staff member wanting to know what I was ordering for lunch.

I say hurdle because I don't think you realize how obscene our working conditions were.

I spent this whole year being stuck in a dirty, smelly, old trailer staring at a computer on Mondays and Tuesdays. I thought that I had a common bond with Sanford and Son. I was surrounded by junk, was faced with things like overflowing trash containers in a filthy kitchen and bathroom.

In case none of you had the privilege to have visited our humble abode of THE OAKLAND POST this year, we were the ones you would see crawling out of the tiny and ugly trailers next to the Science and Engineering Building.

Over the year, THE OAKLAND POST staff has grown on me like a family. We have an advisor as a parent and guide; the oldest sibling as the editor-in-chief, and who was the only reliable source to help us when we needed it most.

And, of course, the whiney sibling who complained about everything, who started most of the fights because they wanted to be rebellious, you know the one that is so annoying that they gave you a rash--there's one in every crowd. And then you had your siblings that you looked to as your partners in crime. The ones I laughed with and played cruel jokes on.

The reason for all the mush? No one really realizes what had to happen to publish this paper.

There were Tuesday nights when I couldn't leave till midnight. My parents would be calling wanting to know what time I was getting home.

I learned a lot this year, and I even managed to leave, a mark. I gave that fuzzy bear part of its identity, I gave it a name. (It's Grizzwald, in case you didn't know.)

This year, I not only left my mark here at OU, but I also managed to learn some things along the way from a plethora of people. Thanks to THE OAKLAND POST staff, athletic administration, coaches and athletes.

It's been one hell of a year, and all of us survived, barely.

Next year's staff will be fortunate to be in the new downstairs of the OC--living like the Beverly Hillbillies.

Lisa Borich is a senior journalism major and Sports Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

By LISA BORICH and PHIL HALL
Sports Editor and Special Writer

The OU Lacrosse Club has had the same type of year as mother nature. One minute their hot on a winning streak, and the next their cold on a losing streak.

On April 7, the Club faced MSU with an unfortunate 14-8 loss.

"Until tonight we have never loss to MSU, but this one didn't hurt. We came out and played like a team tonight, our focus this season is to build a program, and we gained a lot of respect tonight," said head coach Gregg Garrett.

Towbey Kassa, the captain, led OU with three goals and two assists, and Todd Miodek added two goals.

Jess Vandermass, Paul Hornung and Sean Penzian each added to OU's score with one goal a piece.

Dan Cashman helped the Golden Grizzlies with 11 saves.

OU was first to set the stage by scoring

first, but MSU came back by scoring three goals.

In the fourth quarter, OU and MSU each scored one a piece. But by the end of the fourth MSU pulled away for the win.

"A few errors during key plays really hurt us, but we made a name for OU tonight," said Garrett.

On Saturday, OU came back facing Purdue University for a win.

Kassa led OU again with seven goals and three assists, Miodek also had seven goals.

Justin Suarez and Sean Penzian each had three goals a piece, with Suarez having three assists.

Dan Marcus and Brandon Oblinger each ran away with one goal and one assist.

Cashman again saved the Golden Grizzlies ending the game with ten saves.

Except for the third quarter, OU controlled the boilermakers through the game. The game marked OU's first win against a CCLA Division I team, which is very important during league voting next fall. OU moves from associate stat-

ues to full membership in this national league.

"With a slow first half, we showed who we really were by pulling out to a strong lead in the second half. The key to the win was working as a team, and being patient," said Kassa.

The Golden Grizzlies swung back into action on Sunday against Virginia Tech University.

"Coming off such a big win, this young team loss the focus that they needed for a game of this caliber. In time, problems like this can be avoided. It's a growing pain--all teams have them," said assistant coach Karl Bunker.

From the start of the game the grizzlies had their heads down. They acted as spectators as Virginia Tech showed them what a long term program can do.

Virginia Tech's team has been established over 35 years and in this game

they showed it.

Late in the fourth OU came back and scored three goals to add to the one they earned early in the first.

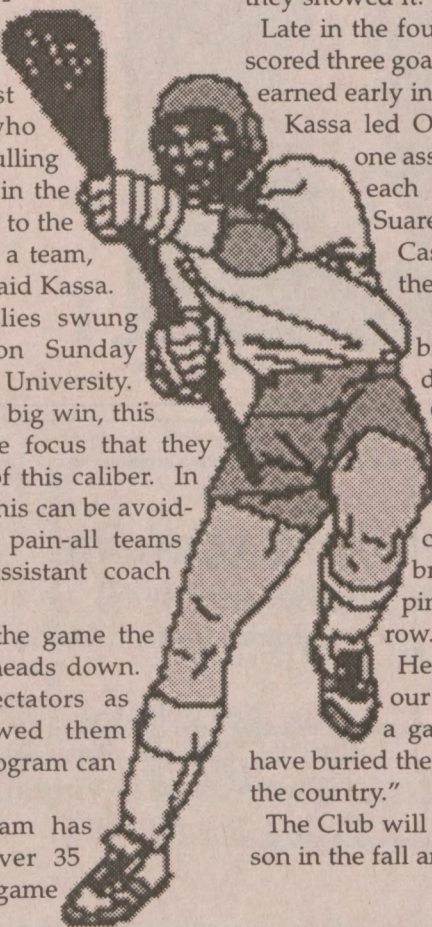
Kassa led OU with two goals and one assist. Miodek and Suarez each added one goal with Suarez having one assist.

Cashman had 32 saves by the end of the game.

Garrett said, "The only bright spot in this deep disaster was Dan Cashman. His impressive performance in the goal showed the depth that our team can have. He was a brick wall at times, stopping multiple shots in a row."

He went on saying, "If all our players could have had a game like his, we would have buried the seventh ranked team in the country."

The Club will be continuing their season in the fall and spring of 2000.



OU blader rolls; prepares for championship

By ZVONKO BLAZEWSKI
Staff Writer

In-line skating is a new phenomena that is gaining popularity in the United States. There is even some talk about including it as an Olympic sport for the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

If that was to occur, OU's Glynda Mikolajewski would be ready to compete at an Olympic level.

That is because Mikolajewski, a junior physical therapy student, grew up in-line skating and has gained valuable experience in big competitions.

Over Easter weekend, April 2-4, Mikolajewski competed in the Cheesehead Invitational in Wisconsin and won the 500 and 2000 meter speed skating events to receive first place at the invitational for the senior ladies group. The seniors ladies includes women from the ages of 18 to 26.

Mikolajewski also won the 300 meter speed skating event, which was open to all women involved in the invitational.

Originally from Piqua, Ohio, Mikolajewski at the age of three watched her brother, Joe, as a speed skater.

Mikolajewski began on roller skates at 3-years-old, but switched over to in-lines five years ago.

"My brother was a skater and I

would watch him practice," said Mikolajewski regarding why she chose to pursue speed skating. "It seemed like it was fun, so I tried it."

Mikolajewski skated for the Ohio Thunder, an in-line skating club. Her father, Stephen was one of the coaches for 16 years.

Her father and brother remain involved with the Ohio Thunder.

"One day he began helping out with the team," she said.

Mikolajewski described her first ever speed skating race.

"I did not know if I had won or not. Someone went up to me and told me I had won."

Mikolajewski moved to her present day club, the Great Skate Wolverine Club under coach Robb Dunn and assistant coach Jay Ingram, because she had begun to attend OU.

Great Skate is located in Roseville and has had a tradition of training world champions.

Mikolajewski's training is an intense program that she does almost year round. She takes only September off.

Mikolajewski practices five days a week.

Each practice usually lasts from two to three hours. She works on speed skating and endurance by practicing speed skating drills, biking, the stair climber and cross training.

"I started skating because I was brought up doing it," said

Mikolajewski. "It is competitive. I like to compete and see how fast I can go."

Mikolajewski's role models were the older skaters on the Ohio Thunder team and her parents.

"My parents (Stephen and Lavonna) were supportive of everything," said Mikolajewski. "They have helped me become the skater I have become."

Mikolajewski competes five to six times a year and will be attending in August, the National Championship of Speed Roller Skating in Syracuse, New York.

Mikolajewski finished fourth overall last year at nationals and finished second two years ago.

Mikolajewski has entered each event feeling that victory comes to those who are ready.

"Preparation includes confidence," said Mikolajewski. "I prepare to do my best because anyone on any given day can beat me."

As for the in-line skating being an Olympic sport, things are still being debated from within the IOC.

"They invited us to the Olympic Training Center," said Mikolajewski. "It is money and politics that it has not become a sport yet."

After graduation she hopes to work with athletes in recovering injuries and continue skating.

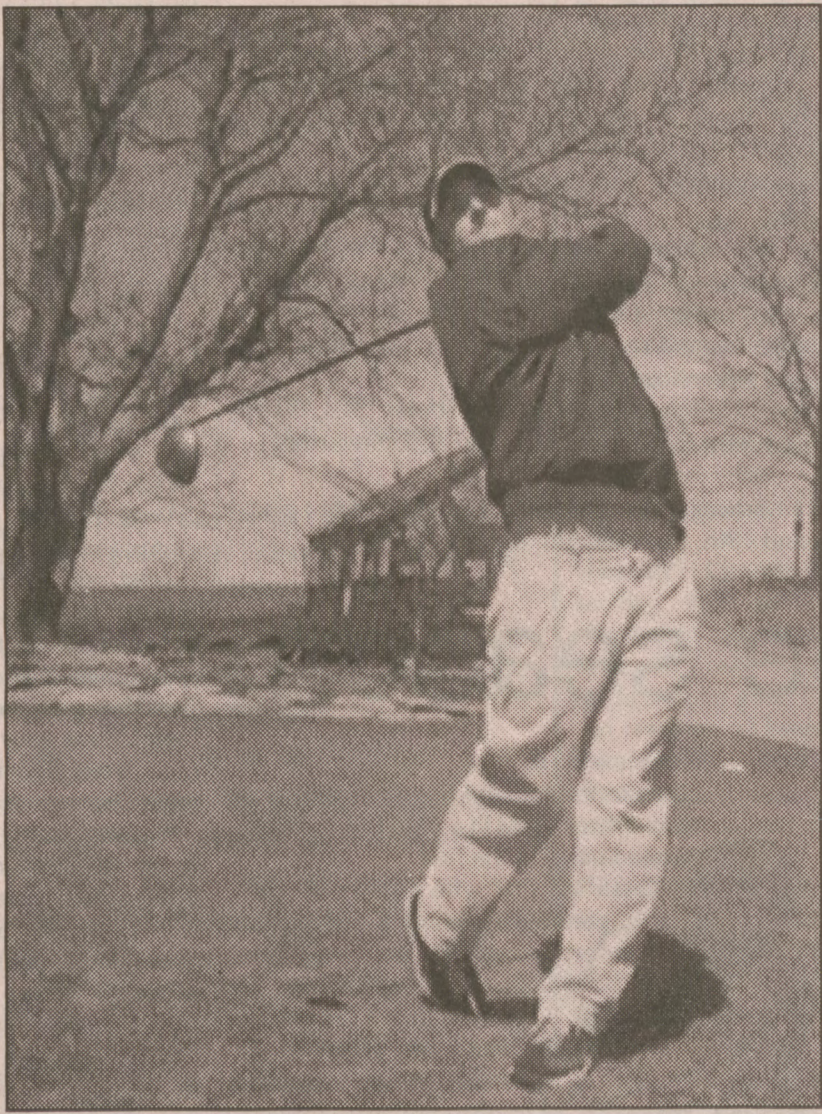


Post Photo supplied by Glynda Mikolajewski

BIG WHEELS ROLLING: OU student, Glynda Mikolajewski rolls her way to success. Here she skated to victory at a Fresno, California competition, August 1998.

Spotlight on the Black & Gold

GARY ROBINSON MEN'S GOLF TEAM



Post Photo/Lisa Borich

By MIKE ROBBERTSON
Staff Writer

Since the time he could walk, Gary Robinson has had golf flowing through his veins. Growing up as the son of a golf pro, Robinson was exposed to golfing at a very young age. Born in Grand Rapids, and raised in Jackson, Robinson in a true Michigander.

It was while Robinson was living in Jackson when he developed his taste for golfing. His father was the local pro at Arbor Hills Country Club, which was directly across the street from where he grew up. Since he can remember, Robinson was taken out on the course with his father to learn the game.

By the time Robinson was 11- years- old, he was winning the country club tournament. At 13 he participated in his first state tournament, where he shot his lifetime best round at the time, of 76 strokes and finished second.

Throughout high school, Robinson continued to improve on his golfing game, and by the end of his senior year he had a number of local universities interested in his service. He choose to attend University of Detroit Mercy for his freshman year.

After a disappointing first year at University of Detroit Mercy, Robinson decided that he needed a change. Once Robinson obtained his athletic release from University of Detroit Mercy, Robinson contacted OU Head coach Dave DeWulf. DeWulf told Robinson that if he wanted, there were some spots opening on his team, due to the departure of seniors.

After taking a little time to contemplate his possibilities, Robinson decided to transfer to OU.

Robinson red shirted his first season at OU, in the hopes of the coach and himself, to build a stronger team. Which eventually would compete for the conference title, once the move to Division I was complete.

At the beginning of his second season of eligibility, as a scholarship athlete, Robinson was forced to challenge University policy. Being a vegan (no eating of meat or dairy products), Robinson had to move off campus because the university was not meeting his dietary needs. The one hitch was that scholarship athletes are required to live on campus.

With a little arduous work and persistence, Robinson was granted access to live off campus by the University's Athletic Department.

Since the beginning of the 1999 season Robinson has led the team in scoring, competing in three tournaments thus far, Robinson best finish has been 11th.

"I would personally like to win a tournament this year, that is my goal at least," Robinson said. As far as next year goes Robinson has different plans for himself and the team.

Robinson said, "Next year I want to win conference as a team, that way we would get a bid to the NCAA Division I Regional Tournament. That is my ultimate goal."

As far as academics go Robinson excels in this area too. Majoring in Psychology and Philosophy, Robinson maintains a 3.4 overall GPA.

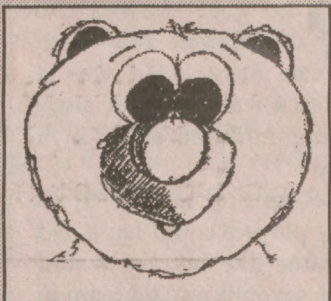
"Psychology is what I want to do after I am done with school, Philosophy is just for fun," said Robinson.

Once Robinson has completed collegiate competition, he hopes to make the Professional Golfers Association (P.G.A Tour).

"If the P.G.A. thing doesn't work then I will try Psychology," chuckles Robinson, "but I am not exactly sure which field of study I would concentrate on."

Although Robinson isn't sure if he will be a pro golfer or a doctor, with such a strong work ethic and desire to be the best, whatever he chooses he is bound to succeed.

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- The men lost to Michigan State, 8-14, on April 7.
- The men defeated Purdue, 22-9, on April 10.
- The men lost to Virginia Tech, 4-25, on April 11.

BASEBALL

- The men defeated Siena Heights, 15-10, on April 7.
- The men defeated Rochester College, 8-3, on April 8.

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

- OU hosts Rochester College at 4 p.m. on the 15th.
- OU hosts Chicago State the 17th and 18th.
- OU hosts Hillsdale at 4 p.m. on the 20th.
- OU at U-M at 3 p.m., today.

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Concerts

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Clutch Cargo's isn't the only place to go to hear new music.

A new link in the music circuit opened on Saginaw Street in Pontiac. The Blue Note, (formerly Gargoyles coffee house) gave owner Rob Cogswell a chance to give up-and-coming musicians a proper forum.

Fridays host Reggae revelers Lee Weiss and Johnathan Motely.

Sundays are open mic night.

"With the new ownership it's a new vibe. It's a new place to hear music, but it's a coffee shop if you get tired of bars," said Weiss.

Matt Morrow played a set April 11 while he was in town. He said that he likes the coffee house circuit, because he can focus on his original music and still pay tribute to his idols.

Other places to check out for live music are 24-Carat (Detroit), 7th House, JD's Key Club and the Shelter (all in downtown Pontiac), St. Andrew's Hall (Detroit) and Hill Auditorium (Ann Arbor).

"Big Rude Jake" will be at the Mill Street Entry of Clutch Cargos April 17.

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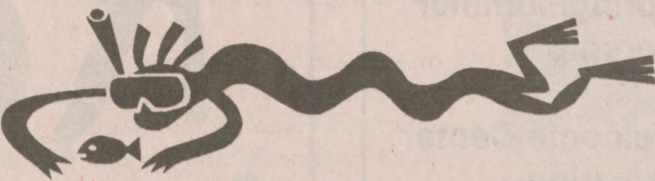
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LEAD STORIES

— The Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority in Glasgow, Scotland, announced a cutback in services in March because there was only one sperm donor left in the city, and even he will face mandatory retirement after 10 pregnancies. Although the donor was not identified or described, officials warned couples to lower their expectations about their genetic choices.

— In March, the Seattle Police Department ordered the 26 employees in its fingerprint unit to attend a mandatory, half-hour safety class in how to sit down. Recently, three of the units employees had filed worker compensation claims for injuries that occurred as they were attempting to sit in chairs with rollers. The proper technique, according to an internal memo, is, "Take hold of the arms and get control of the chair before sitting down."

— Only in California: In March, the Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School in Palo Alto began offering sushi (a vegetarian version, wrapped in seaweed) in its lunchroom on Wednesdays.

LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS

— Constable Carol Hashimoto told the Edmonton Journal in January that she had recently ministered to, over the phone, a man who was severely quilt-racked that he had driven home to Valleyview, Alberta, four hours away, without his driver's license, which he had accidentally left in an Edmonton hotel room. And in Charlotte, N.C., at his February sentencing for laundering money others had taken in a robbery, John Calvin Hodge Sr., 69, revealed that indeed he had declared his \$40,000 laundering fee on his IRS return and had paid the tax on it.

NEW FRONTIERS IN BEARING ARMS

— William L. Straiter, 26, was arrested in Durham, N.C., in December and charged with robbing the Centura Bank. The robber had presented a teller with a note demanding money and containing a finely detailed drawing of a gun, but Straiter did not actually have a gun and was not charged with armed robbery. However, Terry Williams, 23, was arrested in Oakland, Calif., in March after a road-rage collision in which he allegedly clasped his empty hands as if he had a gun, pointed at the other driver and yelled "Bang!" The prosecutor charged Williams with making a terroristic threat, in that his gesture would likely "provoke a retaliatory response from someone with a weapon."

GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

— The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced in February that it would scale back its terrorist-combating safety inspections of nuclear power plants, despite the fact that the companies fail inspections about half the time and that in 14 - 57 inspections since 1991, the breaches have been so severe that terrorists could have caused a core meltdown. (Furthermore, in each inspection, the power company even knew the exact date of the "surprise" inspection, although it did not know exactly what area or tactic the NRC would use to test the plant's security.)

— In November, the mayor of South Gate, Calif., adjacent to Los Angeles, proposed an ordinance banning the colors "wild orange, rose, lavender and turquoise" on houses. One resident said he'd paint over his colorful house only if the mayor had a good reason, "like if cars were crashing into each other because the drivers were looking at (my house). Or if it hurt people's eyes."

However, in January, the Joliet (Ill.) City Council passed an ordinance requiring builders to make houses less boring by mixing up their aesthetic features and colors. Said City Councilor Joseph Shetina, who supported the ordinance because too many row houses look alike: "(Y)ou go home drunk, and you'd never know which house was yours."

— In October, Washington State Ferries, over the protests of left-behind travelers, announced it would cut back the number of walk-on customers it would accept between Vashon Island and Seattle from 250 to 230 because of insufficient bench seating. The benches' 250-capacity was determined by the 50-year-old standard of 18 inches per person, but according to spokeswoman Susan Harris-Heuther, "It's just not realistic. We have all expanded, and 18-inch butts are a thing of the past."

— A February Associated Press report described the 18-point, government-designed tests that injured Israeli housewives must fail before they can be granted disability payments. A medical exam by itself can prove disability for any other occupation, but married female homemakers (men and single women are not eligible for disabled-homemaker status) must step into a simulated home and, in front of three officials, show that they cannot wash or iron laundry, mop the floor or slice bread, among other tasks.

— In March, the animal control officer of Pickens County, S.C., threatened to enforce a county snake-handling ordinance against collector Roy Cox, proprietor of the Reptiles of the World exhibit of rattlesnakes, boa constrictors and cobras. Cox, said the officer, needs a county license, which he can get only if he has federal and state reptile-handling permits. However, as an Associated Press reporter pointed out to the officer after investigating, no federal or South Carolina agency issues any such thing as a reptile permit.

RECURRING THEME

— In February, a 17-year-old, 300-pound girl in Baltimore had a benign ovarian tumor the size of a beach ball and weighing 80 pounds removed at Franklin Square Hospital Center. Four people were needed to carry the tumor out of the operating room. Three weeks later in nearby Lancaster, Pa., a 52-year-old woman had a 75-pound benign tumor removed. The largest ever reported which made News of the Weird in 1991, was the 303-pound cyst taken from a 34-year-old, 513-pound woman at Stanford University Medical Center.

THE ONLY WAY OUT

— A 46-year-old bass-baritone for the Cleveland Opera hanged himself in December, reportedly distraught over a bad rehearsal for "Lucia di Lammermoor." And a 53-year-old man shot himself to death in Anderson, Ind., in January because, according to a 911 tape, he thought his wife was having an affair on the Internet. And in November, a 26-year-old man in southern Thailand leaped from a sixth-floor window to his death, reportedly because his wife had refused to let the two additional wives he had just brought home stay with the couple.

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