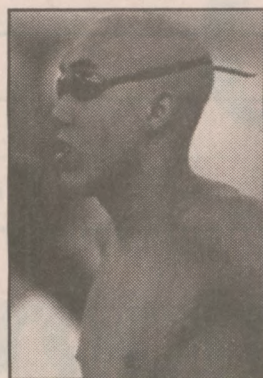


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• Elections for Student Congress president, vice president and legislators start Monday and run through Wednesday. To vote online, visit www.oakland.edu/voteou. The website also contains information about each of the four teams running for office. Students can write in candidates online, as well.

• Disability Awareness Day is next Tuesday. Discussions on American Sign Language, architectural barriers, assistive technology and physical access will take place from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Oakland Center.

• Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute will be offering a beginning Tai Chi Chu'an class in the spring and summer. Tai Chi is a martial arts-based practice that is said to improve joint mobility and improve coordination. The class will be offered at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays.

• Today is the first day of spring. To celebrate, "Flash for Cash," where flash-fiction writing contest winners will read their entries will be at noon today in room 126, OC. First place winner Meredith Grahl will read her story "And the Angels Sing."

Fire Alarm Totals:
• Since January, there have been 18 false fire alarm incidents in the residence halls. Two were reported this week.

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Some faculty numbers left out

By Melinda Parker
THE OAKLAND POST

Less than a month after the student directory was shredded due to a database error, the newly released 2001-2002 faculty/staff directory is under fire.

The directory, released last week, excluded some faculty including all part time faculty and a number of full time faculty. The directory also excluded all home addresses, home numbers and some office phone numbers.

According to Theresa Rowe, director of information systems,

back in October, a form was given out to all of the faculty and staff on campus that asked for their phone numbers both here on campus, as well as their home phone numbers and email address.

"If they failed to resubmit the form, they were not included in

the directory," she said.

But many special instructors, and all special lecturers (who are part-time but hired for the full year under the faculty contract) were excluded even if their forms were returned.

Rowe said it was decided a year ago that addresses are not

going to be printed in future directories "so I didn't include them."

Rowe said OU is trying to put more information, like the faculty and staff numbers, on the website because of the high cost

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NCAA dream over, for now

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Oakland Post

Beer Lake drained for bridge work

Campus wonders what's at bottom

By Ann Zaniewski
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Beer Lake's muddy shoreline grew considerably last week when Campus Facilities and Operations drained two-and-half million gallons of water.

The drainage was necessary so structural engineers could inspect the bridge that connects Vandenberg Hall with the rest of campus.

University Engineer Simon Ren said the partial drain is only temporary, but in June the entire lake will be emptied as major bridge repairs and extensive landscaping work is completed. "We're planning on repairing the pedestrian bridge this summer," he said. "The deterioration is starting to accelerate." According to Ren, the steel



DRAINED: 2.5 million gallons of water was drained from Beer Lake. poles that make up the bridge's structural framework are beginning to rust through the cement, causing pieces to flake off. Last year, Campus Facilities and Operations commissioned

the engineering firm McClurg & Associates to inspect the bridge. The engineers deemed it structurally safe but found framework situation could cause serious

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Debates turn ugly, personal

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

Although the Student Congress debates held Monday began with student body presidential candidates outlining their platforms and goals, it degenerated into the candidates taking jabs at one another and defending themselves from accusations.

Beginning with their opening statements, the candidates gave the audience of more than 100 people in Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center an overview of their campaign platforms, which overwhelmingly deal with parking problems, student housing, student participation on campus and technological advances for OU.

"College is about getting an educational experience. It's not just about getting an education," said candidate Brian Tomina, senior, political science, regarding his goal to

make OU more of a traditional university.

Tomina and running mate Michelle Jamian, junior, political science and French, also discussed goals such as helping solve the parking problem and getting more student housing on campus, including Greek housing.

Presidential candidate Kristina Ivanovic, senior, political science and communication, spoke mainly about wanting to voice any strong student opinions to administrative figures on campus. She said that she, along with running mate Kenton Lewis, sophomore, biochemistry, want to use their experience on Congress to benefit the student body.

"I just want to make it very clear to you that I am not here to make promises to you that I cannot keep," Ivanovic said. "I know what the roles of student

DEBATE continues on A4

Provost shares research findings

Moudgil's colloquium addresses hormone therapy, prevention

By Pam Avoledo
THE OAKLAND POST

Nearly 40,000 women will die from breast cancer, one of the most common cancers that affect women today, in 2002.

Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and provost, addressed this concern at the President's Colloquium held last Wednesday in the Oakland Center.

During his presentation "Hormones and Health Disease," he talked about the causes of breast cancer and provided new facts he found during his research.

Moudgil, recognized for his contributions to cancer research, has been working with progesterone and its major functions in reproduction for 32 years. Breast cancer research was an area he was constantly interested in but didn't start studying until the late '80s.

"I was interested in the normal cell from the unhealthy cells in breast cancer to see what caused it. If we understand the mechanism of how cancer spreads, we're in a better position to control it," he

said.

Moudgil opened his lecture explaining how significant hormones are in nature.

"Hormones are everywhere. In the antlers of the deer, the beak of a bird. Those are hormones at work," Moudgil said.

The hormones he paid the most attention were estrogen and progesterone, which he said were both focuses of his research. He explained how these hormones work as receptors and target cells in the breast, uterus and heart. Overgrowth of these cells can occur, which can lead to cancer. "Estrogen does not cause cancer. It can only promote it. If the cells are unhealthy, it can aggravate the condition," Moudgil said.

Statistics show that every year 10 million new cases of cancer are reported. One in three will get the disease and one in four will die.

Age is a major factor in contracting breast cancer, according to Moudgil.

"Age is a big risk factor. It grows with advancing age," Moudgil said.

The statistics are lower for

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Classrooms making the grade

By Marianne Poulin
THE OAKLAND POST

Keeping up with the trend of technology, OU is advancing in the classroom with more sophisticated equipment. However, tight budgets and other needs by academic units may slow down the process.

George Preisinger, manager of the Instructional Tech Center, presented an outline of the classrooms on campus at the Feb. 14 OU Senate meeting.

Currently there are 89 general-purpose classrooms on campus. Each room is classified as a level one, two, three or four, based on the audio visual, video or computer equipment

installed in the room. Currently 76 classrooms are designed as level one or level two. Only 13 classrooms on campus are designated level three or four.

Elliot Hall was built with technology in mind. All of the classrooms are either level three or four.

"When Elliot Hall opened a year ago, faculty started using the level three classrooms and they were also teaching in level one rooms (in other buildings), Preisinger said. "The faculty has adapted to the ease of the level three classrooms. The requests for the level three classrooms now exceed the resources. Growth and demand are only going to increase."

Brandon Marineau, junior,

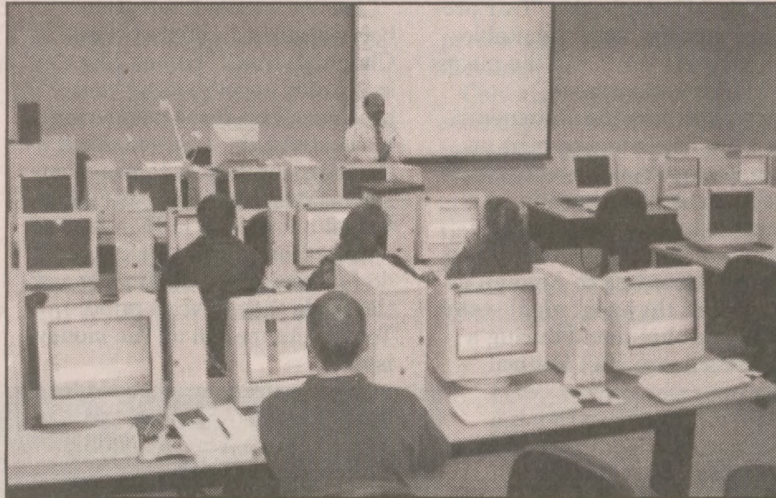
accounting, said he likes the use of technology in the classroom. He had MIS 200 in one of the O'Dowd Hall classrooms hooked up with the video data projector, a level two classroom.

"It was easier to learn," Marineau said. "The students are immersed in it better, and it helped the professor explain what he wanted to say to students."

Marineau explained that the professor had every lesson prepared and students could use his website to check the syllabus or work with other students through email.

"If you had a question, you'd type it up, put it on the forum

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MOVIN' ON UP: A recent presentation on OU's technology highlighted several campus computer labs like this one in BIT.

NEWS COLUMN



Juan Torres

Columnist

What is Terrorism?

Terrorism. It is a word that we have all become much too familiar with in recent months, but do we truly understand what the word means?

Most of us derive our definition of the word from what we hear on TV everyday and what we all saw that most heinous September morning that filled our heads with images of innocent people meeting their deaths.

Now, I challenge you to step back for just a moment, all biases aside, and look at the true meaning of the word.

Webster's Dictionary defines terrorism as a "systematic use of terror as means of coercion; creating an atmosphere of threat and violence."

From that rather broad definition, could we say any military action towards a nation is terrorism?

Let's be sympathetic for a moment and look at our current "War On Terror" through the eyes of others.

Maybe a resident of Afghanistan, someone who has been bombarded with U.S. sanctions for the past few months, or better yet stand a day in the shoes of an Iraq citizen, a person who has had their homeland converted into a wasteland, as a result of nearly a decade of US sanctions.

So where do you draw the line between "just" military action and terrorism? We are all familiar by now with the phrase, "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter."

Here, in the great land of America we have deemed our troops to be our own personal freedom fighters.

Proud parents are willingly sending their children off to war, "army men" has become the popular game of choice amongst American children, and every time you turn around there is a new war flick, starring the latest big name multi-million dollar actor.

We say these brave troops are our hero's, defending the American way, fighting for our integrity, and defending our homeland.

But isn't that what the Palestinians claim they are doing (who are fighting Israeli forces), the Israelis (who are fighting Palestinian forces) or even the dreadful al Qaida network (who are fighting US forces)?

Day in and day out President Bush reassures our conscious by telling us we are the good guys, a nation of peace. He has even gone as far as sending Vice President, Dick Cheney on a 10 day, 11 nation Mideast Tour where he is rallying support for our military actions, which to date includes the bombing of one of the poorest nations on the face of this planet, a realization that there are now three "axis of evil" countries (North Korea, Iraq and Iran) and a thrusting of the Iraqi people fate in the air until their "leader" decides to conform to UN (United Nations) weapons inspections.

Maybe I am just too open minded or too radical. But it seems pretty obvious to me there are some serious problems going on in the Middle East and around our world that we as a nation have more roles in than most of us can even comprehend.

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Reporter, author speaks to classes

By Susan Bromley
THE OAKLAND POST

When Brenda Flanagan, author of "You Alone Are Dancing," is asked what the biggest obstacle to becoming a writer is, she answers bluntly, "publishers" and then laughs.

But it is not a joke for her, and she has had more hurdles than most on the road to getting published.

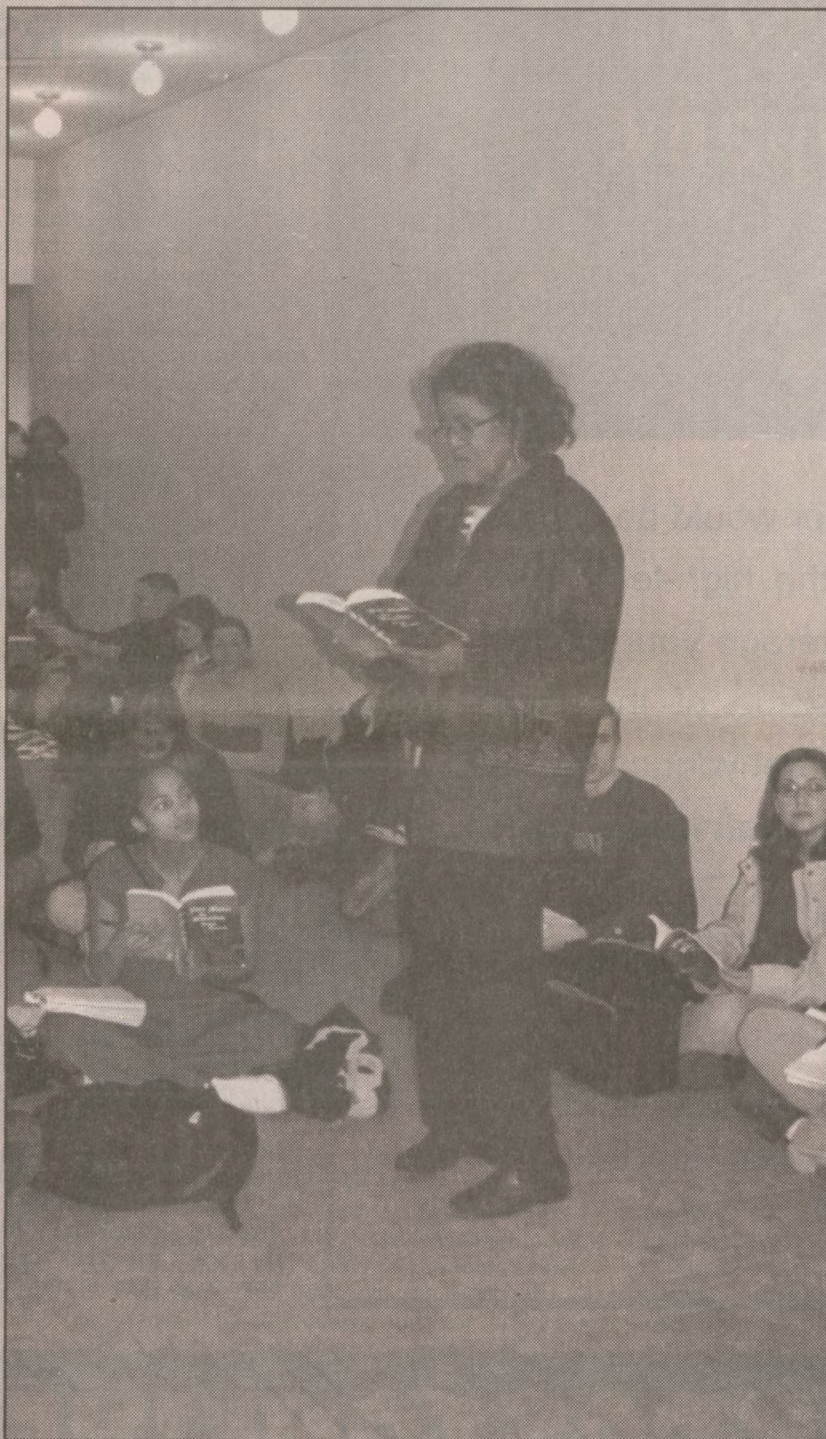
Flanagan was on campus Monday and Tuesday, doing readings from her work, giving a fiction workshop and also speaking to some English classes about her novel and life experiences.

Her novel is set on a fictitious island in the Caribbean and is about the struggles the people of that island face, particularly the political struggles. The story focuses on two main characters, Beatrice and Sonny, and the struggles they face.

The story is "semi-autobiographical" for Flanagan, who is a native of Trinidad. Growing up there, Flanagan said she began writing at the age of four and always knew that she wanted to be a writer. However, while growing up she said she was never able to tell anyone that she wanted to be a writer, "because they'd think I was mad."

According to Flanagan, Trinidad didn't have publishing houses, and people had to leave the country in order to get published.

Flanagan was one of 14 children and was one of the first girls in Trinidad to beat pan (a steel drum). By her own account, she was a "wild girl" and said she was often in a lot of trouble with her



Susan Bromley/The Oakland Post
BEYOND BOUNDARIES: Brenda Flanagan shared her passion for fiction with students Monday and Tuesday during special workshops.

mother.

Flanagan was a reporter for *The Nation Newspaper*, a newspaper in Trinidad which belonged to the People's National Movement. She saved money to come to the U.S. and arrived when she was 18-

years-old.

She attended Eastern Michigan University and wrote the story "Shango," which is based on one of her sisters. She turned the story in for an English class and the professor

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Feminist Naomi Wolf visits campus

By Ashlyn Cates
THE OAKLAND POST

OU prides itself on being a campus that exposes its students to diversity and realistic perspectives on life—and what better way to do that than to bring in one of the most well-known figures in the modern feminist movement—

Naomi Wolf.

Wolf will be giving a free student lecture at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 25 in Meadow Brook Theatre. The lecture is sponsored by the Student Life Lecture Board.

Paul Franklin, the Coordinator of Campus Programs for the Center for Student Activities, was instrumental in bringing Wolf to speak on

campus.

"Naomi Wolf is a leading feminist author who is popular, current, and controversial," he said. "We endeavor to bring in experts who make things happen. We want students to ask questions and be challenged."

Wolf will be speaking on feminism

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CRIME WATCH

• A 19-year-old Vandenberg Hall resident told OU police she was sexually assaulted in her dorm room by a male student between 4:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 8. Lt. Mel Gilroy, OUPD, said it is under investigation.

• A female staff member in Varner Hall reported that a suspicious envelope was delivered to her on Thursday. The letter

was addressed incorrectly and sent through campus mail. OUPD notified the FBI.

• On Monday, March 11 in the Vandenberg Hall cafeteria, two female students, ages 18 and 19, were fighting with each other over a position in the dinner line. One student reportedly stepped out of line to retrieve her tray from the other side of the room and asked her friend to

hold her place in line. When she came back, another student was unhappy about her taking cuts, which led to each woman striking the other in the face and yelling. The Aramark supervisor stopped the fight, according to the report, and OUPD was called. The case is currently under investigation.

• A female student, 20, filed a complaint against her alleged

abusive non-student 21-year-old boyfriend Sunday. The student told OUPD that on March 16 her boyfriend visited her in North Hamlin and they began to argue. It escalated when she threw a shampoo bottle at her boyfriend, and he allegedly retaliated by slapping her. The student told OUPD that this has been going on since they first started dating in February 2001. The case is under investigation.

• OUPD responded to two more false fire alarms in East Vandenberg Hall last week. Students were evacuated from the buildings at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday.

• A fire alarm was also pulled in the Science and Engineering Building on Friday at about 9 a.m.

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body president are. I can guarantee you that I will be here to take in your comments, take in your concerns and make sure they are voiced to the right authorities."

Presidential candidate Avis Choulagh, junior, political science and communication, focused his opening statements on addressing students' problems and more interaction between students on campus. Choulagh and running mate Elvis Saloum, junior, MIS, consider themselves loyal and hope to use that to the student body's advantage.

"Elvis and I want to address students' problems. We want to investigate the problems. We want to see how we can solve these problems," Choulagh said. "The future of OU lies within us, the students."

Candidate Amir Emami, junior, health science, discussed many plans he and running mate Matthew Fionda, sophomore, business, have for OU in the

near future.

Complete with a drawing of one possibility, parking plans were one of Emami's main points, as well as solving the problem of expensive books, improving the library and beginning a recycling program.

"We have a long list of things we'd like to do which are very feasible," Emami said. "Our programs are very implementable. We have the ways and the means to do what we promise."

After the opening statements, the debates started to heat up, with Emami making a comment about one of the issues in Ivanovic and Lewis' platform, night watch alternatives for the dorms. According to Emami, he heard that they said night watch should be eliminated during a past Residence Hall Council meeting.

In her rebuttal to Emami, Ivanovic defended her and Lewis' position on the issue.

"Amir, I did not want to be neg-

ative, but you were not even at the meeting. So, do not quote me on things that I did not say. And just because your running mate said that I said it, does not mean that I did," Ivanovic said.

Soon after, comments were being made on all the promises each candidate was making to the student body.

"I sense a little frustration between the candidates here," Choulagh said. "I'd just like to say, Amir, I was reading your brochure, and I was wondering what kind of budget you think we have. According to my calculations, I was thinking it's going to cost about 5-10 million bucks."

After Emami said OUSC could do fund raisers to attain some of the goals they have in mind, Tomina jumped in on the money issue.

"Fund raisers are a good idea, but I don't know how you're going to raise five or 10 million dollars, according to Avis," he said.

Emami, again defending his position, said that "if providing the student body with the truth is insulting, then I must be the meanest person alive."

After the candidates finished bickering about money, the issue of whether or not living on campus is important for a good student body president came up.

"I have a problem with people who don't live on campus making promises for campus housing," Emami said. "If you don't live on campus, you can't really get a grasp on what's going on."

In defense, Tomina said that 80 percent of the students on campus commute, and even though many students do live on campus, it is important to relate to everyone.

After the disagreement died down, the candidates got back to plugging themselves, and experience on Congress was a big factor in why the candidates thought they were the most qualified.

"Being involved with Congress

for three years, I understand how the bureaucracy works at OU," Tomina said. "Therefore, Michelle and I are not focusing on goals that cannot be accomplished."

Ivanovic agreed that it is important to not make promises that can't be attained by the student body president.

"This is not the position of president of the university," Ivanovic said. "This is student body president. I'm here to voice your opinions, to listen to you and to run Congress with Kenton Lewis on my side."

Choulagh said that he hopes to use loyalty and commitment to do the best job possible.

According to his theory, "hard work and dedication is always the biggest thing. It pays off in the end."

Emami jumped right back into his goals for OU and, ignoring the prior insults about money, announced exactly what he wants to see in the future.

"The Oakland University of the future that I envision is one where students can be proud to come. I hope that one day, OU

can be recognized as one of not only the nation's best schools, but one of the best in the world," Emami said.

Political science professor John Klemanski, who teaches a campaign management class, attended the debate and said he thought it went pretty well.

"The big thing is how you contrast yourself with your opponents, and I think that happened sometimes, but not always," Klemanski said.

"I think the candidates were realistic in trying to caution the students about what the president of Student Congress could actually accomplish. I think that's useful because a lot of times, there's a tendency to make a lot of promises that they really can't do anything about because they don't have that power."

Elections will be held online March 25-27. To vote, visit www.oakland.edu/voteou and log in using your student ID number and PIN number (the same as online registration). Platforms can be read online by clicking on the candidate's name.

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of printing, which is paid for by student tuition.

One staff member said she disagreed with the notion of putting all the information strictly on the web due to how unreliable OU's server is.

Sheryl Klemanski, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, explained that it is difficult to put part time faculty and staff in the directory because they are hired per semester or per year, and it is often unknown as to whether or not they will be returning.

However, part time faculty/staff were still given forms to be filled out.

A special lecturer, who asked to remain anonymous, said she remembered filling out a form last year before Christmas. She handed it in to a person in the Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism department with every intention of having her name printed. Yet she is not listed in the directory.

Joel Russell, professor of chemistry and faculty senator, whose name appears in the directory without any office phone number said, "(The Telecommunications Department) sends out notices to update your information for the directory, and I turned it in to my department, but they said they said they never received it."

"I think they sabotaged the directory intentionally, because they want to make everyone have to go turn on their comput-

ers in order to look up a number instead of just reading it out of a book."

Shea Howell, chair of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism, said the directory was something that people put a lot of work in, but it turned out to "not be a very useful document."

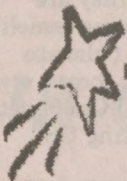
Howell said it would have been a lot easier if OU had sent out a memo asking if there were any changes that needed to be made to their information from the previous directory instead of doing it the way it did, which was centralizing the information off computer databases.

Tracy Goodsell, senior, MIS, working at the Reception Desk in Hamlin Hall, noted that the new directory is worthless to the information desks campus-wide.

"Any mail to those part time faculty that may be indirectly brought to the dorms will be automatically stamped 'Return to Sender' because they won't be listed in any of our books," Goodsell said. "As a student myself, I find this incredibly inconvenient. I have two classes that are taught by part time faculty, and I think it's important to have them listed in case I have questions."

Thursday, the OU Senate passed a motion to print a complete faculty/staff directory next year. By May the online directory will be completely updated, according to Klemanski.

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"Women Sustaining the American Spirit"

"Women Sustaining the American Spirit" is the theme for National Women's History Month 2002. The month of March is devoted "to showcase the diverse and interlocking stories of women who have created and affirmed the American spirit." We celebrate all Oakland University women whose lives exemplify the American spirit as well. Events scheduled for the coming week are:

Wednesday, March 20
Women's Health Issues: "The Truth and Myths about Depression"
Speaker: Dr. Pamela Warner, Psychologist & Coordinator of Substance Abuse Services, OU Counseling Center
Co-sponsored with Women of OU
Noon-1:00 p.m.
Heritage Room, OC

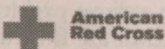
Thursday, March 21
10th Annual Phyllis Law Googasian Award Luncheon
Honoree: Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs
Keynote Address: Dr. Mary Otto, Dean of the School of Education and Human Services
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Gold Rooms, OC
Reservations required. Contact Laura Scharfman, 511 O'Dowd Hall, x2387.

Friday, March 22
An Evening with The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senator from Michigan
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fireside Lounge, OC

Monday, March 25-Friday, March 29
"Who Am I?" Contest... to identify women who have created the American spirit
Grand Prize: Autographed copies of the book "Beauty Myth, Misconceptions, and Fire with Naomi Wolf"
Entry forms available at the CSA Office, 49 OC; Office of Equity, 121 NFH; Reception Desks at Campus Recreation, Hamlin Hall, Vandenberg Hall and Kresge Library; 20/20 Information Center, OC; and Women's Studies Office, 521 Varner, starting Monday, March 25.

AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

- Reservations for:**
- Afro-Cuban Dance Party at EMU (April 6)
 - Lord of the Dance (April 7)
 - Copenhagen (April 15)
(Special on stage seating available)
 - Music Man (April 18 and 21)
 - Champions on Ice (April 27)
 - Otello (Opera by Verdi) (April 28)
 - Riverdance (May 5)
 - Proof (May 12)
 - Marriage of Figaro (May 21)
- Tickets for:**
- Business Etiquette Dinner (March 25)
 - Women's Issues Forum Production of "Vagina Monologues" (April 12 & 13)
- Sign-up for:**
- SPB OU Open Golf Outing (April 20)



The Drive to 1000!

The Red Cross collected 204 pints of blood at the OU Winter Blood Drive, totalling 550 pints of blood so far for the academic year! For the Spring and Summer Blood Drives, we need to collect 450 pints of blood to reach 1000 pints for the year! That means 115 pints a day for four days! Spring Blood Drive is April 1-3 and the Summer Blood Drive is June 1-3. Help save lives and donate blood! To make an appointment online go to: <http://giveblood.redcross.org> As you use the on-line sign-up, Oakland University is the sponsor and OUBLOOD is the access code.

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Candidate under fire at meeting

Tomina vows to dedicate more time

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

In a question and answer session after the formal Student Congress debates Monday, presidential candidate Brian Tomina, senior, political science,

was asked about a disciplinary issue regarding his current position as research and review chair on Congress.

In response to the question, Tomina said, "I let a few things slip through the cracks, which is probably not the best thing to

say. I left a meeting, and I shouldn't have. Therefore, I have a few charges written against me.

"Not everybody's perfect, and next year I will dedicate my full time to Student Congress. Nothing will slip through the cracks."

Hours after the debates, at OUSC's weekly meeting, discipli-

nary chair Kelly Cole presented the issue to the legislative body. Cole outlined in her report problems, including Tomina's communication with new legislative applicants, absence from key OUSC meetings and lack of office hours.

As research and review chair, Tomina's main job is to review any legislative candidates and

present them to Congress at the meetings.

Cole also reported on OUSC steering chair Michelle Jamian, junior, political science and French, because of concerns with office hours and timely preparation of the weekly meeting agenda.

According to Cole's report, the disciplinary committee met to

discuss "the points of the positions that have not been completed adequately."

Despite both issues being discussed at the meeting, the disciplinary committee is currently handling them internally.

No formal charges were made at the meeting, but according to Cole, the committee is keeping Tomina under review.

Domestic violence topic of lecture

By Susan Bromley
THE OAKLAND POST

As a Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney who specializes in domestic violence cases, Emily J. Wolfe has heard many heart-breaking, horrific stories.

She tells of one man who duct-taped a bottle to the end of a pipe and went to his sleeping wife and beat her arms, crushing all the bones. She tells of a woman, eight-months pregnant, whose partner stuffed boxer shorts in her mouth and beat her so severely that she began having contractions.

Wolfe was at OU at noon last Thursday in the OC giving the presentation "Terrorism: The War at Home - Domestic Violence." She said that many people ask why abused women like the ones mentioned above, stay with batterers. Her answer is blunt and to the point, "Because it's what they had to do to stay alive. What they had to do to protect their children. Because the danger would be worse if they left."

She has statistics to back her up. Seventy five percent of serious assaults occur when someone has left a violent relationship.

But, there is good news. In the last 10-15 years, laws have changed significantly, giving police and prosecutors the tools they need to prevent homicides. She said five years ago, in Detroit alone, there were 78 domestic homicides. Last year, there were 38.

"Thirty eight too many, but it's a step in the right direction," Wolfe said.

She said the Michigan legislature is taking more steps in the right direction. As of April 1, several new laws will go into effect that will be very helpful in domestic violence cases. Some of these laws include:

- Eliminating the "20 Hour Rule." No interim bond for domestic violence arrests is allowed. A person is held until arraignment before a judge, and no bond can be given before then. Wolfe said she likes this because "they will be held longer and also because the judge will have more information to set the conditions."

- The definition of domestic violence will be



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TOO CLOSE TO HOME: Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Emily J. Wolfe specializes in domestic violence cases.

expanded to include "dating relationships."

"The police will have power to arrest for any assault and battery based on probable cause."

Wolfe said these new laws are especially important and offer more safety for victims and a possible deterrent to batterers. She added that all people make decisions using a cost-benefit analysis. She asked why domestic violence happens and then answered her own question. "Because it works. What does the batterer get whenever he wants it? Power, control, gratification, the remote control, dinner..."

The costs may be losing a job or going to jail,

but Wolfe notes that those consequences aren't immediate and don't always happen.

"We need to find a way of going forward in holding people accountable and not putting the whole weight of that on the victim. We should spend less time asking why victims stay and more time asking why batterers abuse," Wolfe said.

Laurie Norris, senior, general studies, said, "I think it's great to see someone fighting for the victims. I think mainstream society needs to be educated more about it. You get too much of, 'Oh, well, that's their problem.' It needs to be talked about, not kept in the closet."

RAD in session

By Rachel Stuve
THE OAKLAND POST

The U.S. Bureau of Justice estimates that physical assaults against women cause more than 5,000 deaths and one million nonfatal injuries annually. About 500,000 reports of rape and sexual assault are made by women each year.

The Rape Aggression Defense program at OU entered its fourth year in 2002. Since its creation in 1989, more than 200,000 women have completed the program nationwide, and about 350 women have completed the program at OU. The RAD program, which is a comprehensive self-protection course for women, is more than a physical self-defense class.

While RAD does teach physical defense techniques, it also emphasizes risk reduction and avoidance strategies.

Officer Terry Ross, OU Police Department, is a certified RAD instructor and teaches the course at OU.

"This is one of the most empowering things you will ever do for you and you alone. Fifteen hours is a short time, but most women, when the class is over, wish it were longer. They want to continue. The impact of a sexual assault can last forever," Ross said.

Studies by the U.S. Department of Justice conclude that women in college are more likely to be the victim of violent acts than are women in the general population. Other reports have shown that in any given year, one in four college women will be the victim of an assault. Women who were assaulted and used self-protective actions were less likely to be hurt.

It's because of this alarming reality that many women take the RAD class offered through a cooperative effort of the OU Police Department, the Rec Center and the Residence Halls.

The first day the class meets each woman gets a booklet, which is used as a study guide and proof that the student completed the class. This book, used in conjunction with the class, goes over legal issues, a plan of action, distraction techniques and physical moves for self-defense.

Most RAD students agree that the class is not physically challenging and is easy enough for women of all ages.

Ashley Brooks said she took the class and it helped her gain confidence in her abilities. "You feel more confident to protect yourself and don't have to rely on police or a man to protect you," Brooks said.

Michele Kowalkowski found out about the program from a neighbor. She said she liked that the class taught her how to feel safe in everyday situations.

"This class should be required. Everyone should be talking about this class," said Kowalkowski.

Kowalkowski's sister, Eleanore Straiton, said she thinks the class is invaluable.

"Every woman should go through this class," Straiton said. "It's your responsibility to yourself."

RAD classes are free for OU students, and only \$20 for non-OU students. This is a lifetime fee that enables the woman to participate in any RAD class in the U.S. or Canada for free for the rest of her life. Normally, three classes are offered in each fall and winter semesters. For those completing the beginner class and wishing to continue, an advanced class is offered in April.

For more information, contact the OU Police Department, 248.370.3331, or email ross@oakland.edu.

Phyllis Law Googasian award to be presented

By Christine L. Mobley
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's top student advocate is the 2002 Phyllis Law Googasian Award recipient.

The award will be presented to Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs, at the Googasian Award luncheon in the Oakland Center on Thursday.

The Googasian Award, given to a woman who excels in leadership and campus contributions for women, was created in 1992 to honor Phyllis Law Googasian a long time member of the OU Board of Trustees, for her dedication to OU and the betterment of women.

Alice Horning, professor of rhetoric and linguistics, nominated Snyder for the award.

In her letter of nomination, Horning wrote that "Dr. Snyder has played an important role at the university as the vice president of Student Affairs and has supported the work of other women at Oakland in a number of ways."

Elaine Didier, dean of Kresge Library, is chair of ACE Network, the committee responsible for receiving the nominations from OU employees.

"It's a wonderful selection by the committee," Didier said on the choice of Snyder. She's given a lot to this campus and I think she is a wonderful example of leadership by women and on behalf of women."



WOMAN IN CHARGE: Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder will be presented with the Phyllis Law Googasian award tomorrow. The award honors former Trustee Googasian, known for her dedication to OU and the betterment of women.

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"I try in all of my interactions with women to be their advocate - to help them make decisions that are good for them," Snyder said.

"(Being nominated by) Alice Horning makes it especially meaningful because she's a member of the faculty. It's an honor and a thrill."

"I'm very thankful to our former Trustee Phyllis Googasian for giving us an opportunity each year to celebrate the accomplishments of women at Oakland."

Email server still a problem

By Heather Clement
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPT.

The turning point for the OU email server was in October. It was already limping along when a hardware failure hit.

Since then the Information and Instructional Technology department has been working day and night to fine-tune the glitches of the newly implemented server.

"With the hardware failure we knew that we wanted to replace the system, but when you start to replace a system it's not a light switch. There's a lot of planning that has to go into it," said Theresa Rowe, director of information systems.

"So, we got it back up and running, and it was limping along. It was working in October and November. We started the account maintenance, the file maintenance to make sure it was ready for a move," said Rowe.

"There are things that you do on a daily basis when things are running fine. There's other things you do when you know the system, the hardware, is failing, and you want to make it easy to move to a new computer. That is what we've been doing: setting it up to move to a new computer," she said.

Rowe said the new computer hardware

went online in February and with two and a half times the capacity of the old computer, but the problems with system freeze-ups, lost messages and down time have been reoccurring.

"It's been a nightmare for us, too," Rowe said. "We know that everyone would like better email services."

"It's been an ongoing struggle of tuning, and that's a step that has to happen with any computer. You have to tune it," she added.

Rowe said that during the peak times of the day, something is getting bogged down. There is a performance issue that has not been resolved yet.

"We've been doing minor changes, quick little changes, and then we do a reboot on the system to make sure that everything comes up okay, that we didn't cause another problem that we didn't foresee," said Chris G. Sellers Unix systems programmer.

"If it's a major outage, or it's going to impact people for more than just a few minutes, we try to schedule those in real time late hours, or on the weekend times when usage is really low. We try to schedule those a little in advance," said Sellers.

"We've looked at the system in terms of the processing power, and we have plenty

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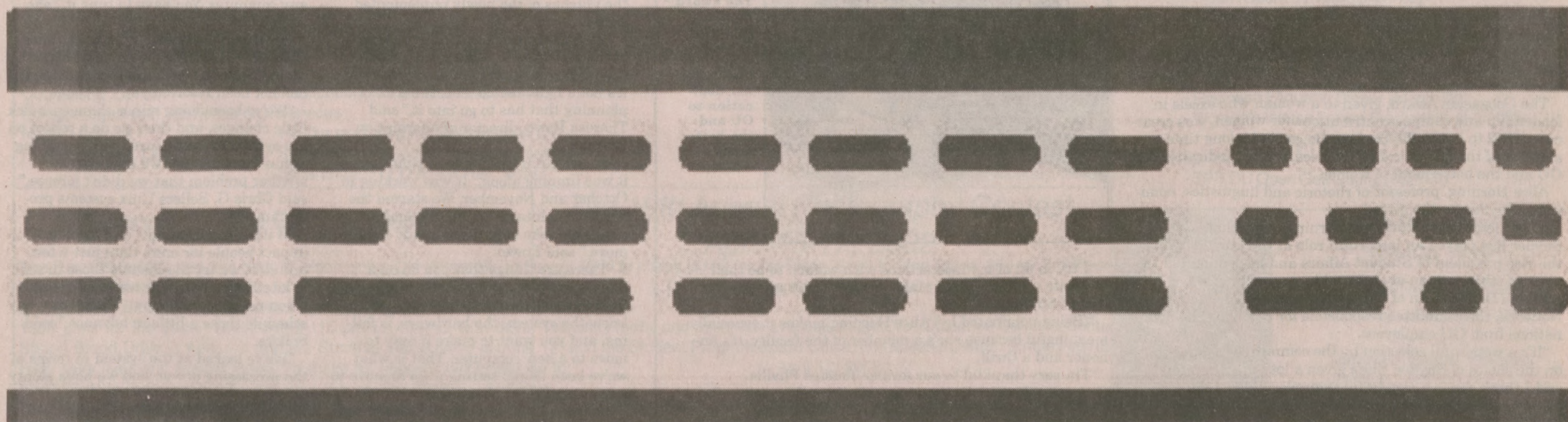
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Demonstrators march for peace

By Jo Randazzo
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Eclectic performers, speakers and hundreds of active spectators gathered at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit March 12 in support of global peace. More than 600 people with visions of world peace filled the hall.

"You've got everybody here," said Vito Russo of Sterling Heights. "You've got the reds, the greens, the blacks, the dirty squatter kids ... everybody's out here. It's great!"

The crowd ranged in age from infants to 80-year-olds. Children and older adults alike danced to the music of Sista and Urban Folk Legend.

The event commenced when roughly 40 people - adults and children - marched with signs from the Swords Into Plowshares Gallery Peace and Art Gallery on Adams, around Joe Louis's fist to St. Andrew's Hall.

"The fist is important," said Matthew Evans, a key organizer in the rally. "It shows how powerful the idea of peace really is."

After joining the rest of the crowd at St. Andrew's Hall, the marchers and participants alike were treated to entertainment and presentations.

The big draw of the night was Flint native, author and documentary film maker Michael Moore, who brought the house down with laughter as he recounted the story of the publication of his new book, "Stupid White Men."



PEACE PALS: Several demonstrators marched with signs down State St. to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit for a March 12 peace rally.

Moore, whose book was published by Harper Collins, was told that the book would not be published unless he rewrote more than 50 percent.

Moore said he was told by Harper Collins that the book was unacceptable in its present form because he was told, "Well,

Mike, the climate of the country has changed...it's united we stand behind George W. Bush...we feel that your criticisms of the President are too harsh."

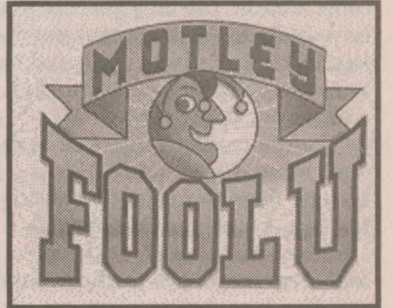
After a standoff with the publisher, the book was finally released, where in 24 hours it

went to the top of Amazon.com's bestseller list.

According to Moore, the book has gone into its ninth printing after only five days. It has also made the top of the *New York Times*, *New York Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Denver Post* bestseller lists.

He attributes the eventual publication of the book - as well as his success for "Roger and Me" and television show "TV Nation" - to the fact that he "really didn't give a shit" how it affected his career.

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Can you trust a Wall Street analyst?

Q: I've discovered in researching a company that six out of seven Wall Street analysts who cover it have rated it a "buy" or "strong buy." Is this a good sign?

A: Ah, the topic of Wall Street's analysts and their continuing shenanigans is one that we Fools never tire of discussing.

The first thing you need to know regarding Wall Street's analysts is that giving accurate, complete and unbiased opinions on the relative merits of the companies they cover is simply not a large part of their job description. Rather, the job of Wall Street's sell-side analysts is largely to generate commissions for the brokers in their firms, and to cozy up with the managements of the companies they cover. Did you know that fewer than 1 percent of all Wall Street analysts' reports include a rating of "sell"? Having nearly unanimous positive coverage is something that almost all companies share.

This point was demonstrated in an especially revealing article appearing in this month's issue of *SmartMoney* magazine titled, "Analyze This: Why You Can't Trust Wall Street's Stock Research." In the article, Carolyn Trabuco, who analyzes Internet companies for First Union, admitted that simply doing analysis doesn't pay the bills. According to this professional, she has "three different hats to wear: research, banking and marketing." And apparently she attempts to serve them all equally.

But, as the saying goes, no one may serve two masters, and for analysts the ultimate masters are their employers rather than their retail clients. In fact, analysts choose the companies they cover in part on the basis of whether those companies are running out of cash. Now you would think that running out of cash is a bad thing for a business — and you would be right about that. But in the topsyturvy world of Wall Street analysis, a company running out of cash is especially attractive.

Huh? Well, what you have to realize is that a company running out of cash will very likely have to raise more cash in the near future, and needs to hire a Wall Street investment bank to help it raise that cash. That's where a helpful "Strong Buy" report from an analyst comes in. When an analyst is willing to show that she'll stand behind a struggling company by issuing a "Strong Buy" report, a company might return the favor by throwing a little investment banking business to the employer of that analyst. And that means a higher year-end bonus for the analyst!

That disturbing pattern sacrifices the interests of retail clients who are called up by their "full-service" brokers and told, "Hey, our real top-notch analyst has issued a 'Strong Buy' report on this wonderful company. You can take our word for it — this company's a good investment." The *SmartMoney* article points out that with one exception, the best any of the companies that this analyst follows has done is lose 30 percent of its value — but her opinions haven't changed.

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Students have ID number options

By Jennifer Decker
COPY EDITOR

Among Michigan's 15 public universities, four do not use social security numbers as a student identification number.

Three of those four schools are Michigan's largest: Wayne State University, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Eastern Michigan University also does not use student social security numbers as primary ID numbers.

Steve Shablin, OU's registrar, said the current program using social security numbers as ID numbers began in 1992, but students are allowed to "opt-out" and be assigned a different number.

According to Shablin, as of the end of February approximately 300 students have opted-out of this practice by filling out a form available in the registration office located in 100 O'Dowd.

"These students have either requested a new number or a new number was assigned to them because their social security number was not provided to the admissions office at the time they applied to the university," Shablin said.

Shablin stressed that OU takes great care and caution with social security numbers used as student numbers.

"We continue to look at issues that affect the university and decisions that will benefit all," Shablin said. "Some institutions have moved away and use pre-assigned numbers."

"Most institutions in Michigan and the U.S. use social security numbers and give the option (to opt-out). You have to use caution and balance security. Most institutions have safeguards."

"It is not necessary to use social security numbers as more sophisticated computer systems are easily able to assign and track these unique IDs," said Linda K. Falkiewicz, WSU's registrar. "We prefer not to provide access to so much non-academic information about indi-

viduals."

Lieutenant Mel Gilroy of the OUPD, a 1989 OU alumnus, said he had a five-digit student number as a student and would use the same thing if he were a student today.

"I had a five-digit number from '68 I always held on to," Gilroy said.

Identity theft is a growing problem according to Sgt. Greg Jones of the Michigan State Police.

According to the Consumer Sentinel website, Michigan ranked eighth nationwide on the identity theft list in 2001 with 2,589 victims. The top complaint for identity theft was credit card fraud with 1,070 complaints. The only Oakland County city listed was Southfield with 47 complaints.

OUPD Detective David Birkholz said two years ago the department prosecuted a student employee who stole social security numbers from working in the financial aid office. The student obtained credit and credit cards from files of people similarly named to him. He was convicted and received four to five months.

Birkholz recommended, "Xerox anything in your wallet front and back and phone numbers. Don't give social security numbers and your name to anyone."

"Anything you put on the Internet, anyone can see it, if it's in a chat room or domain. Criminals will use it specifically to obtain social security numbers, bank and credit cards for false ID for identity gain," Jones said. "Anything you post on the Internet is public domain. Always use passwords and reputable companies. Make sure they're legitimate and that the company will keep your information secure."

Wayne State students are assigned system generated ID numbers, Michigan State has personal identification numbers, U-M Ann Arbor now uses an eight-digit number and Eastern Michigan University utilizes six-digit

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READ ALL ABOUT IT: Piston Jerry Stackhouse read to a group of local elementary school children at the Palace of Auburn Hills for the "Read To Achieve" campaign launch in October.

Pistons, Starbucks team up for reading

By Renee Gielniak
THE OAKLAND POST

Starbucks has teamed up with the "Pistons' Read to Achieve" initiative throughout March to collect new and slightly used books for kindergarten through 12th grade readers at 46 Starbucks locations in Southeastern Michigan and all Pistons' home games.

Vouchers for free Pistons' home game tickets and coupons for 16oz. Starbucks beverages are given to donors.

The Read to Achieve campaign also includes a Pistons Pages contest to encourage reading at home. Children receive points for the number of minutes they read, or, for younger children, the number of minutes someone reads to them. The top class in each participating school will go to a Pistons or Shock game, and Piston Jerry Stackhouse will visit the school with the class that read the most.

The program includes Detroit, Avondale, Pontiac and Flint school districts, and each will receive a portion of the books collected.

"Wow," said Tiffany Elya, junior, MIS. "What a great opportunity for me to contribute because I have so much from my son

growing up."

The "Read to Achieve" campaign is a year-round national program that promotes reading and literacy by collecting more than 200,000 books annually and giving them to children. "Read to Achieve" is supported by all 29 NBA teams and 16 WNBA teams.

According to the Detroit Pistons/Shock/Fury program hotline, 2001 was the inaugural year of the Pistons' participation in the first extensive educational outreach initiative in the history of professional sports.

The Starbucks on Orchard Lake Road north of 12 Mile in Farmington Hills had already collected 500 to 600 books as of March 14, most of which were from a single customer, according to employee Nichole Piotrowski.

"The look on the children's faces when we go to the schools and the players read to them has been beyond explanation," said Joan Isabella, community relations consultant for the Palace.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education website, a 1992 survey puts approximately 21-23% of American adults in the lowest level of the five levels of literacy defined by the survey.

One major goal of the program is to create reading and learning centers across North America. The Pistons' site will be in the 850-square-foot library room in the lower level of the St. James Activity Center in Detroit. The Center's renovation has started and, upon completion in April 2002, many of the donated books will be given to the center.

On March 12, Pistons Victor Alexander and Dana Barros, along with Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Flint Police Chief Bradford Barksdale, visited Potter Elementary School in Flint to talk to students about reading and sportsmanship and distribute "Cat in the Hat" hats.

"The visual was awesome!" Isabella said. "Three hundred kids wearing hats was just incredible."

The Pistons are advertising "Read to Achieve" via public service announcements on ABC and NBC, as well as Clear Channel radio stations, and Isabella said the effort has been "an awesome success."

A community or organization can sign up to participate in the Read to Achieve program by sending contact information to community@palacenet.com.

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trouble in the future. "We're fixing it before it gets to that point," Ren said.

He said since the bridge's 1967 construction, the only repairs to it have included spot cement patching, lighting replacements and the annual application of a non-skid surface on the walkway.

"No real maintenance has been done since it was built ... We haven't done any major work on the bridge and the lake itself."

Money for the \$232,000 project will come out of the facilities fund, and the department plans on asking the BOT for authorization before the end of this school year.

Many students noticed Beer Lake's water level drop but were unaware the bridge was in need of repair.

"I thought they were just looking for something at the bottom," said Jennifer McGreevy, freshman, political science.

Maria Debiaggi, junior, communication, would like to see the uni-

versity explore other options for the land behind Vandenberg.

"I think the lake itself is totally useless," she said. "Is it really a lake? I've seen bathtubs bigger than that."

Debiaggi suggested it would be more practical for OU to drain the lake and convert the land into a recreational area for students.

"Wouldn't it be nicer if it was a park area where kids from the dorms could barbecue?" she said.

According to Ren, Beer Lake was last drained more than 30 years ago - an event he witnessed firsthand as a student.

"In '68, as a pre-Halloween prank, it was drained by the Van Wagner students," he said.

Ren added that last week's drain revealed "quite a few signs," and he expects Beer Lake's bottom to yield even more surprises.

"I know there's at least one bowling ball, because I saw it roll down the hill," he joked.

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"We're doing our best work, because we're not trying to please anybody but our own conscience," he said.

He said that corporate sponsorship of his books, his television show and his documentaries are driven by corporate greed, since he is "diametrically opposed to everything they stand for."

"The rich man will sell you the rope to hang himself with if he thinks he can make a buck off of you," Moore said.

Moore said the sales of his new book can be attributed to the times we're living in.

"After six months of being told 'watch what you say,' watch what you do; don't dissent, that's un-American, don't ask questions of your leader ... remember Sept. 11."

"You put the lid on people for six months, especially people in this country. Who know that dissent and asking questions is the essence of a free people in a democracy!"

He claims there are at least 1000 to 2000 people at each of the 19 nationwide book signings and events where he has been a presenter.

Moore also called for activist action not just by activists, but by the average

American, citing the fact that this is a "good time to organize."

Moore ended his presentation with a rough-cut of his upcoming documentary. Some of the video showed clips of war-related carnage that Moore said is a direct result of U.S. foreign policy.

Presenter Rick Stalhut became a full time activist after his own personal 'wake up' call two years ago. During the World Trade Organization protests, he realized that he hadn't even heard about the WTO conferences. "This is important - why haven't I heard about this?" he asked.

Confronted with the way he felt the media mishandled the event, he came to the conclusion that "there was something very wrong with my world."

He refers to peace activists as "the tip of the iceberg," and addressed how most people view activists.

"They think we're diseased ... they'd like to put us in a 12-step program, with the serenity prayer, 'God grant us the serenity ... to NOT change a damn thing,'" Stalhut said.

Adam Zielony presented a call for energy policy reform.

"We need to return to farmers," he said.

Zielony, a hemp merchandise retailer, suggested that the government begin growing hemp as an alternative energy source.

Another voice for hemp was "Professor Hemp," who began publishing a magazine in 1989 on drug policies out of concern that the drug war would strip U.S. citizens of civil liberties.

"In the wake of Sept. 11, that seems to be becoming a reality," Hemp, who refused to provide his real name, said.

He cited Jack Herer's book, "The Emperor Wears No Clothes," as well as citing figures on how growing hemp can be beneficial to the environment and the economy.

The rally was sponsored by the Green House Peace Project, the Labor Party of Michigan, the Green Party of Michigan, Peace by Piece, Swords Into Plowshares, Phoenix Alliance and the Cass Corridor Food Co-op. Proceeds were shared between an Afghan refugee organization, a local homeless group and the local Labor Party.

CANCER

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women who are 25, when one woman in 19,608 gets cancer, according to Moudgil. By the time a woman is 60, her chances of getting cancer increases to one in 24.

Not only age plays a role. A number of risk factors are also

involved, Moudgil's research shows. People living in North America have a better chance of getting cancer than those who live in South America. Singles, whites, the obese and women who had their first full-term pregnancy at an older age are also at risk.

Family history, a myth long associated with breast cancer, is a minor factor, Moudgil said. Only 10 percent of cases are

inherited.

"There's a myth that if your family has cancer, then you should be scared," he said.

Breast cancer can be prevented, however. Three sisters were shown on a slide at the colloquium. Due to high risk of breast cancer in their family, one of the sisters opted for a mastectomy, where the breast is removed.

Hormone replacement therapy is also available. In this therapy,

a drug called tamoxifen, which imitates the effects of estrogen by latching onto cells that would be targeted by the hormone and stopping it, is available. This form of therapy has been effective in post-menopausal women, according to Moudgil.

Osteoporosis, another disease that affects women, was also discussed at the colloquium. Osteoporosis occurs when the bones become brittle and thin.

The bones then are prone to fracture. Hormone replacement therapy is also an option here.

He concluded the presentation by thanking the students who have aided him in his research endeavors.

"It was a great, great privilege to work with students at OU," Moudgil said.

"He's very charismatic, very intelligent man," said Lauren Schletka, senior, biochemistry.

"He has lots of interesting points and has lots to give, knowledge-wise."

Finding out where she fit into the statistics was the most important part for Schletka.

Moudgil's new goal is to develop collaborations with clinical teams and allow the information that has been gathered in the labs in petri dishes to move to animals.

EMAIL

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of processing power. We're definitely okay there. We looked at the memory from every standpoint, and we're fine on memory. We don't have a RAM issue," said Sellers.

He compares the server to a car race in which engineers are constantly tweaking the engine of the car to make

it run better.

"I look at the server like it is running a race everyday. So, it's basically running a race along a race track all day long, non-stop. And even in the evening when the load goes down, we are still getting a lot of mail that's coming in and out," said Sellers.

They have been fine tuning, with the last changes being made on Thursday.

"There isn't a book you open up and set perimeters a specific way. First you have to analyze what is going on on the

server. Then you plan what changes you want to make, check all the changes you want to make with all the available knowledge experts that are out there.

"We have consultants that we're working with. We've talked to Send Mail, the vendor of the software, we've talked to our consultants, and we benchmark what we are going to do," said Rowe.

"Once you come up with what you are going to change, you schedule an off hour time to change it. You try to pick a time that has minimal disruption

between students, faculty and staff. Then you make the change in the wee hours of the morning, and you don't know if that change made anything better. So, you come in the next day and watch," Rowe said.

"I have been frustrated about this. But it sounds like a system problem, and everyone is trying to correct the problem," Robert Eberwein, professor of English, said.

"It has been getting better, just not as fast as people would like," Rowe said.

"It will run very good for six months. And then all of a sudden something will change, and then you have to do it all over again," said Rowe, "It's a constant tuning effort."

Rowe said people with OU webmail can forward an email stating the problems they are having and the times of those problems to www.webmail.oakland.edu/it and it will use the data to improve the service.

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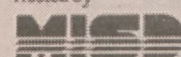
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numbers. U-M's campuses in Dearborn and Flint, in contrast with the main Ann Arbor campus, use student social security numbers for student IDs.

Like OU, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Ferris State University and Michigan Technological University all use social security numbers for student IDs.

A spokesperson at Saginaw Valley State University said for identification, their students can either use their social security number or the assigned number on their ID card.

"Our current system can only maintain one student identification number," said CMU's Registrar, Karen E. Hutslar. "Most of our students are either receiving student aid or working on campus, and thus, we must have their social security number for reporting of taxes, financial aid, deferment of loans, etc. Since we need that number and our system can only maintain one number, that is the one we must use."

OU's Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh said, "The university (OU) is driven by students. Students use social security numbers because it is easier to remember. We give students the option."

At WSU, Falkiewicz said, "Periodically, we have had students report cases of identity theft. They do sometimes ask to have their directory information suppressed in these cases. No one seems to be

immune, and this kind of crime does seem to be on the increase. Whether for ourselves, students or employees, we need to be vigilant about the availability of personal data, to do the best we can to protect it in this electronic age."

Gail Juarez, public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration, said from her Orion office that she receives sporadic calls from people concerning identity theft, especially if it's in the media and explained, "We, as an agency, cannot tell a person what to do with his or her social security number nor has the agency restricted use. We try to caution people with identity theft."

Juarez said when the Social Security Administration was devised in the 1930s, it was a pretty good system.

"Social security numbers were issued for one specific purpose originally, and that was a mechanism to track an individual's earnings in order to pay them benefits," she said.

"If someone asks for your number, ask them why they need it. You as a citizen can refuse to supply that number, but by refusing that number you refuse the services."

Juarez stressed that a social security number is identifiable to an individual and unique since it never gets repeated.

She cautioned protecting that number and recommended that everyone get a copy of their credit report and closely review it annually.

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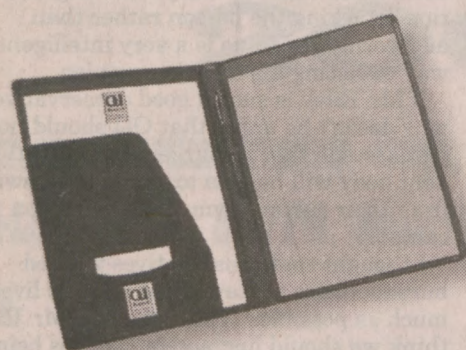
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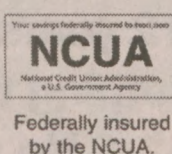
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Editorial

Presidential platforms sounding familiar

Every year during Student Congress elections, the Presidential candidates' platforms seem to consist of, basically, these promises: better parking, longer food service hours, lower book prices and a safer campus.

This year's four teams of candidates are true to form.

Another candidate cliché is to try to make students happier by shoveling money from vague and uncertain sources into under-funded programs and promising to better OU in vague and uncertain ways.

At Monday's presidential debate, reasonable discussions about campus issues deteriorated into personal jabs on each other's platforms. Instead of highlighting the qualities they would bring to the position, candidates dwelled on the vague and uncertain promises made by their opponents - which were eerily similar to their own promises.

For example, all four of the candidates advertise that they want to create a happier and more content student body. Even the ways in which they plan to create this campus nirvana are similar.

All four candidates also promised to work at bettering OU's academic reputation and image, branding its identity into the minds of more future employers.

For the most part, the goal was near the top of the list for the candidates. But should it be? Is this really the job of the student body president? Or is this a goal that the university administration and contracted marketing agencies should be working on? Would the OU president be better allocated, as a student resource, towards increasing the OU experience for current students on campus, not the OU community?

Although a few candidates say they will understand and will be capable in their duties as president and vice president, it stands undisputed that they have little to no experience in Congress. Can the student body wait while they learn the ropes?

Not all of the president-vice president teams are created equal this year. One team, Kristina Ivanovic and Kenton Lewis, have designed their platform around obtainable goals and have street credibility and experience to back up their clear and definite claims.

In the end, for whatever or whoever, the vote is what really counts.

Go to www.oakland.edu/voteou to find out unbiased information about all the candidates and vote intelligently next Monday-Wednesday.

Last year, only 921 students made it to the polls. Hopefully with online voting, this year will break records.

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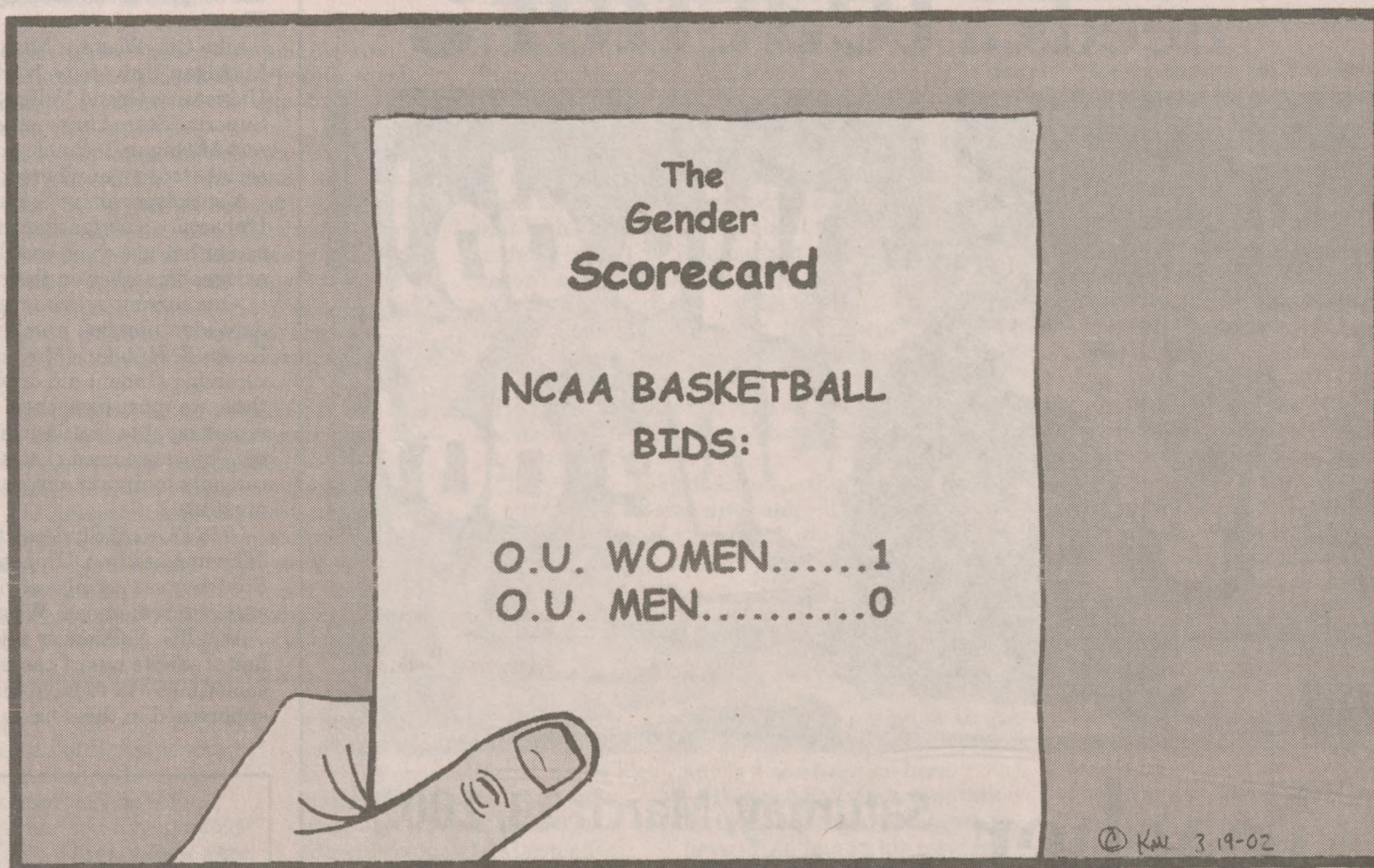
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Letters to the Editor

Cause for alarm may be invalid

Dear Editor,

Heather Clement attacked our president and his thoughts on nuclear weapons in her column "Military tactics cause for alarm" March 13).

She claims that because the U.S. government is stressing the idea of creating more advanced nuclear weapons, we are now part of the "Axis of Evil." This is simply outrageous!

The "Axis of Evil" consists of those countries that are run either by communists or religious zealots that would like nothing more than to blast us out of the water if given the chance. If by creating weapons that can penetrate the earth and destroy those country's weapons of mass destruction, thus protecting a majority of the countries in the world, we are part of that evil, then who is going to stop those countries from ruling the world by using their weapons?

This is the classic police vs. criminal scenario. The police (the U.S., by way of being the most influential country in the world) are supposed to protect the rest of us by hunting down the criminals and putting them behind bars. Now it is a well-known fact that police departments are vastly under-funded and have to fight with criminals that have more firepower and money.

How does Heather think that we, the U.S., can fight off these countries that would like nothing more than to see us fall?

Are we just going to say, "Please don't bomb us. We can't defend ourselves!" That's a laugh. We need to have a bigger arsenal of weapons than our enemies.

Our government is one of the few in the world that cares about individual people. Most countries in the "Axis of Evil" have public executions of their own people, and we expect them to care about us and not try to kill us? Give me a break.

George Bush has done a wonderful job of handling this war. If you criticize him and say, "Clinton would had done it better," let us look at what Clinton did to fight terror.

When the two U.S. embassies in Africa were bombed, it was thought that Osama bin Laden was behind it, and in less than 24 hours, Clinton bombed a suspected terrorist hide out.

Do you remember what it actually was? A pharmaceutical factory! No wonder the Taliban hated us so much. Thousands of sick Afghan's had to go with out antibiotics because Clinton (not Bush) had an itchy trigger finger.

Bush has a very strategic play that includes finding bin Laden "dead or alive." He isn't out there blowing up everything that moves. He is relying on military intelligence to let him know where to fight.

How does Heather think that we, the U.S., can fight off these countries that would like nothing more than to see us fall?

I think Heather should check her facts and pay closer attention to the "Axis of Evil" before she tries to make us out to be the bad guy here.

I'd rather have a cowboy than a smooth talking, lying, draft-dodging weasel as my military leader. A cowboy knows when and where to shoot his gun. He knows that he had better be accurate and he had better be right if he is to stay alive to fight another day.

Jonathan Sausser
freshman, elementary education

Rec fee under heat

Dear Editor,

For the past few weeks I have noticed the debate over the Rec Center fee, and I have to say, Danny Riley's letter last week was, in his words, "disturbing" (Letters to the Editor, March 13).

It doesn't seem that Mr. Mularski is trying to tell anyone where he or she should work out. Mr. Riley, though, seems to think he has a right to question Mr. Mularski's spending habits because he has chosen to continue working out at his off campus gym.

Mr. Riley, not that I think it's your or anyone else's business how fellow students spend their money, but there are many reasons why Mr. Mularski might want to continue to work out at his current gym. Lots of places make you sign contracts or make down payments.

I don't think it's odd that Mr. Mularski wants to stay at the gym he frequents, if he is more concerned with convenience than economics.

Why should we all just shrug our shoulders and rearrange our lives because OU is forcing us to pay \$75 for an extra perk?

We pay OU enough money in tuition and administration fees. For a lot of us, the Rec Center fee is a huge waste that could be going towards those other two areas.

The problem with the amount of the Rec Center fee first came to my attention when

The Post ran a story last spring that talked about the fee at OU being more than at most other Michigan universities.

Even though I don't use the Rec Center, I wouldn't object to paying a more nominal fee.

I feel, though, that a commuter school charging its students \$75 a semester when resident students who are actually convenient to the gyms at their schools are paying much lower fees is ridiculous.

We already deal with the disadvantages that come with going to a commuter school, why should we have to pay such a high amount for a service many of us never use?

Having my own private gym membership myself, I definitely know where Mr. Mularski's frustration is coming from, and I don't think that Mr. Riley's bad argumentation attacking the person rather than addressing the issue is a very intelligent way of voicing his differing opinion.

If Mr. Riley is such a good conservative, why doesn't he argue that OU should not just assume that it's largely commuter student body will be able to, or want to, switch from their current gyms to work out on campus?

I thought that conservatives wanted bureaucracies to stay out of people's lives as much as possible. If so, why does Mr. Riley think we should just accept the fees being levied on us and be thankful that it's not more expensive than it is?

Name Withheld Upon Request

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the past few weeks, some of our readers have been actively debating the validity of the Rec Center fee in the Letters to the Editor section of The Post. Some of the letter writers have turned to personal attacks which were hurtful or inaccurate.

Although The Post encourages open debate, we would appreciate it if letter writers fought fairly and didn't include personal attacks in their discussion of topics.

All letters to the editor must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation. Please limit letters to 400 words. Letters may be edited for content and length. The Post uses discretion and may reject any letter for any reason. Letters become property of The Post.

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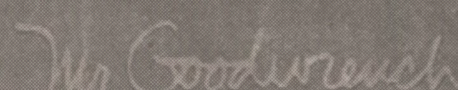
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and get an answer within a day," he said.

Kaye Cormier, sophomore, undecided, took the introduction to Latin America utilizing Web CT, an online course. She explained the difference between this type of course compared to the traditional classroom setting.

"We only meet once a week, but the professor gives us other articles to read. You submit your article online, plus bring a copy to class with you. We have certain time limits to turn in assignments, but the class moves at your own pace," Cormier said.

She said that taking the course online had other advantages too, such as allowing students to ask questions outside of class. She admitted it might be harder for the instructor because it required a lot more work on their part, but she thought it was definitely easier for the student.

Level one is the basic classroom, and it contains a chalkboard or whiteboard, overhead projector with a screen and an outlet that can hook up to the OU network. Currently there are 43 of these classrooms on campus with South Foundation Hall furnishing 31 of its 37 classrooms with this minimal technology. A level one classroom costs \$3,700.

There are 33 level two classrooms on campus, at a cost of \$16,500 each. They are furnished with level one equipment in addition to a VHS tape player, a video data projector and TV, fixed AV equipment lockbox and campus telephone. The Science and Engineering building has 12 of its 13 classrooms at level two.

The level three room contains a multimedia podium, PC computer, DVD player and a document camera that replaces the overhead projector while the level four is a two-way interactive classroom complete with camera and microphones. At \$59,100 the level four classroom is more than twice the cost of the level three's \$25,100. There are 10 level three classrooms and three level four classrooms currently on campus.

These classrooms can offer a different slant on education that an ordinary classroom cannot provide. Derek Sneideraitis, sophomore, history, thought that his astronomy class in Hannah Hall wouldn't have been as beneficial if his professor, Beverly Berger, chair of the physics department, didn't have access to the technology.

"She hooked us up with the Hubble Telescope website and the NASA website. This greatly added to certain aspects of the course." But Sneideraitis noted that not every course has to be taught in a classroom like this. "Due to the subject of the course, it was real beneficial, but if it was an English class, I don't think it would be necessary to be in this type of classroom."

In addition to the basic classroom, there are eight level five rooms on campus, which have a computer terminal for each student in the class. They are maintained and controlled by individual departments on campus. Each level five classroom cost approximately \$66,600 based on 25 workstations.

Jeniece Liparoto, freshman, dance, took RHT 150 in the computer lab, and RHT 160 in a regular classroom, and preferred the computer lab. She said that the two classes were taught differently. While the 150 concentrated on writing, the 160 course was mostly lectures.

"We used WebCT and emailed our homework at night," Liparoto explained. "Sometimes we didn't have class on Friday because we could email our paper. For our final assignment we designed a web page."

Funding for classrooms come from a number of sources, including the Academic Affairs Classroom Improvement Fund and other fundraising, and by including the cost of new classrooms in a new building budget. Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president of Academic Affairs and provost, told members of the Senate that there is currently \$50,000 year allocated for classroom improvements.

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nism and how it relates to women in business, social and personal spheres of society.

Dana Thompson, junior, education, is impressed that OU is bringing Wolf to speak.

"Having a speaker like Naomi Wolf helps expose students to new views they normally wouldn't have opinions on," she said.

Wolf is credited with being at the forefront of the "Third Wave," or third major feminist movement. The Third Wave is the new generation that advocates personal empowerment of women

over political activism of the.

She is a noted feminist, social critic and author. The topics of her books range from the definition of beauty, female insecurities, understanding female perspectives and views on motherhood as well.

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sor wrote some criticism on the story and gave her a "B" in the class, disappointing her. She rewrote the story, using his criticism as a guide and

went on to win the Hopwood Award at U-M, the first of three Hopwood Awards that she would win, including another for "You Alone Are Dancing."

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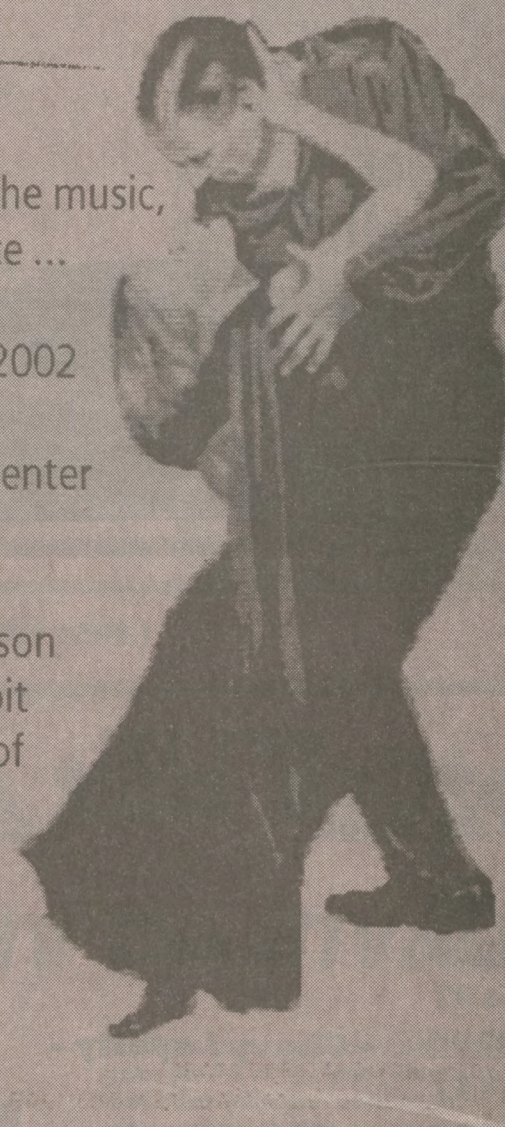
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BASEBALL

• 3 p.m., March 20 -
vs. Madonna Univ.
• 2 p.m., March 26 -
vs. UD-M



*Gone but not forgotten:
Seniors Sarah Judd (left) and
Lori Kipp (right) were important
parts of basketball's transition
to next level*



Odds against Grizzlies prevail

By Brendan Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

The music stopped early for 16-seeded OU in the first round of the Big Dance, more commonly known as the NCAA women's basketball tournament, with a 63-38 loss to the number one seeded Vanderbilt Commodores Saturday.

"Oakland played hard," Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster said. "They are a good basketball team. I have a lot of respect for what they did tonight. They have a lot of character and heart. I have a lot of respect for their players and their coach."

While holding the Commodores to only 30 points in the first half, the Golden Grizzlies only managed to hit seven of 26 shots and trailed by 13 at halftime. OU was able to hang with Vanderbilt on the defensive end, holding the Commodores' leading scorers, Chantelle Anderson and Zuzi Klimesova, to 10 and four points respectively, at the break.

Ashley McElhiney picked up the slack for Vanderbilt, scoring 10 points on three of four shooting including hitting both of her three point attempts. Junior guard Katie Wolfe led the Grizzlies with seven points at the break, and senior forward Sarah Judd contributed six, while no other player managed more than two points for OU.

The Grizzlies managed to minimize the rebounding deficit to five against the vastly taller Vanderbilt squad, thanks in part to a team-high five rebounds by Sarah Yaksich in the first half.

Coming out of halftime, a block by Sarah Judd followed by a three pointer by Wolfe looked to renew the Grizzlies' vigor, but things quickly went sour once again. Four turnovers in as many possessions by OU led to six points for the Commodores. "Vanderbilt really locked up on Judd and Wolfe nicely," coach Beckie Francis said. "Vanderbilt's Chantelle Anderson just took over in the second half. You can see why they are a great inside-outside team."

The Grizzlies were unable to control the Commodores' inside game, surrendering 38 points in the paint while only scoring 12 of their own. Vanderbilt also lengthened the rebounding margin, ending the game with a 40-26 advantage. Although OU only committed three more turnovers than the Commodores, the Grizzlies were unable to capitalize, scoring only two points off of Vanderbilt's 11 turnovers while the Commodores scored 15 points on 14 OU turnovers.



THROW UP THE TREY: Junior Katie Wolfe shoots a three-pointer late in the second half against Vanderbilt Saturday. Wolfe led all Grizzly scorers with 16 points in their first NCAA tournament trip.

Anderson led all scorers with 28 points, including 16 after Judd picked up her third foul early in the second half, and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds. Wolfe and Judd steered the Grizzly effort, scoring 16 and 14, respectively.

OU, a heavy underdog, came away slightly disappointed in the outcome, but happy with the experience.

"Every loss hurts," said Wolfe. "It sucks to lose, but you have to be happy to have gotten this far."

I think we represented Oakland really well."

"After we get over the loss," Judd said, "We'll really look back and be proud of ourselves because we did a great thing."

Vanderbilt moved on to face ninth-seeded Arizona State in the second round of the Midwest region. The Commodores once again shut down their opposition, holding the Sun Devils to 35 points, three less than the Grizzlies.

Vanderbilt moves on to face

fourth-seeded North Carolina Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 p.m. in Ames, Iowa. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

In the meantime, OU players, coaches and their guests enjoyed a banquet on Sunday to celebrate the season's accomplishments.

The remaining players are already looking forward to the future, however, and look to capitalize on the experience.

"We want to be here again next year," Wolfe said.

Positive NCAA experience sets up women for future success

By Brendan Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

With its first bid into the NCAA tournament, the OU women's basketball team has set the foundation for success in coming years.

Although the lopsided score may suggest less than a valiant effort by the women, strides were taken by the Golden Grizzlies that will become the building blocks for the team in the future.

Not to mention, the whole experience was a lot of fun for the players and coaches.

"I'm still numb," coach Beckie Francis said. "If you called me up next week, I would be jumping off my chair, all happy."

"I have actually had a permanent grin on the whole last week," said junior guard Katie Wolfe. "It's a great experience, and I'm so happy I could be a part of the team."

"We enjoyed it a lot," redshirt freshman forward Connie Longer said. "It was a lot of fun. It was a new experience."

Although the Grizzlies are losing two significant seniors in forward Sarah Judd and guard Lori Kipp, the tournament experience will pay dividends for the returning players.

"I think this helps us a lot," said sophomore forward Sarah Yaksich. "Next year, we will have a tough schedule, and we'll definitely be ready."

OU's bench players hope to benefit from the increased playing time they received down the stretch.

"It definitely helps that they played a lot to get the experience," said Wolfe. "We are going to need some people to step up next year and score and work hard this summer. Hopefully we can pull it together next year and do the same thing."

The Golden Grizzlies had to deal with increased publicity due to the tournament appearance, especially Judd who shouldered the bulk of the attention.

"I'm glad she got all the publicity," Francis said. "I actually had to call the media off for one day because she was a tad overwhelmed."

"I really don't like all the attention," said Judd. "It'll be nice to look back and see all the nice things that were written."

In addition to the media, a large OU contingent made the trip to Nashville to show support for the Golden Grizzlies.

"Just running out to hear them and see them," Wolfe said, "put a smile on my face."

Life after basketball for Kipp will entail returning to the more predictable climate of Arizona and plans to pursue a career as a systems analyst.

Judd will graduate with a degree in general studies and is still uncertain of her future plans concerning basketball.

"I'm thinking about Europe," Judd said. "I haven't really made any decisions. I've been trying to just keep the season as top priority. I've been thinking about it and we'll see what happens."

Division I charge being led by OU's female athletes

Who said the great women always had to be behind the great men?

It seems as though the female athletes at OU are earning their share of the spotlight, with the basketball and soccer teams earning invitations to their respective NCAA tournaments.

At a school predominantly controlled by men's sports, particularly basketball, the female Grizzlies are taking large strides on the path to national recognition.

Every Division I college team, in every collegiate sport plays the regular season in hopes of earning a spot in their sport's national tournament. NCAA tournaments are the Broadway of collegiate sports. There is no larger spotlight. It seems the women don't mind the attention.

The women's soccer team won its second consecutive Mid-Con conference tourna-



Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

ment this season. With the championship, OU took the Mid-Con's first-ever automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.

Women's basketball, long overshadowed by its male counterpart, also clinched an NCAA tournament berth this season. After winning two regular season titles and coming up just short in post-season play, the women finally made the next step to national prominence.

Individually the women have begun to shine, as well. Soccer's Anita Rapp, who will soon be graduating, recently signed a "Discovery player" contract with the New York Power of the Women's United Soccer

Association. Fellow graduating senior, Sarah Judd, who was named Mid-Con Player of the Year by the media in basketball, is also considering playing professionally.

The softball team was picked by the coaches to repeat as Mid-Con regular season champions after a surprising 2001 season.

Media and fan attention has begun to be more evenly spread throughout OU, as well. There was an astounding number of fans, around 100, present in Nashville to support the women's basketball team.

Hopefully, this new contingent is more than band-wagon fans and will continue to support the female athletes at OU. These teams are young and talented enough to believe they will continue to improve for years to come.

I am not, however, saying the women's sports are playing a larger role in helping OU make the transition to Division I. Men's sports have done their part in put-

ting fans in the stands and evoking school spirit throughout campus.

Truthfully, more people tend to actively support men's basketball here at OU than any other sport. I will even admit that the Grizzlies win over U-M last season was one of the reasons OU caught my attention as a school I would like to attend.

However, the more time I spend following all the sports at OU, the more I realize that there are other sports here worth watching, no matter what their records or accomplishments. I now choose to support OU athletics as a whole.

The success of the women only helps to draw attention to OU as whole. Positive attention, from whatever angle it may come, will always be welcome.

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Horoscopes

Even best laid plans have their flaws right now, which can drive those who are idealistic crazy. Unfortunately, there are no preparations for the challenges that we'll encounter in career, love or relationships. On the positive side, even so-called failures show a glimmer of hope. Right now every positive result carries a negative consequence and vice versa.

♈ Aries

You may be getting more power in a volatile situation, but realize that you still don't have complete control. Solidify some long-term plans you've been mulling over.

♉ Taurus

Talking things out is easier than taking action and having to apologize later. You can elicit help with your goals if you're open about your plans.

♊ Gemini

You may not be able to communicate what you feel, so find other ways to show it. Make an effort to spend time with your friends.

♋ Cancer

Some unforeseen problems may come to light, but realize that they've been there all along. A change in attitude helps you solve new challenges.

♌ Leo

Make sure you take advantage of any new opportunities to deal with an old problem. Look into ways to expand your mind.

♍ Virgo

You're probably more sensitive right now; this is an excellent time to find the root of your new feelings. Find a balance between your desires and others' needs.

♎ Libra

This may not be the best time to put more on your plate, but it is a good time to work with what you have. Fighting for power in an uncontrollable situation isn't very productive now.

♏ Scorpio

Romance comes when aren't looking. A partner or friend has your best interest in mind, but they may need to be less ambitious.

♐ Sagittarius

Things slow down a bit this week, so tie up any loose ends from the past month. Others may need you more right now, but you need them, too.

♑ Capricorn

Do what you think is best, even if others don't understand where you're coming from. You're pretty insightful in regards to love.

♒ Aquarius

Be nice to those in power, even if they are driving you crazy. Think about your actions now as they will impact things well down the road.

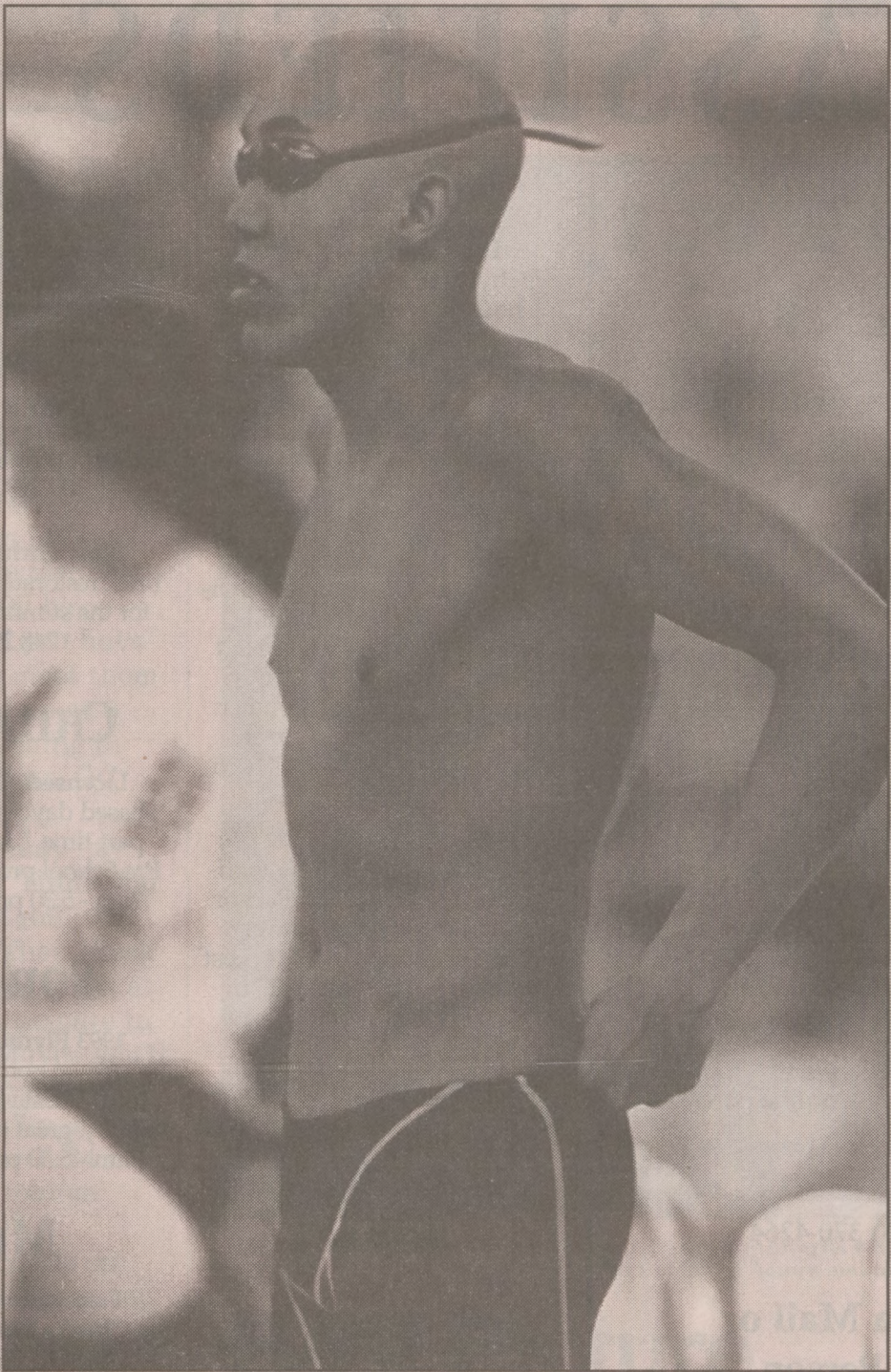
♓ Pisces

Make time to look at your feelings, especially those that you haven't dealt with completely. You feel better when you accept what you can't control.

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FRESHMAN ON THE RISE: Chris Sullivan, the first male OU swimmer to compete in the NCAA Division I Championships and have a chance to score points, is currently ranked the fourth fastest freshman in the nation. Sullivan will compete in the 50y and 100y freestyle races at what is dubbed one of the fastest meets in the world, March 28-30 in Athens, GA. Sullivan is the first swimmer in OU history to break the 20 second barrier in the 50y free with his qualifying time of 19.96.



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NCAA dreams

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

For most people, the time span of about 20 seconds is inconsequential. However, for OU swimmers Oksana Strelets and Chris Sullivan, that small amount of time is giving them the chance to swim in the NCAA Division I Championship, as both had qualifying times in the 50y freestyle.

Strelets, a sophomore Kazakhstan native, earned a "B" standard, which is the bottom time that can qualify for the meet, in the 50y freestyle at the NIC meet (22.99).

Sullivan, a freshman from Rockford, MI, also qualified in the 50y freestyle at the NIC meet (19.96). Both Strelets and Sullivan qualified for the 100y freestyle as well (50.01 and 44.44, respectively) and will compete in both events at the championship.

Strelets, who will be the third female swimmer in OU's history to compete in the Division I Championship, is in a three-way tie for the 19th

seed in the 50y free and is seeded 44th in the 100y free.

"It takes a lot of things to go right to get to NCAAAs, so when it does happen, we're pretty excited about it," head coach Pete Hovland said. "It's the ultimate reward for an extremely hard and long season."

According to Strelets, it's the payoff at the end of two long seasons of hard work, as she just missed qualifying last year.

"I really wanted to go to NCAAAs because last year. I only missed by a couple tenths of a second, and I was really upset that I didn't make it," Strelets said. "But it feels awesome, and hopefully I can go the next two years again and do even better."

Assistant coach Jon Teal attributes Strelets' success to her work ethic, which he describes as "committed, disciplined and tenacious. She hates to lose. She's a very, very strong and competitive girl."

Hovland insists that Strelets is the perfect example of a dedicated athlete.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
POISED: Oksana Strelets competes this weekend at NCAAAs.

"Her work ethic is phenomenal. She's a workout machine," Hovland said. "It's not uncommon to find her out running in the snow."

"When people talk about setting goals and making NCAAAs, all you have to do is point to her and say, 'Are you willing to

NCAA continues on B7

Polar Bears' streak continues

By Randy Dudek
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The OU Polar Bears women's club hockey team extended its winning streak to three games with a 5-4 home victory over MSU Friday night.

"We have a new high point after this game," said head coach Shana Osler. "This is the first place team, and the first time we've ever beaten them."

"We've wanted to beat them ever since the league secretary, an MSU grad, said that 'Oakland doesn't have the skill level to compete in the league' at the league meeting this year."

The determined OU squad struck less than a minute into the game, as sophomore forward Jenny Burnhart received a pass from senior defenseman Laura Cuniffe, skated behind the MSU goal and flipped a backhand over the goalie.

OU added another first period goal on the powerplay as sophomore defenseman Krissy Kamin crossed center ice, and fired a wristshot past the netminder.

With just over a minute left in the first period, sophomore goalie Erin Gleason made a save on a two-skater breakaway to preserve the 2-0 lead going into the first intermission.

MSU played like the first place club team that they are in the second period, scoring three goals in a two-minute span, and adding a fourth goal just a few minutes later to take a 4-2 lead.

"They stepped up, but we backed off a little bit

too," said Osler. "We weren't putting pressure on them and we let them break out of the zone."

OU took advantage of two more MSU penalties to pull the game back even. Junior center Laura Owczarski scored on a wraparound, and then added her second goal as she and junior forward Kristin Czarnecki broke in alone on the MSU goaltender, beating her with a wristshot.

Bernhart closed out the scoring for the game late in the second period as she won the faceoff back to senior defenseman Rebecca Kelly, then deflected Kelly's shot on its way into the goal.

OU's special teams were the big story of the game, going 3-4 on the powerplay, while keeping MSU off the scoreboard on six man-advantages.

"This is the first time that we have ever rallied back like this," said Osler. "It says a lot about how far our team has come, and it puts us in a great spot for the tournament next week."

OU will take its winning ways into the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association tournament this weekend in Kalamazoo at the Lawson Ice Arena.

OU's first tournament game will be Friday, March 22 against Lake Superior State at 6:50 p.m. OU gets another chance to knock off MSU at 8 a.m. on Saturday, as the clubs meet in the second of the three round robin games. OU's last opponent will be U-M, when they square off at 5 p.m. later that afternoon. The championship games will take place on Sunday, times to be announced.

Season in full swing for softball

By Randy Dudek
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Last year's surprise Mid-Con regular season softball champions plan to defend their title in a season where they will be the hunted, not the hunters.

The conference coaches have dubbed OU the pre-season favorite to repeat as conference champs, the first time the program has been honored in its brief two-year history.

In an attempt to gear up for conference play, OU has taken a page from the basketball programs by lining up a tough non-conference schedule.

"We've beaten Southern Mississippi, who is ranked in the top 20, and we beat number 14 Alabama in our last game down south," said head coach Steve Ogg. "I really feel that once we get ourselves going, we can compete with any of the best teams in the country."

So far in non-conference play, OU's record sits at 4-13, but Ogg said that, "In spite of only having four wins so far, I actually feel that we are ahead of where we were last year."

"With the spring trip and the practices here, we have been able to focus on getting outside and getting our overthrows and our bobbles out of the way. Right now, we aren't on the top of our game yet, but by playing against this good competition early on, we can only get better."

"The spring trip was also a chance to get the internal competition going. We have a lot of players fighting for starting jobs, truth be told. We need to find out who is ready to step up and be starters."

At this early stage of the softball program, OU has no seniors on the roster, and has only had one senior in the history of the program, third baseman Keri Sedgley, who graduated last year. The Golden Grizzlies did add six freshmen to the young team.

"Because we won the league last year, we have freshmen coming in who are stronger players than we have recruited before," said Ogg. "They are pushing the sophomores, and in turn, pushing the juniors. This group's specialty is speed, defense and consistent hitting, so it will be exciting to see what they can do."

"We are probably the only returning conference champion in the country without a senior on our

roster. The team has to work on becoming leaders without being able to take the examples from seniors ahead of them."

It's a concern when the girls get down on their errors. If they can't shake them off, move on to the next play, they can lead to more mistakes. Leadership is a real benefit when it comes to letting past mistakes go," he said.

As a newer program, and especially with a team that has yet to develop clear cut leadership, Ogg relies heavily on his coaching staff to help the club get through the early season.

"The nice thing about having a new program is the quality of our coaching staff. Assistant coach Glenn MacDonald coached forever in high school.

Mike Tomlinson coached the national championship traveling team two summers ago. Our volunteer pitching coach, Jessica Burnett, was an all-state pitcher at Romeo High then pitched at Western Michigan. The players really relate to her, with her having been there before. Jo Rogacki, our trainer, has been another invaluable part to have around. She fills in with the scorekeeping and anything else that we have needed."

With the spring road trip in the past, OU looks to move ahead to the local portion of their schedule as the players continue to tune themselves up in preparation for Mid-Con play, which opens up for OU with a weekend series with UMKC on March 29 and 30. The Grizzlies also have non-conference games remaining against

all of the in-state schools, except Michigan.

"Obviously, the conference games are the biggest," Ogg said. "As far as the non-conference games go, MSU, Notre Dame and DePaul are all among the top teams in the nation. We are developing a big rivalry with Central, Eastern and Western, so those are all games that we would like to win."

"We probably have the hardest schedule in the conference, so even though we may not be getting the non-conference wins that some of the other schools are, our team will be tested tough."

This weekend, OU has a road game at IPFW on Friday, and then will be playing in the Purdue Tournament in West Lafayette, Indiana on Saturday and Sunday.

The Grizzlies return home to face Grand Valley on Monday, March 25. Central Michigan then comes in on March 26 and 27.

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Steve Ogg
Head Coach
Softball

Tolentino leaves volleyball program; Ridley named interim coach

By Randy Dudek
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Large changes are afoot for the OU women's volleyball program, as third year head coach Edgar Tolentino has

stepped down to take the assistant coaching position at Eastern Michigan.

Mark Ridley, Tolentino's assistant for the past season, will be taking over as interim head coach.

Tolentino, 28, worked with the OU vol-

leyball program for five years. In his first year as an assistant coach, the then-Pioneers reached their school-best record of 34-6 in Division II.

Prior to arriving at OU, Tolentino was the varsity coach at Madison Heights

Bishop Foley High School and led the Ventures to back to back district titles.

"I am very excited to be at EMU," Tolentino said. "I feel that my experience will enhance this program and help bring (EMU) to the top level of the

MAC."

In Tolentino's three seasons in charge of the OU program, he coached the Grizzlies to a record of 18-69, leading them to 6-22 records each of the past two seasons.

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

SOFTBALL

Valparaiso	UMKC
0-0	0-0
5-5	9-15
Western Illinois	Oakland
0-0	0-0
10-10	4-13
Southern Utah	IUPUI
0-0	0-0
10-14	3-11

BASEBALL

Oral Roberts	Oakland
0-0	0-0
12-8	2-13
Chicago State	Southern Utah
0-0	0-0
1-7	2-21
Valparaiso	Western Illinois
0-0	0-0
0-6-1	1-14

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

GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

BRAD MORENKO

Morenko helped end OU's season-opening losing streak by hurling the Golden Grizzlies to a 17-6 win over Wright State. Morenko scattered seven hits and allowed two earned runs, striking out five batters in six innings. Morenko was named Mid-Con pitcher of the week.

-Randy Dudek



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This Week

Friday, March 22

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Monday, March 25

3rd Annual Business Etiquette Dinner, 6-9 PM, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center. Presented by Placement & Career Services and EDS, in conjunction with the National Society of Black Engineers. Gourmet dinner at a fantastic price—\$10 for students (\$25 value).

Tuesday, March 26

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Upcoming Events

Friday, April 5

Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (update): As of March 14, 87 companies/organizations had committed to participate in the upcoming Spring '02 Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF) to be held on Friday, April 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Visit the MCJF web site @ www.mcjf.org for the most up-to-date list of majors and other information pertinent to the job fair. Advance registration material is available at Placement & Career Services, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250). Most majors will be represented, w/the exception of Medicine, Law and Education.

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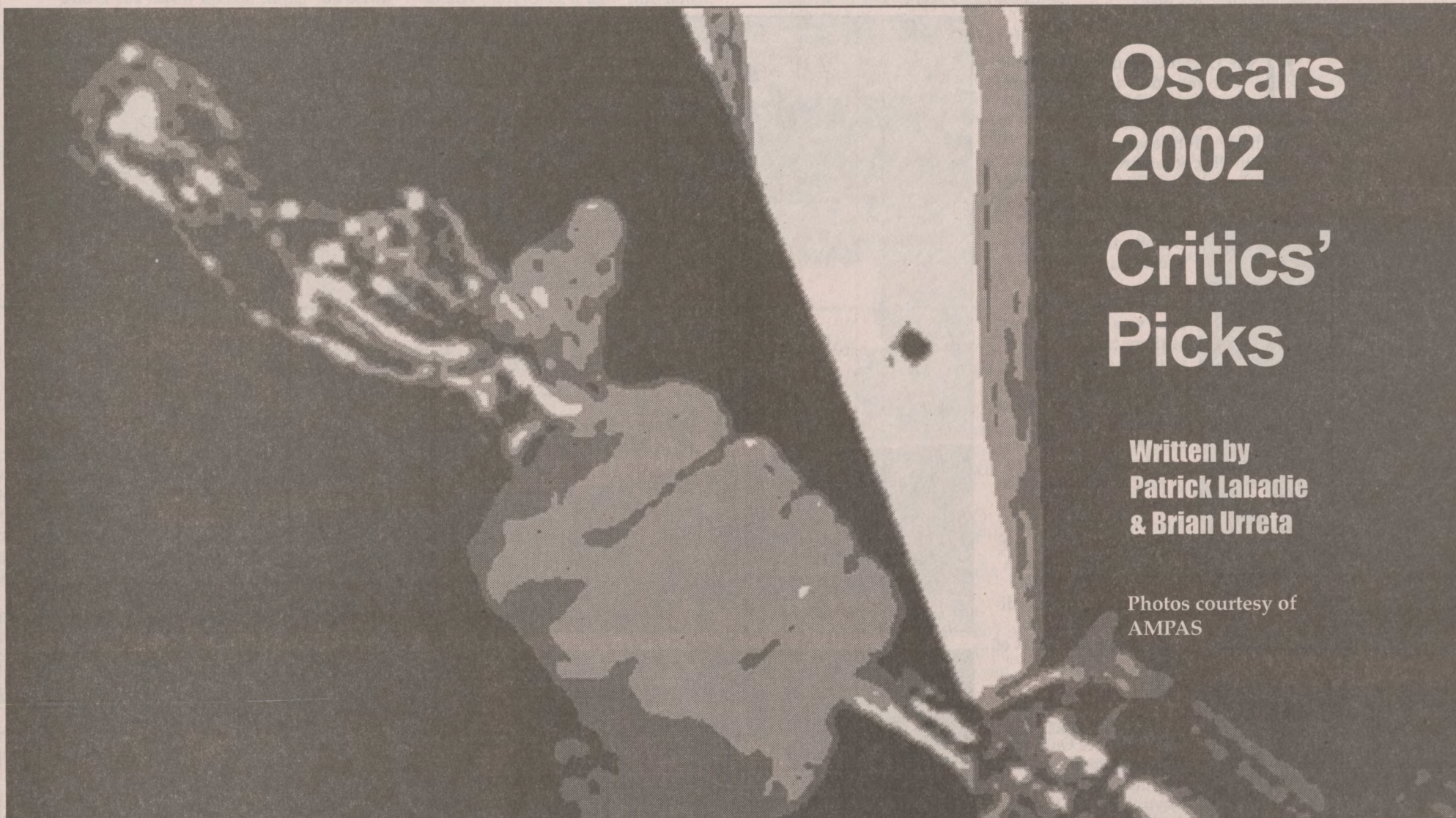
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• Don't forget to check out the DIA's Artisan exhibit in display at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery in 208 Wilson Hall, on display until April 10.

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• The Women's Studies Job Fair is coming up. This includes a lecture entitled, "Beyond The Glass Ceiling." The program starts at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27 in the Fireside Lounge.

Oscars
2002
Critics'
Picks

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THE COVETED PRIZE: The 74th Annual Academy Awards will be broadcast from the brand new Kodak Theater in Los Angeles at 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 24 on ABC. The award show will be hosted by Whoopi Goldberg. Actors making appearances during the show include Luke Wilson, Gwyneth Paltrow and Nathan Lane.

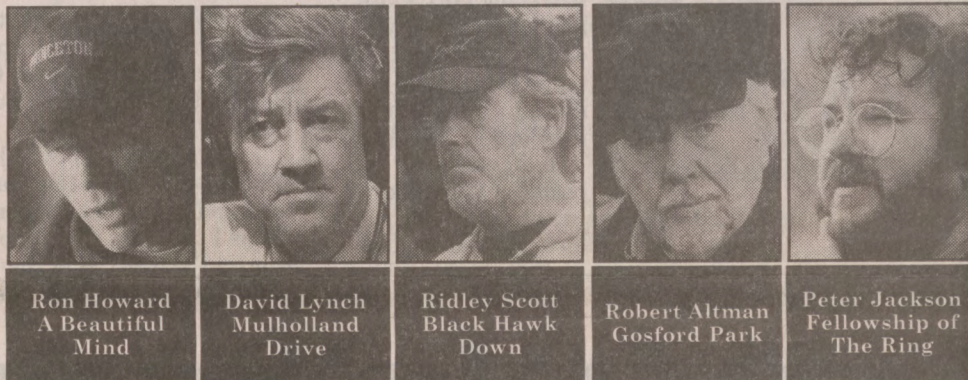
Best Picture



The front-runner is "A Beautiful Mind," despite the controversy surrounding the accuracy of the portrayal of John Nash. While it's not the year's best film, it will most likely win. "In the Bedroom" and "Gosford Park" are more deserving based on acting alone. The dark horse that has the best chance of an upset is "The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" leading

the pack with 13 nominations. Honestly, the film has everything going against it. Historically, Hollywood has snubbed fantasy films for reality-based dramas. Appealing to both critics and audiences, it took the box office by storm. Don't be surprised if "L.O.T.R." creeps around the corner to nab Best Picture. Prediction: "A Beautiful Mind"

Best Director



Traditionally, the Best Director prize goes to the filmmaker who provides the safest and most uplifting film. Ron Howard's "A Beautiful Mind" certainly fits the bill, with Russell Crowe only needing love to overcome adversity. Robert Altman, one of the best directors never to receive an Oscar and one of the greatest American directors, is probably

the most deserving here. While Peter Jackson's grand epic "Fellowship of the Ring" captivated audiences, Academy voters have traditionally frowned upon the sci-fi fantasy epics (i.e. Star Wars). It's nice to see David Lynch get some Academy recognition, even if he has little chance of winning the award. Prediction: Ron Howard

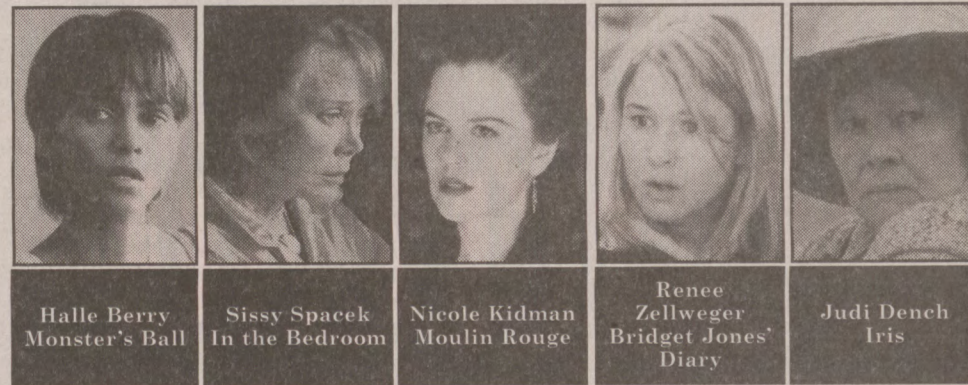
Best Actor



Really a two horse race between Crowe and Washington. While Crowe was the early front-runner, a smear campaign against "A Beautiful Mind" may hamper his chances. The Academy's prejudice toward character's with mental illness may give him a slight edge. Sean Penn, while surely one of the greatest actors of

his generation, surely did not deserve a nomination over Billy Bob Thornton's stunning work in "Monster's Ball." However, what remains to be seen is whether Academy voters will be able to vote for Washington in the role of a villain. Wilkinson is clearly deserving, but will not win. Prediction: Crowe

Best Actress



Halle Berry is most deserving for her portrayal of an alcoholic, abusive mother in "Monster's Ball." Sissy Spacek is in a close second place for her role in "In the Bedroom." Both roles dealt with having to rebuild after dealing with devastating loss. Berry's performance slightly edges out Spacek's. Should she win, Berry

would be the first African-American female to win Oscar gold in a lead role. But who can ignore this year's Hollywood princess, Nicole Kidman? Kidman doesn't deserve the award, but don't be surprised if she is interrupted by the orchestra during her acceptance speech come Oscar night. Prediction: Berry

Best Supporting Actor



McKellen has the best chance of pulling an upset in this category. His portrayal of the wizard Gandalf pleased not only role-playing aficionados buried deep in their parents basement, but critics as well. The same can also be said of Ben Kingsley, in a close second place, for his role as a methodical gangster in "Sexy

Beast." Midnight Cowboy Jon Voight's wonderful portrayal of Howard Cosell raises the question: was it the make-up or the performance that turned Voight into the hailed iconic sportscaster. Finally, Ethan Hawke is a shoe-in for the "what were they thinking?" award. Prediction: McKellen

Best Supporting Actress



Why can't nominees win for the right movies? Connelly will likely come home with the award for her by-the-book portrayal of the wife of schizophrenic John Nash. Sadly, her stunning work in films like last year's "Requiem for a Dream" went unnoticed because of its explicit content. Helen Mirren and Maggie Smith

are both deserving here for their work in the ensemble of "Gosford Park," but probably the most remarkable performance of the year was Marisa Tomei in "In the Bedroom." She brought an intense vulnerability and sense of guilt to her character. Tomei's work has never been so compelling. Prediction: Connelly

OU fans' spirit undeniable

By Gayle Issa
GET OUT EDITOR

The Grizzlies' fans traveled from far and wide to support the women this weekend at the NCAA tournament in Nashville, Tennessee.

Some flew, some drove and some took the bus that CSA organized. All the while the fans' faith never faltered. Despite the loss, there was a gain in school spirit.

Their student fan-base was hearty. Many of them took the bus that is a sign of sheer dedication in itself.

"I've been a big fan of Oakland University basketball for a while, and I came down here to root on our women's basketball team. The bus trip was very long and kind of boring, but it was definitely worth it," Ramez Khuri, OU alum and ex-sports editor at the Post, said.

There was no short of faculty members either.

"Well it's history, you know. It's the first time Oakland has been in the NCAA. I wanted to come down. I got down on the bus, and it's great. I mean history is being made for goodness sake, for Oakland University," Lynetta Mosby, assistant professor of sociology, said.

The Grizzlies already had some fans waiting for them in Nashville. Jeffery Prusakiewicz is an OU alum who is now at grad school at Vanderbilt University.

"I am still a big supporter of OU basketball. I always was back in Rochester. But I'm a Vanderbilt grad student now. Everyone was asking me how



Clockwise: The crowd cheering on the Grizzlies, one student's effort with his banner, Wolfe family members sporting their gear, the Judd sisters and Theresa and Bob Walters showing their true OU colors

hard the game was going to be for me. I thought I would be pretty split, but I had to root for Oakland. No doubt in my mind," Prusakiewicz said.

"I was so excited I even bought tickets before the game was scheduled and I rounded up as many people as I could for the game. But the women did great, and they did us alumni proud. Actually they did

even better than expected. I think I was the loudest person in the bleachers actually. I was probably the one everyone could hear screaming during their free throws," Prusakiewicz said.

He said he still follows all of the sports back at OU and was excited to hear about the new club hockey teams. He said the school has come a long way from the playing basket-

ball in the 'bubble ball' days. He only got to watch them play for one season in the new arena so he still can't believe they were in Nashville.

Dave Moroz, assistant director of university housing and trip supervisor for the Nashville bus trip reported there were 38 people on board that bus at 6.30 a.m. and made the

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Gayle Issa

Get Out Editor

Spirit alive, vibrant

Last weekend I had the privilege of watching the women's basketball team compete in the NCAA in Nashville.

Anyone who knows me, knows I am by no means the most avid sports fan you will ever come across. Sure, I'll watch sports (if I have to). And I'll play a pseudo-game (again, if I have to). But that's about it.

But I think my outlook on the world of sports has changed, mostly due to my experience this last weekend.

I saw what sports, especially that particular basketball game, can do for people's emotions and for school spirit. And to be honest it did nothing less than blow me away.

Travelling to Vanderbilt University and playing against the Commodores was already a difficult challenge. Not just the sports aspect of it but also the fact that we were playing them on their own home territory.

But the Grizzlies were resilient, and they did OU proud.

And seeing the tremendous fan-based support they had was nothing short of incredible. So many people traveled cross country just to support the OU basketball women as they made school history for all of us.

Watching the game, I looked around and saw the backup they had, and I felt proud to be an OU student.

So many students, faculty, staff and the Grizzlies' regular groupies showed up for the game. Some flew, others took a bus and travelled down from Michigan on the day of the game.

Either way, they all showed amazing sportsmanship. Our cheering volume was very impressive because there were around 100 OU-related people there, and we took up an entire section of their arena.

I can only begin to imagine how important it must have been to the women to get such a noisy reception when they got on the court.

The OU fans were so gracious in their support. Sue Wolfe, Grizzly guard Katie Wolfe's mom, took one of the little children in her group to get a picture with Chantelle Anderson, the Commodores' center. As Anderson picked up the little girl and they posed for a picture tears came to my eyes. It is one of those memories that will stick with me forever.

And that's because I was proud of how OU was not bitter about the loss. Proud that they still had an admiration for the opposition and had no qualms showing it. Her attitude impressed me so much, and I think she represented OU very well on behalf of us.

The underlying principle here is how vital school spirit and student activism is. If it can carry the Grizzlies through a tough game, it can certainly turn around campus life.

If we don't show our school spirit and sport our school colors then, what is the point? College shouldn't be about a list of classes we need to finish.

Personally, I want to be able to look back in 10 years time and think that I had a full college experience - the whole package deal. And it's lots of little memories like those I made this weekend, all woven together, that are going to make me nostalgic in the future.

Let's think of any way we can to boost our school activity beyond that of the classroom. Granted it's hard being a commuter school but things can change. Join a club, participate in an event, become a leader. Anything at all. Dig out your black and gold, and let's go.

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Health first for Meadow Brook institute director

By Andrew Zuehlk
THE OAKLAND POST

For some OU students, the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute is just another on-campus name. Located on the east side, the institute is quite close to Meadow Brook Hall just off Golf View Lane.

Housed in an old horse stable, the health institute does not look like much more than a revamped barn. But that is just the view from the outside. Inside, lives are being improved and transformed under the watchful eye of the institute's director.

Fred Stransky, the director of the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, started his work at Oakland University in 1973 as an assistant professor in the School of Education. At that time Stransky was 24 with a bachelor's and masters degree in education from the University of Miami and a Ph.D. in physiology from Florida State University.

Since arriving at OU, Stransky has been the host of "The Secrets to Good Health" on WJR-AM 760, has presented to companies such as Dupont, DaimlerChrysler and General Motors and is currently working on the completion of his third book, "Physical Morality."

Stransky is a motivated man. In fact, Stransky is so driven to promote physical fitness that his name seems to come up every time health, exercise or nutrition is discussed at OU or in the surrounding communities.

As the director of the Institute, Stransky works with individuals on their exercise and dieting habits in order for them to have a higher quality of life.

"We test people in the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, so we have very high athletes we test. But the majority of people we test are quite ordinary. They are not athletes, they are just interested in good health."

Stransky believes that health in America can be improved on a large scale and, he models what he teaches.

When it comes to food intake, Stransky sticks mainly to a plant-based diet.

"One of the things that I don't do is to purchase a lot of vitamin and mineral supplements. The answer, nutritionally to enhance health, is to get the nutrients through the diet. Those plants have figured out a way to put chemicals in such a way that when they are consumed, fruits, grains and vegetables, people have less cancer and other chronic and degenerative diseases," he said.

Stransky begins his day with a break-

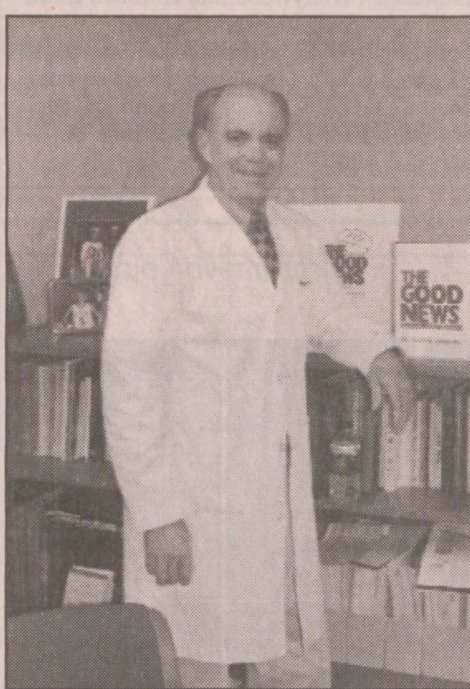


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TAKING A POSE: Stransky takes a break

fast consisting of high fiber cereal like Fiber One with fruit and soy milk. Breakfast, however, is only the beginning. Stransky runs five miles through the

Katke Cousins Golf Course, five times a week. But running 25 miles a week is not his limit.

Stransky has run the Boston Marathon numerous times, training that increases his weekly running up to 50 to 75 miles. Stransky said, "I simply run marathons to complete them... I am not so much interested in running marathons currently. I just enjoy running with people and using exercise as a modality for maintaining good health."

Health has always been a big part of Stransky's life. While he was attending the University of Miami, Stransky was an offensive tackle for the school's football team, the Hurricanes. Back then Stransky weighed 235 pounds. Today, he weighs 188 pounds, attributing his current health to diet and exercise.

Holding the keys to longevity, Stransky's advice to OU students today is to get in the habit of being active.

"The single most important factor today, based on current research, is to stay physically active to prevent a variety of health problems, and in addition it has such an impact on our feeling of well-being when we are exercising and when we are in good condition, we just feel a heck of a lot better," he said.

Student Picks



Andrea Bleil

sophomore, undecided

What movie will win the Best Picture Oscar?: A Beautiful Mind
Favorite Children's TV Show: Sesame Street

True or False: I have watched an episode of Blossom and liked it: False
Favorite Summer Activity: Softball and Roller-blading

Weirdest place you've ever slept: I think I slept in a bath tub once.

Favorite Seinfeld Episode: Soup Nazi or the Junior Mint

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3. "Say Lou, did ya hear the one about the guy who couldn't afford personalized plate so he went and changed his name to J3L2404?"
4. "Maybe she's using you to channel some dead lesbian lover."

NCAA

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make that kind of commitment?" To Strelets, the hard work is a part of her life, and she says it comes natural to her, since she's been swimming since the age of six.

"I've been doing extra stuff to prepare, and everyone calls me 'overachiever' all the time," Strelets said. "I like to work out. I could not see myself without swimming, running or working out."

Although Strelets is currently focusing her attention on the upcoming championship, she has Olympic dreams for the near future. She missed out on the 2000 Olympics because of a problem with her Visa, but says she hopes to compete for Kazakhstan in the 2004 summer games

in Athens, Greece.

For now, this weekend is more important to Strelets than two years down the road.

"I have to think a lot about my 50 because if I screw up one little thing, I'm done," she said. "It's just 22 seconds, and if you screw up one thing, you screw up the whole race."

Sullivan, the first OU men's swimmer to have a chance to score points at the Division I Championship, is in a three-way tie for the 20th seed in the 50y free and is seeded 42nd in the 100y free.

"The advantage (for Chris) is that he is a freshman. The sooner you get there, the sooner you can make adjustments if you need to," Hovland said. "I have a feeling that with Chris, he's going to be more than just excited to be there. I think that if he doesn't swim well and

doesn't place in the top 16, he'll be disappointed."

Sullivan, who is currently the fourth fastest freshman in the country, is in a unique position going into the NCAA Championship because he is so new to the college-level competition, but he doesn't plan to let it slow him down.

"I think it's going to be a hype to try to take down some of the upper classmen," Sullivan said. "It psyches people out because when you're older than someone, you expect to beat them. Then when they're right up on you, things happen mentally."

As far as Sullivan's mental race goes, Hovland and Teal both consider it one of his strengths.

"He's got a really good attitude about swimming," Teal said. "He's pretty laid back and a good learner, but at the same

time, he doesn't panic under pressure. He's an extremely humble kid."

Sullivan, unlike Strelets, was a little more unsure of his chances of qualifying for NCAAAs. Although Hovland asserts that one can never expect to qualify for a championship meet, Strelets' chances of getting in were more concrete than Sullivan's.

"It was a goal, but I didn't think I could attain it this year," Sullivan said. "But then after NICs I started thinking that maybe it was a goal that could be made, even though it seemed like a long shot from the beginning of the season."

Even though Hovland says he's extremely proud of Strelets and Sullivan's hard work, he gives some of the credit to Teal, who works directly with the team's sprinters.

"Jon has done a great job with Oksana

and Chris," Hovland said. "I'm very, very proud of Oksana and Chris but I'm also very pleased with what Jon's been able to do with them."

Both coaches look to the championship as a chance for the swimmers to shine, but also as a stepping stone for the future of OU athletics.

"They're perfect representatives of what we want our program to be all about," Hovland said. "Both of them have an outstanding work ethic, they're outstanding individuals and outstanding students. They're the total package."

Strelets will compete at the women's NCAA Championship on Mar. 21-23 in Austin, TX. Prelims begin at 11 a.m., finals at 6 p.m. The men's championship, where Sullivan will compete, is on Mar. 28-30 in Athens, GA. Prelims start at noon, finals at 7 p.m. each day.

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500-mile trip to cheer them on. "It was wonderful. We had a good mix of students, faculty, staff and loyal supporters from the local community. It was a long 10-hour trip, but folks were very appreciative that they had this opportunity to go and watch the game. We were all very proud of the team despite losing. But, at any rate, we were there to make some noise for Oakland," Moroz said.

Apart from the people who went down on the bus there was a good showing beyond that. There must have been 100 OU related people there, according to Moroz.

The family ties at the game evoked a lot of emo-

tion in a lot of people. Sarah Judd's three sisters were there sporting specially made t-shirts with her name on them. Others had banners that read, "It's Juddment day."

"We're really excited, and we're glad that it's a closer game than we thought. It doesn't look too good but we're behind them. We are excited that it's our first time here," Stephanie Judd said. According to Judd she follows her sister all over the place.

"We cheer them on because we know how important it is for them to have their family behind them. It's hard because we're playing a number one seed so it's the home court, and that is a disadvantage," Judd said.

"I've been a Grizzly fan for the past four years, and they're growing in the right direction and things are looking real good," Jim Slinger, Judd's cousin, said.

Katie Wolfe also had a tremendous family turnout. Seventeen relatives showed up to support her and her teammates.

"I thought it was one of the hardest games they've played all year. They had a great run and a great season. We try to come to every home game on the weekends and travel tournaments," Scott Taylor, Wolfe's uncle said.

And two of the Lady Grizzlies' most avid fans, Bob and Theresa Walters were present at the game also after driving all the way from Michigan.

"I'm feeling bad that OU lost, but they played a good game. They played hard and they played tough. It's their first time to the NCAA tournament, and next time they'll do better. Maybe they won't draw a number one seed. They did us proud, and they played a good, tough game that is all you can ask for," Bob Walters said.

"The girls knew they were going to have their work ahead of them. But you know they made it to the dance. So many people came down on the bus, it was unbelievable. The ladies are just so nice. They're wonderful players. How can you not come down and cheer for them," Theresa Walters said.

"Well my daughter is playing and we came to support her. This is great. We came in the underdog and we knew that. This is a once in a life time experience. They did an excellent job. We've got to be proud because we held them pretty close," Donna Macalpine, Grizzly guard Jasmine's mother, said.

Simon Dover, assistant athletic director, was also very pleased with the turn out.

"When our team came out, to get that much noise out of 100 people was phenomenal. Other than that you couldn't ask for a better experience," he said.

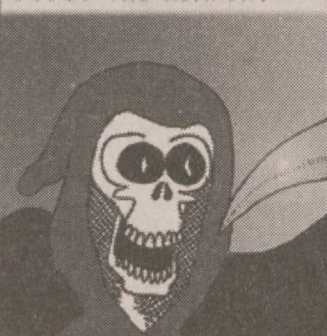
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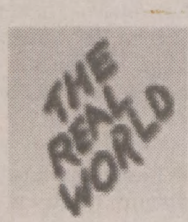


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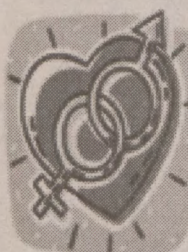


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Bubble Bliss wins hearts with tea

By Noah Purcell
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Bubbles are not just for gum any more.

The Bubble Bliss Cafe, located at 125 South Main Street in downtown Rochester, has been trying to change the prevalent opinion of where and when a bubble should be for the past seven months. To put it simply, the Bubble Bliss Cafe puts bubbles in wide variety of teas, smoothies and ices.

Partners Steve Kim and Eugene Piak along with their wives, Karen and Lisa, do not create the bubbles by pouring little bits of soap into peoples drinks; the bubbles are made from tapioca and are sweetened with caramel and honey.

"Some people think they look like frog eggs," said Kim. Generously lining the bottom of the drink, the bubbles more often than not are sucked right along with the rest of the beverage.

"We give you a fat straw, bigger than McDonald's" said Kim.

The biggest problem the cafe faces is convincing customers to try their bubble tea.

According to Kim, the cafe offers free samples of the bubbles and also makes teas with light bubbles.

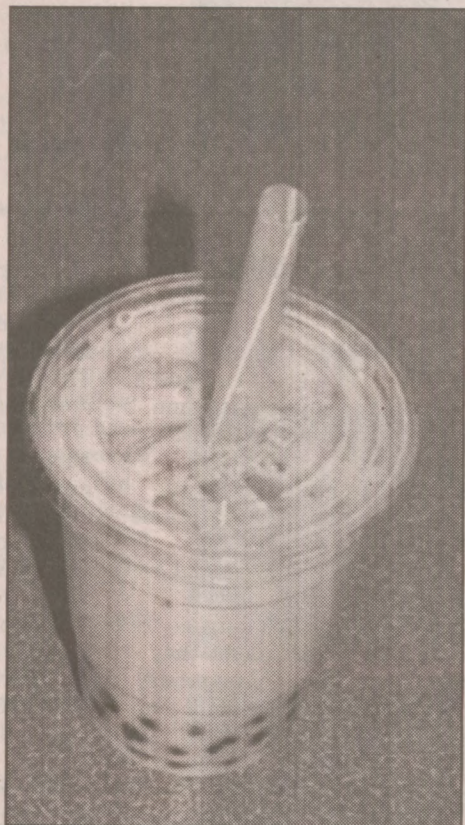
"Most everybody is willing to try (it)," said Karen Kim.

"Once they do, they become addicts," said Kim.

"(The bubbles) give it a unique character," said Tom Pace, junior, computer science.

He added that chewing the bubbles made him feel like a cow chewing its cud.

"They don't taste good, but they don't



taste bad either. They're kind of mucousy," said Rachael Lennox, junior sociology.

The flavors range from cantaloupe and honey dew to almond and pudding. For the individual that can't get over how the sticky tapioca orbs look, the cafe offers various jellies that are the consistency and color of very firm jello and are significantly sweeter than their brown bubbly brethren.

The cafe is the first establishment in



BUBBLICIOUS: (Left) A cup of bubble tea in all its glory. The extra wide straw makes it easier to suck up the bubbles from the bottom. (Right) Karen Kim prepares a cup of bubble tea. The drink has already gained popularity on the West Coast and in big cities. Popular flavors include honeydew, cantaloupe and almond.

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Michigan to serve bubble tea, which originated in Taiwan in the early 1990s. The tea has enjoyed success in other major urban areas such as San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Toronto.

Originally from San Francisco, Steve Kim said that the tea is very popular on the West Coast.

"It's almost like going to Starbucks out there."

One must keep in mind that the goal

of any tea house or coffee shop is not just to sell beverages, but also to create a relaxed atmosphere. Bubble Bliss offers its customers varied types of entertainment.

"Lots of people hang out and play games. Some nights we have live bands," said Kim.

"It'd be cool to take a date here," said Pace.

Bubble Bliss receives flavoring powders, jumbo straws and the bubbles from

an online distributor. There are several sites on the world wide web which are dedicated to this quasi liquid refreshment, some even provide instructions for making bubble tea in your kitchen. In addition to their beverages, Bubble Bliss Cafe features a diverse menu of rice bowls.

Bubble Bliss Cafe is open Monday-Thursday noon-11:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday noon-1 a.m. and Sunday 2 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

CPOP Gallery brings recognition to comic art form

By Debbie Smith
THE OAKLAND POST

In the world of art, art forms such as animation, cartoons and comics have rarely been accepted as "fine art." They were often thrust into a separate category and very often ignored altogether. It was rare that one would hear of an actual gallery exhibiting this type of art, much less exhibiting only this type of art.

That is what CPOP is doing, and has been doing since it opened its doors in 1999. CPOP Gallery, a revolutionary Detroit gallery located just south of the Detroit Institute of Art on Woodward Avenue, is a breath of fresh air.

The gallery wanted to distinguish itself as an exhibitor of fine art without the "holier than thou" pretensions of other art spaces. While bringing imported work to the Detroit art scene, CPOP made strides to export some of its stable of artists to Galleries in New York, Atlanta and Cleveland, not to mention Canada, Europe and Japan.

When once the work of Roy Lichtenstein stood out as a rarity in a world of realistic and abstract art, these days comic art is becoming far more common among the younger artists. It is finally beginning to be recognized as an expressionistic art form in itself.

There is an entire generation of young artists who are showing leaps and bounds in the genre of pop art. A great love for comic art is starting to weave its way into the very professional work of up-and-coming young artists. It was only a matter of time until an entire gallery dedicated itself to this hip, young art form with hopes of elevating its status from throwaway to truly fine art.

There are currently three exhibits showing at CPOP, but it is the work of The Pizz that greets the patron upon first entering the gallery. His work provides a truly unique experience in viewing art.

After establishing himself in the West Coast art scene, The Pizz is hoping to expand his reputation.

His show, "Thanks For Showing Up," welcomes the passer-by immediately with his vibrant use of

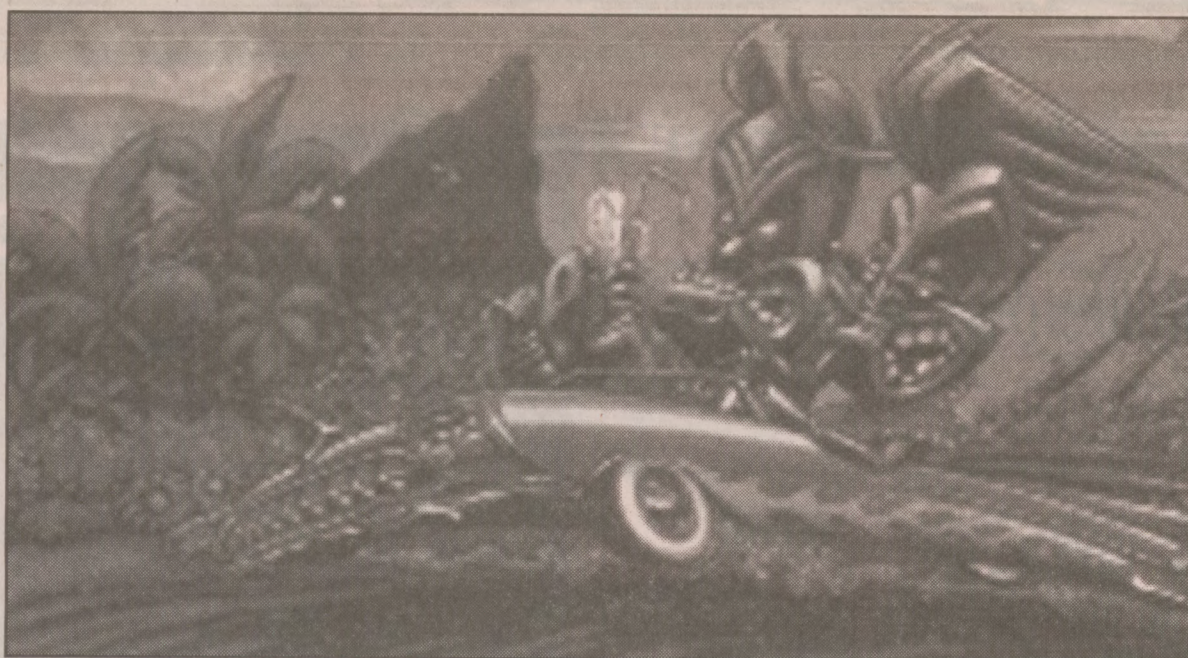


Photo courtesy of CPOP Gallery

CRUISING: The Pizz's "When the Weekend Comes We Rule as Gods" depicts two tikis bombing along on an island highway. The piece captures the freedom of the open road. It is part of his latest exhibition which runs through April 10 at the CPOP Gallery in Detroit.

color. Every one of his pieces glares out from the walls in a rainbow of bright and shocking colors applied beautifully in acrylic paint. Brush strokes are smoothed or in some cases visibly observed in the background. One is drawn first to the color and then to the characters. His use of exaggerated features and shapes to form caricature portraits is both striking and amusing.

Another attention-getting piece stood at the side of the entrance. The title, "Hanging with the Gals Backstage at Titty City", expresses the general idea of the painting. It basically is a drawing of a group of showgirls, pampering themselves backstage before mirrors, scantily dressed and humorously posed, ready to draw any wandering eye inward.

Surrounding their platform-clad feet are objects strewn aside, such as bunnies.

Once again, the expression and the color define the art and make it enjoyable and funny to observe.

Another of his works, "Having Neighbors Over to Air A Few Beers," seems to redefine the primitive human experience. The piece depicts a cavewoman and caveman, about to partake of drinks. The woman is sexy, dressed in Hawaiian garb while preparing to serve the drinks. The monkey grabbing at her leg adds humor to the piece, since she doesn't seem to mind it.

The man sits idly, suspiciously almost, with his bongos at his feet. One could legitimately think he had previously been in conversation with the

accompanying animals, especially the ape sitting moodily adjacent to him.

Another eye-catching piece is "Guilty Pleasures No. One: The White Trash Van Mural." It has four figures rearing on their respective horses. The identity of the figures is what makes the piece curious and interesting. On the far left is Thor, the one next to him a member of the Klu Klux Klan and on the far right is the Grim Reaper. Between the KKK associate and the Grim Reaper sits a lady who seems to be a close relative to the Green Giant.

It is a thought provoking take on the four horsemen of the apocalypse. In addition, it is a very clean piece to look at and shows enough movement to keep the observer coming back to it again and again.

The final notable piece is "When the Weekend Comes We Rule As Gods." In pure Hawaiian style with bold and bright colors and images, two wooden creatures smile and put their feet up as they cruise in their convertible (flames painted on the sides). They fly past the pinkish sky, palm trees and looming volcano in the background.

One drives, shades stylishly placed upon his nose. The other chills with a drink in his hand and a tattered hat on his head. This piece is sure to appeal to every spring breaker, anticipating the approaching summer days of warmth, relaxation and hopefully a good ride in the car with the top down.

The Pizz labels himself a "cartoon expressionist." He is a marvelous illustrator, but expression is obvious in every piece he does, generally avoiding the casualty of creating flat art work. They humorously depicted the human character and behavior in an innovative, cartoony manner.

The Pizz is heavily influenced by music when he paints (some of it was playing over the speakers while people browsed), he is a successful West Coast artist.

His exhibit at the CPOP gallery opened March 2 and will show through March 31.

CPop Gallery hours are Thursday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday noon-10 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. It is closed Monday-Wednesday.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON...

CONCERT

Sweet sounds

Trip-hop duo Fila Brazillia will be appearing along with the rock stylings of Clinic, Liverpool's best kept secret, at 8 p.m. Sat., March 30 at St. Andrew's Hall. Special guest Kingsbury Manx will open the show. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets everywhere.

THEATER

Southern passions

Flames ignite sultry southern passions in Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opening March 20 at Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets are available through the MBT Box Office by calling 248.377.3300. Be sure to take advantage of "Couples Night" discounts on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.

ART

Student art show

The Detroit Institute of Arts will be presenting the 64th annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition from April 13-May 18. The exhibit will feature numerous pieces all created by students in grades K-12. Hours are Tues.-Wed. noon-8 p.m., Thur.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 313.833.1000 for more info.

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