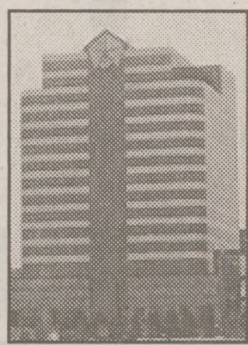


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NEWS edge

• Tickets are on sale now for the Spring Swing 2001 at the Center for Student Activities ticket window. The event takes place from 8-11:30 p.m. on March 24 in the Gold Rooms of the OC, with lessons from 7-8 p.m. It is sponsored by the Swing Dance Society of OU and Student Program Board. The cost is \$2 for students or \$5 for non students. Email swingkid1979@yahoo.com for more information.

• Get into the swing of things with free swing dance lessons from 7:45-8:45 on Thur., March 8, Thur., March 15, and Wed., March 21 in the Vandenberg Cafeteria.

• The Student Activities Fee Forums will take place from noon-1 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. Stop by and find out what the increase is all about. You will be able to ask questions and get straight answers.

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Minutes not kept during secret Board meeting

OU pays \$970 for Troy Marriott session

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU officially confirmed that a secret Board of Trustees meeting at the Troy Marriott Dec. 4 occurred,

maintaining that the gathering was a 'planning retreat' and was not in violation of Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

The OMA was passed to create openness in government and pub-

lic bodies. The Act states, "All decisions of a public body shall be made at a meeting open to the public."

Director of Media Relations Ted Montgomery said the BOT doesn't "fall under the Open Meetings Act."

He added, "We're maintaining that we didn't violate the Open Meetings Act. (The capital budget

was voted on by the Board during an open meeting. The change in priorities was made during that open meeting."

Herschel Fink, media lawyer and open meetings expert, disagreed.

"I think the Board of Trustees is misinformed," Fink said. "It wasn't a social retreat in which they were playing tennis and golf.

They were discussing university business. It was a violation of the OMA. Case closed."

The Oakland Post filed a Freedom of Information request to the BOT asking for the minutes taken at the closed session on Dec. 4, the agenda, copies of any materials provided to the trustees, and the cost of the off-campus meeting.

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Grizzlies shredded by Eagles' talons

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

The whole women's basketball season came down to one game.

The championship game of the 2001 Mid-Continent Conference Vera Bradley Women's Basketball Tournament was between the Golden Eagles of Oral Roberts, with the best defense in the Mid-Con, versus the Golden Grizzlies of OU,

with the best offense. Something had to give, and unfortunately it was the Grizzlies' offense, as Oral Roberts won 61-46.

The Eagles might have had the mental edge on the Grizzlies as they defeated OU in the only two meetings between the two teams in the regular season. But OU had something to prove.

The Grizzlies came out firing on all cylinders. Beth Zeone

made two layups and Katie Wolfe and Jamie Ahlgren scored for an 8-0 OU lead at 17:15 of the first period.

The Golden Eagles quickly tightened up the defense they are known for.

It became tough for OU as the shot clock was down to single digits on many occasions before the team got a shot away. Eventually, the Eagles got right back into the game and tied it at 10. Wolfe made a jumper and put the score at 12-10 in favor of OU, but that was the last Grizzly lead of the game.

Oral Roberts' Krista Ragan, who had 12 points, but shot an uncharacteristic 5-15 and 1-4 from three point range said, "I guess you could say we had the mental edge a little bit, but you always know that when it gets to the final game of a conference champi-

onship, anything can happen. We had already beaten them twice, but that was in the past. And it's really hard to beat a team three times."

There must have been something in the air because not only did Ragan have an off night, but Zeone did as well. Zeone ended up with the game high of 17 points, but shot 1-7 from three point range and 5-14 overall.

Oral Roberts used an 8-0 blitz to go up by 13 to start the second half. That lead grew to 16 when the Eagles' Christina Kelley nailed a heartbreaking three with one tick left on the shot clock at the 10:29 mark.

The Grizzlies weren't done though. OU whittled away at the Eagles' lead and a three pointer by Zeone gave new hope to the team as the lead was cut to nine with 5:28 left. A layup by Sarah Judd cut it to seven a minute later but that was the closest the Grizzlies came.

Just like she did in the O'Rena in the regular season, Ragan took over the game with jumpers and free

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Ramez Khuri/The Oakland Post
THIRD TIME'S NOT A CHARM: The Women lost to Oral Roberts last night in the third game of the Mid-Con tournament in Indianapolis, IN. Jodi Young shoots for three, but the team still lost 61-46.

OUPD cracks down on pot enforcement

University Housing says drugs equal court

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

Drug related arrests sharply increased at the start of the semester in January.

The increase may be the result of stricter enforcement. "There is an increased focus between residence halls staff and the police department to enforce a zero tolerance policy," said Gilroy.

In 1999, only two narcotic complaints were reported, in 2000, five reports were written and since January 1 of this year alone, four drug related runs to the residence halls have been made.

According to Mel Gilroy, OUPD Lieutenant, in 2000 there was a total of five drug complaints, four for possession of a drug and one for the possession of narcotics equipment. Three of those complaints resulted in arrest, leading to four arrests. In 1998 and 1999, only one drug related arrest was made per year by OUPD in the residence halls. Gilroy said that these drug complaints typically involved marijuana.

According to Gilroy, possession of marijuana is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$2,000 fine. First offenders can



Artwork by Cara Plowman

expect to appear in court, attend drug school and possible drug counseling, he said.

Eleanor Reynolds, Director of University Housing, attributes the rise in drug use in the residence halls to the rise of students living on campus. She said that any student caught with drugs will receive a ticket from OUPD, will face University Conduct System charges and the student will have to appear in court.

A punishment is decided according to the severity of the offense, and, in severe cases, a student may be evicted from the residence halls and even suspended from school.

"Marijuana is illegal anywhere. It is still illegal here," said Reynolds.

Resident Assistants on each floor are trained to see the signs of marijuana, including the smell, towels under the door, or fans blowing in the middle of winter. Each RA is required to

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Board approves OUPSA contract, considers finalized campus plan

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Board of Trustees approved the contract that was ratified by OU's Professional Support Association MEA/NEA on Feb. 6.

OUPSA, also known as the Clerical Technical staff, had been working without a contract since July 1999. The members voted in favor of the final negotiation on Feb. 6 and the contract was submitted to the Board for final approval on Feb. 28 during its formal meeting.

The contract is effective July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2002. CTs are going to receive back pay for the

wages they would have been making since 1999.

After unanimously supporting the acceptance of the contract, the Board switched into a working session and discussed the finalized campus master plan. The plan will have to be approved by the OU Senate and OUSC before the next formal Board meeting, when the Trustees vote on it.

The master plan was presented to the Board by Vice President of Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Louis Esposito.

Walker Parking Consultants made

a presentation to the Board which examined the findings of the parking study they have conducted since last Fall.

Also discussed at the meeting, which lasted almost three hours, was part two of the design preparations for the on campus student apartments.

Oakland Center Director Richard Fekel and Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder also made presentations to the Board and unveiled the design plans for the expanded OC food court.

The OC plans to add 450 seats in the food court as well as expand the Bookstore area.

Congress donates money to SAFB

By Lisa Cali
A ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Student Activities Funding Board, which allocates money for OU's 107 organizations, ran out of money the week before spring break, causing many student organizations to worry about whether or not they will receive funding for the remainder of the semester.

OUSC decided to donate some of its surplus to the SAFB fund at its Monday meeting.

Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer said that OUSC should have enough money to cover the SAFB organizations for the rest of the year, but they could be out of luck come next fall.

"This is evidence why congress passed Proposal A a couple of weeks ago for the activity fee," Kochenderfer said. "We've got a problem. We've got more and more organizations and the resources just aren't there."

Proposal A would raise the Student Activity Fee from the current \$15 a semester to \$21 a semester. The proposal could help solve the problem of the SAFB's financial instability and secure student organizations' allocations.

Proposal A will be on this month's student voting ballot. Students will vote on the proposal March 20-22.

Also discussed at the meeting was the approval of a letter that will be sent to Aramark, along with approxi-

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CRIME watch

•A female resident of Fitzgerald Hall called police on February 18 to report a suspected arcey. She claimed that an unknown person set fire to papers attached to the exterior of her dorm room door with a cigarette lighter. Police found a small burn mark near the peep hole, and found that the second floor ladies restroom also had burn marks near the center of the door.

•On February 23, police arrested a non-student for Operating Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor and for Unlawful Bodily Alcohol Level. Police clocked the white Ford Taurus traveling at 55-58 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone, and pulled the driver over. When the officer approached the vehicle, he smelled intoxicants coming from the driver and noticed that his eyes were bloodshot. He admitted that he had been drinking and was administered five field sobriety tests and a breathalyzer. The man's car was impounded and his driver's license was confiscated and destroyed. He was then transported to the Oakland County Jail.

•Police were called to the Recreation Center on February 24 when an employee found a Florida Atlantic University swimmer urinating on the wall near the Pioneer Room during a swim meet. Police noticed a strong smell of alcohol coming from the man and that he was having trouble balancing. He admitted that he had been drinking and was given a breathalyzer test. He was released to his swim coach.

•Police were called on February 21 by a female student who went out to her car in the Hamlin Circle and noticed a note on her windshield stating "I'm going to kill you." She told police she does not know who would have written the note.

•A 911 call was made on March 1 for an alleged attempted suicide in Hamlin Hall. The non-student was visiting his girlfriend who lived in Hamlin. The two were reportedly having problems and the man wanted to hurt himself. The man told police he drank a bottle of rubbing alcohol, a bottle of shower cleaner and a bottle of tub and tile cleaner. He was taken to the hospital.

OUPD offers self defense classes

By Leslie Winkworth
THE OAKLAND POST

OU is entering its fourth year of providing campus women the Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) program.

OU's Police Lieutenant Mel Gilroy said, "[The program] has been successful beyond our wildest dreams."

Gilroy said that prevention against crimes against women has always been an issue for the OUPD. Since the campus is 66 percent female, Gilroy says that it's important to offer women self defense programs against situations like domestic violence, rape, dorm violence and robbery.

"There has always been a demand from female students for self defense tactics training," said Gilroy.

According to OU's Actual Offenses report, crimes against women have decreased. In 1999, there were no robberies or rapes reported.

"The year 1999 had, statistically, the smallest crime rate in ten years. Our numbers are real good. We [Oakland University] are consistently the top two or three safest jurisdictions," said Gilroy.

Gilroy said that the R.A.D. program, which is offered once a semester, teaches women how to assert themselves and how

to handle dangerous situations.

"The program is not passive. The normal cycle for fear is fight or flight. This program raises self confidence and allows women to handle situations," said Gilroy.

OU offers the program because, according to Gilroy, "We're part of the community." He said that to have a safe environment, there are three components that must be present. Gilroy says that good human resources, updated and accessible technology and community education are all the vital organs of a healthy and safe school.

"We want to let the community know that the OUPD is concerned with safety," he said.

Officer Terry Ross, the OUPD R.A.D. Instructor, agrees. "We've had a great response to R.A.D. here."

Ross, whose long list of credentials include being a martial arts practitioner, defense tactics instructor, as well as a certified basic and advanced R.A.D. instructor, says that the program teaches women to confront and control dangerous situations by being in control of themselves and their fear.

"Fear is stopped with training," said Ross. "You develop a plan. The goal of self-defense is to escape the situation, not

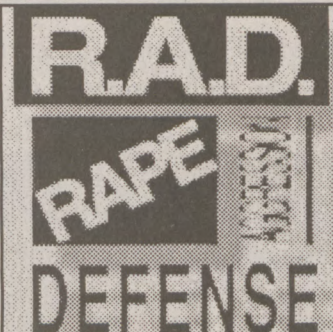
fight [the attacker]."

Ross says that the program, broken into four, three hour sessions, is designed for all women, young and old. The program offers tactics that can be easily remembered in case of an emergency. The tactics are simple enough to remember, yet powerful enough to fend off an attack. Physically, the program was developed to allow any "mother" to participate. In fact, he says that 99 percent do every technique comfortably.

"Rape doesn't discriminate by age. It's about power and force, not sex itself," said Ross.

The first R.A.D. session is a three hour question and answer discussion. Participants get a booklet that further enhances the education. The women are provided with statistics as well as life-style changes women can do in order to avoid potentially dangerous situations in the first place. The rest of the sessions are "how to escape" tactics which teach women self defense tactics when they are confronted with a dangerous situation.

At the end of the program, Ross wears a specially padded suit and puts women in dramatized dangerous situations. The women are then put to the test of choosing whether to walk away from the confrontation or to use self defense tactics. Ross added that not every confrontation requires physical self defense. Sometimes, yelling is enough to scare a would-be attacker away.



To women who aren't attending the March seminar, Ross says, "Be aware of your surroundings. If something doesn't feel right, it's not. Trust your instincts."

The R.A.D. program is free to any woman affiliated with the university. This includes students, staff and faculty. Guests can attend for a small fee.

"If we can give one woman the skills to defend herself, then we've done a hell of a job."

There is still room for March's seminar. For more information, call Officer Terry Ross at 248.370.4244. The seminars are held March 7, 12 and 14 from 7-10 p.m. in the Recreation Center.



FUNDING THE AIRWAVES: WXOU staff member Michelle Katopodes works in the soundbooth at the station in the lower level of the OC. Supporters of OU's FM radio station will have the chance to pledge money this weekend during the first annual Radio-thon fundraising event.

WXOU to hold first radio-thon fundraiser

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

Beginning this weekend, a Radio-thon will usher in around-the-clock broadcasting at WXOU 88.3-FM, OU's campus radio station.

The First Annual WXOU Radio-thon Fundraiser will be held this weekend, from Thursday morning through Sunday night. Friday night will mark the first night of 24-hour broadcasting for OU's non-commercial, student-produced radio station.

"WXOU provides community based programming with a holistic view on culture and musical style," said Dave Gullo, WXOU's general manager. "In a day of WXOU programming, you can hear a dozen different styles of music, talk and news topics seldom heard elsewhere," Gullo said.

WXOU will continue to broadcast around-the-clock on

weekends, and plans to expand to uninterrupted broadcasting in the near future.

According to Gullo, a donation of \$25 nets a WXOU glass coffee mug, and \$50 earns the mug plus a long-sleeve WXOU T-shirt.

Donators of \$100 or more will receive those gifts plus membership in the "WXOU Sustainers Club".

"This Club will have access to Staff meetings and a chance to voice their opinion about WXOU's programming mandate," Gullo said.

WXOU receives a portion of the student activities fee, but also relies on underwriting and donations to meet costs.

The fundraising telephone number will be announced during the Radio-a-Thon, but until then WXOU will accept donations at 248.370.4274.

For more information, visit WXOU's web site at www.oakland.edu/wxou.

A lesson learned or another lost in the gunfire

In a frightening frenzy of school shootings, Columbine High School experienced the terror for itself on April 19, 1999.

A nation watched in horror, gripped by shattered lives in a community that was once considered a picturesque example of safety. Education leaders and legislators screamed for change, analysts searched for answers, parents sheltered their children, and activists voiced their solutions.

Lessons were supposed to have been learned. Society, with the images of Columbine burning deep in our hearts, united as a whole and vowed to prevent this type of tragedy from happening again.

Now, nearly two years down the

road, the list of shootings has continued to grow and each incident continues to shock the nation. More lessons are learned, and the society creeps even more over the line that was drawn in the bloodshed of Columbine.

Since February 1997, 33 students have been killed and 77 wounded in school shootings.

On Monday, another school was added to the list. This time, it happened at a California high school in San Diego.

Two students were killed and 13 wounded when a 15-year old opened fire on his classmates.

Newspapers have written that it seems these gun-wielding children

are communicating these aggravations, usually with friends, before they turn deadly.

Yet these classmates continue to shrug them off as jokes.

With the amount of these incidents, why is it that children still refrain from reporting their classmates? How is it that a child's fear of being rejected can outweigh the consequences of the threats? How many shootings does it take?

The questions have been asked numerous times before, and will certainly be asked again.

Blame will be placed on everyone and no one simultaneously.

Parents will blame the schools, the schools will blame the parents, vio-



Michael Hoskins

lent music and tv programs will be targeted, and the Internet will surely take some of the heat.

In the end, though, nothing will be solved. This is not a problem that will simply disappear into the darkness because no clear answers or solutions exist. If the gunsmoke seemingly does vanish from time to time, it is, unfortunately, only a matter of waiting for the brewing anger to explode.

Lessons can be taken from each shooting forever; it's up to society as a whole to determine whether they are learned or lost.

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Editor's View

The Post advocates open meetings

On Feb. 23 The Post presented a Freedom of Information request to the Board of Trustees to try to uncover exactly what happened at its Dec. 4 secret meeting (or as the trustees have euphemistically called it: their "planning retreat") that was held behind closed doors at the Troy Marriott hotel.

The request was made because the BOT is making decisions and planning the future of OU out of sight from the public that is most concerned. Students have a right to know. The entire OU community has a right to know.

OU's spokesperson maintains that the Board is exempt from the Michigan Open Meetings Act (OMA) because of a 1999 state Supreme Court decision involving MSU.

In that decision, the court recognized the "unique constitutional status" of MSU (as well as U-M and WSU) and ruled that MSU's Board's search for a president did not fall under the state OMA. The court acknowledged that "formal sessions" of those three Boards must be conducted in the open under the constitution.

The board's secret meeting wasn't about a hunt for a new president but about OU's future priorities.

OU is not named in the constitution. Though once part of MSU, OU became a separate entity that was officially and legally created by the state Legislature. In the enabling legislation, OU was specifically required to follow the OMA.

Since no decisions were allegedly made during the secret meeting and no votes were allegedly taken, the Board maintains that it was not violating its constitutional mandate. However, Michigan's OMA requires that all meetings of public bodies with a quorum present be open to the public.

Eight years ago, the trustees struggled with this issue in terms of their own committee meetings and passed a resolution on March 4, 1993 pledging to keep its own meetings public and opening most campus meetings, as well. After the Board's action, The Post dropped its planned OMA lawsuit.

The OMA requires public bodies to give notice to the public and keep minutes of the meetings both open and closed.

The office of the Board in response to our FOI request said "no such documents exist."

As students and citizens in a free, democratic country, we realize that these laws were created so that the people would know what their governments are doing. Each move the BOT at OU makes affects everyone on this campus.

We encourage the Trustees, who authorize the expenditure of taxpayer money totalling \$107,216,718 (of which \$51,507,000 is paid in tuition and fees by the more than 15,000 students of OU) to conduct its business in public, on campus and at open meetings.

Let's just hope this one doesn't take a lawsuit.

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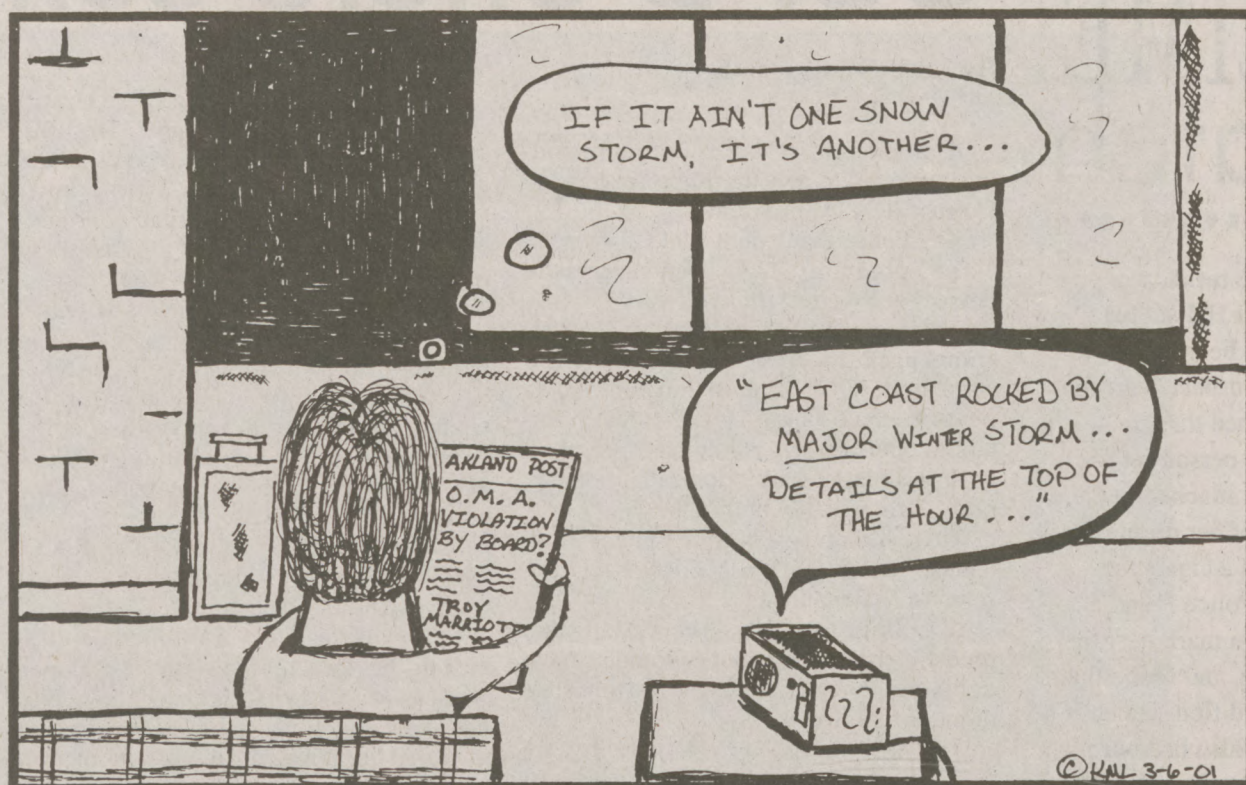
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They said it

“ Personally, I blame the apple incident on God. If you put two kids in a room with a cake and say, 'Don't eat any,' and you expect an intact cake on your return, you shouldn't be in charge.

- Liz Langley
Orlando Weekly Columnist ”



If you're going to violate the Open Meetings Act, do it right.
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Letters to the Editor

Student questions dept.

Dear Editor,

After several technical degrees and many, many math classes at OU, it still amazes how infamous the math program has become.

It could be a combination of professors that like to stroke their own ego, and a math department that has become a money making business for the university.

I even heard one professor stating that, "Americans are lazy and stupid," during his office hours.

The math professors I have had care nothing about educating the students.

I've grown tired of the typical lecture, "When I was a student, I had to...." Think of all the income generated from math classes that are retaken two, three even four times.

Complaints are made, excuses are given... Why would the University want to get rid of its cash cow?

Where is all the money for all these new buildings coming from? The state only supplements so much. The student population has not increased that much. Every program I know of has a math class requirement.

I would like to see some real statistical data regarding first time passing rate, instead of some empty comment by the math department chair.

Graduate student
Name Withheld Upon Request

Trucks ruining roads

Dear Editor,

I read the article "Rough roads plague Michigan" (Feb. 21) and I'm glad to see the problem with damaged roads was addressed.

It is costing a lot of money to fix these damages. I just want to add to the reasons of why our streets are so bad.

Semi-trucks are supposed to carry a minimum weight capacity of so many pounds per axle. Many trucking companies are packing their trucks with products that tremen-

dously exceed the weight limit set by government standards.

These heavy goods are then shipped to their destination. This extraneous amount of weight rolling down the roads is putting way too much pressure on the concrete and damaging it as a result.

Because these trucking companies are not careful in doing their job or abusing their privileges, our cars have to suffer and so do our pocket-books, not to mention the bumpy ride to school.

Tera VanTiem
freshman, communication

Letter Response:

Dear Editor,

The name Jesus Christ is an extremely controversial name today. The mere mention of it creates immediate argument and contention, except when it is used as profanity.

Yet, what's the matter with this one we call Jesus?

He was a man who fed the hungry masses. He was a man who hated racial divides and did everything He could to promote love and forgiveness. He was a man whose sole mission was to bring hope and peace to all of mankind.

In last week's Post I came across a Letter to the Editor written by professor Barry S. Winkler. In it, he discussed how irritated he was that there was a prayer at the beginning of the Keeper of the Dream Banquet and that it included such words as "Jesus Christ," "God" and "Our Lord."

Yet, what professor Winkler willingly fails to realize is that the Keeper of the Dream Banquet is specifically in honor of the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a well-known preacher of the Gospel and one who's mission was directly connected to Jesus' message of love and unity.

Furthermore, had Dr. King been at the banquet, he would have been leading that prayer himself.

The issue of separation of church

and state is completely irrelevant here, even though OU was the host of the event, because it was not specifically funded by the University, but by the willing participants who gladly and voluntarily paid the cost of each ticket.

Secular universities host religious ceremonies and events on a regular basis without using university funds to do so.

So, what's the matter with this one we call Jesus? As we can see, His only mission on this earth was to extend love, hope and unity to the people who lived here, just as Dr. King did.

Where is the flaw? Where is the controversy? I've yet to figure it out, except that perhaps we're the ones with the problem.

Perhaps we need to look deep inside our own hearts to find out why we continually reject such a loving and caring individual.

And after a long, pensive look into our own souls, we can easily come to the conclusion that there's absolutely nothing the matter with this one we call Jesus.

Indeed, there's something terribly wrong with us.

Tim Warner
senior, music education

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Bye Tracy,
we'll miss you tons!!!

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Although the request for minutes was denied because "no such documents exist," an agenda of the secret meeting, Board handouts and receipts were provided.

The bill for the Troy Marriott totaled \$970.08. Room rental cost \$250, audio visual equipment rental cost \$95 and the Board's food costs added \$317.50 to the tab. In addition, the group ran up a \$181.70 tab at Shulas, the restaurant located inside the Troy Marriott. The remainder of the bill consisted of service fees, totalling \$125.88.

Board meetings held on campus average food costs of less than \$90.

Montgomery said that the Board was not in violation of the OMA because of a June 1999 state Supreme Court case which said that the three constitutionally created universities (MSU, WSU and U-M) are not subject to follow OMA during presidential searches.

The majority of the court in that case, called Federated Publication, Inc. v. BOT of MSU, ruled that "the Michigan Constitution confers a unique constitutional status on our public universities and their governing boards."

It ruled that these universities were a fourth branch of government and exempt from the legislatively created OMA.

OU is different, according to Fink, a partner in the firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn. He noted that OU was not named in the state constitution.

OU was legislatively created in 1970 and Section 4 of that legislation states that "the business which the Board may perform shall be conducted in compliance with (the OMA)."

According to Fink, that difference clearly makes OU subject to the OMA.

Montgomery disagreed.

"Every university does it (holds closed meetings). That's standard operating procedure. It's totally within the law," he insisted.

Fink disputed Montgomery's claim noting that there are also criminal provisions to the OMA.

"Any public body that violates the OMA knowingly is taking a substantial risk," said Fink.

Before the Dec. 6 formal session of the BOT,

renovations to Varner Hall and the addition of a Cultural and Performing Arts facility was OU's top priority for the Capital Outlay Budget that is submitted to the state annually.

At the Dec. 4 meeting, three academic deans made presentations on three different proposals for the Capital Outlay Budget request. All eight Trustees, President Gary Russi and University General Counsel Victor Zambardi were present.

At the Dec. 4 meeting, Trustees also heard a presentation by John T. Wolff, senior consultant for Marts & Lundy, Inc. on the anticipated Capital Campaign.

The two Student Liasons to the Board were unaware the Dec. 4 meeting occurred. Neither was invited nor attended.

At the Dec. 6 formal meeting of the BOT, that priority was bumped and replaced by the construction of an Automotive Technology building.

Since that meeting, the state decided not to accept any Capital Outlay Budget requests for this fiscal year.

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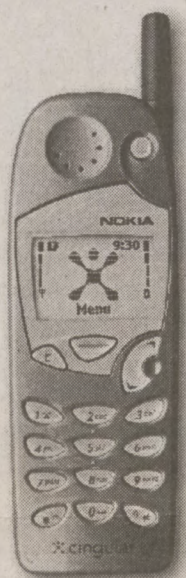
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Wolfe, who fouled out with 52 seconds left, finished with 13

points, three assists, and two rebounds. Judd scored all of her 10 points in the second half rally by the Grizzlies. She also pulled down 11 rebounds, and Ahlgren finished her college career strong with four points and seven rebounds.

After the game, Wolfe spoke about the season.

"I think we had a really good season. We have to come back next year and just forget about this game," she said. "Two regular season Mid-Con Championships in a row is a big accomplishment, and I think we gained some tournament experience in the championship game. Hopefully, that will help us out next year and we can pull through and win it."

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According to the National Center for Education Statistics website (www.nces.ed.gov), OU is not the only school that has experienced a rise in arrests for drug use in the residence halls. Grand Valley State University with approximately 17,000 students, had two arrests in 1998 and four drug related arrests in 1999. Eastern Michigan University, with a student population of approximately 22,000, report-

ed four arrests in 1998 and six drug arrests in 1999. Michigan State, with more than 43,000 students, arrested 53 students for drug use in 1998 and 70 students were arrested in 1999.

Although Gilroy recognizes the problems with drug arrests in the residence halls, he pointed out that liquor related arrests are the biggest concern. In 2000, 15 arrests were made for alcohol related crimes, resulting in a total of 60 people arrested. "Alcohol is the drug of choice," said Gilroy.

OUSC

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mately 50 comments and concerns from students. The letter was approved, and now Aramark representatives will have an opportunity to review it, along with the concerns before their attendance at OUSC's meeting next week.

"As representatives of the students, we want to continue to relay concerns to Aramark and continue to communicate with them to provide the best service possible for their customers," Student Body Vice-President Jen Wegner said.

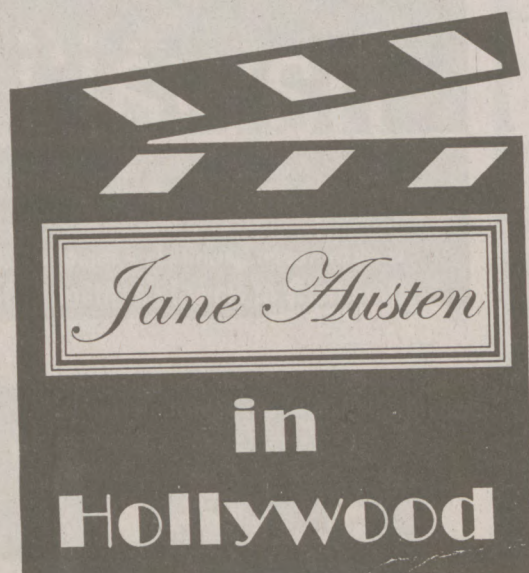
OUSC elections will take place March 20-22, and there are currently as many as five candidates running for the student body president position. A full list of candidates and their platforms will be featured in The Post next week.

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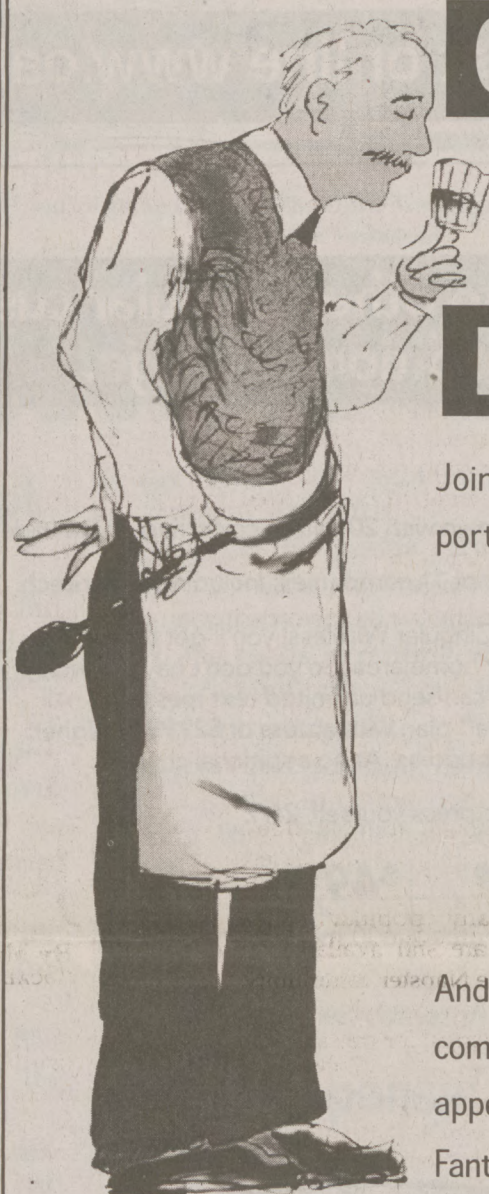
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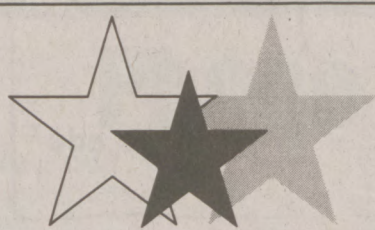
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Here's why the above fantasies won't work: Stocks splits are meaningless. A stock split is just an accounting adjustment. (That should be the kiss of death for anyone who thinks stock splits are glamorous!)

When a stock splits, two things happen. The number of "authorized shares" doubles (we are assuming a two-for-one split to keep things simple) and the price is cut in half. The price cut is retroactive, too. Your original cost for each share is halved.

A stock split is like getting two tens for a twenty. Big deal. If you had, say, 100 shares at \$50 the day before a two-for-one split, the next morning when the market opens, the price will be halved and your broker will adjust your account to show that you own 200 shares at \$25, which is \$5000 -- exactly the same value as, you guessed it, 100 shares at \$50.

Then why does everyone get excited about stock splits, even when they understand the math?

Even though a stock split adds no value to a stock, it can be a sign that a company is doing well. The faster a company grows, the more often it will split its stock to keep the price within a certain range. There's just one catch: Not every company that declares a split will continue to grow at its previous pace. I have personally watched two of my stocks split and then proceed to drop another 50-60%. Without looking into fundamentals, there's no way to tell if the company really is a good investment.

Sure, there are some very well-managed companies in hot industries that split and proceed to double within just a few months or years. So they split again and their shareholders rejoice, and they double again, and everyone buys yachts.

But somehow cause and effect have gotten switched in the public mind. Thinking that splits cause a stock to go up is like thinking that the sky growing lighter in the morning causes the sun to rise.

What now? What happens when a stock never splits? It can be impressive if the company is a strong one. A single share of Berkshire Hathaway class A stock (NYSE: BRK.A) is now selling for around \$70,000.

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Colleges opt out of abortion pill

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

Despite the legality of the "morning after pill" RU-486, the controversy surrounding its use and distribution remains heavy. College campuses are no exception.

Only a handful of schools nationwide offer the pill as part of a student health plan, like Yale and Harvard. Many colleges, though, do not meet the requirements needed to administer the pill to students.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved RU-

486 last September, and their guidelines dictate that it can be administered only by physicians in offices or clinics, and only by doctors trained to treat complete pregnancies and perform surgical abortions.

For any abortion, current Michigan law mandates a 24-hour waiting period for a woman, and requires that minors under 17 receive parental permission.

OU's Graham Health Center, according to Nurse Practitioner and Coordinator Joanne Talarek, lacks the facilities needed to

legally distribute RU-486.

Talarek said that Graham does not meet the requirements because it is a nurse practitioner clinic and has no physicians. Also, because the staff cannot treat the complications of the drug's use on-site.

Last week, Michigan State University's student government passed a resolution advocating the use of RU-486 through its health care center.

In an article in the *State News*, officials at MSU's Olin Health Care Center, like Graham, said that its facility doesn't meet the

requirements to distribute RU-486 since the staff can neither treat a complete pregnancy nor perform surgery at Olin.

Pro-choice activists, however, feel that universities have a responsibility to women to offer the pill.

An unplanned pregnancy is something that very much affects college campuses, and universities need to be in a position to deal with that," said Mary-Ellen Mitchell, a counselor at the Feminist Women's Health Center in Atlanta, in a *Fox News* article last October.

Graham, while not offering RU-486, does offer counseling and can make referrals to either an abortion clinic or a gynecologist. The "morning after pill," which must be taken within 72 hours of fertilization, as well as pregnancy tests are also available to students.

The current insurance plan for students does not, however, cover contraceptives or abortions. This is "pretty standard" for colleges, according to Talarek.

RU-486, marketed in the U.S.

ABORTION continues on B3

Napster fights for survival

By Cliff Snitgen II
THE OAKLAND POST

Attempting to keep its company alive, Napster has implemented a new screening process, one that will stop the free trade of thousands of copyrighted songs.

An order issued yesterday by U.S. District Judge Marilyn Patel expands on this screening system, though, saying that when record companies provide a list of songs to be banned, Napster has 72 hours to comply.

This injunction sets the stage for all copyrighted material to be removed from free-trade on the service.

Napster began to filter the contents of its online users search queries this past weekend, preventing them from exchanging some of the copyrighted songs.

Prior to yesterday's ruling, the company said that, after a self-imposed March 5 deadline, more than one million file names had been removed from the Napster search engine.

This removal, though, doesn't actually include one million titles. Different spellings of titles and artists caused problems. As a result, many popular songs, such as Metallica, are still available for download through the Napster community.

"It's too bad that we won't be able to get them [the songs] for free anymore," said Tim Whiting, sophomore, MIS.

Napster also agreed last week to pay record holders \$1 billion in royalty fees for the next five years, as long as a 40 percent cut in online music sales is made by the company.

Although no actual fee has been assessed, Napster officials are contemplating a charge from \$5.95 to \$9.95 for a premium service and \$2.95 to \$4.95 for a more limited basic service.

By July 1, the company said that it will offer membership-based swapping for a fee.

Whiting added, "I just hope it's cheaper (to get the music online) than going out and buying the CD."

BANNING THE TUNES

Record companies must provide Napster with a list of songs they want banned from the service.

Once the list is presented, Napster has 72 hours to take those titles from the site. Fees will be implemented by the summer.



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(Left): Jennifer Karnes, a senior in mechanical engineering, demonstrates her engineering skills in the Fluids Lab. Engineers and technical-skilled workers have been spared by the full impact of the auto layoffs.
(Below): The Auburn Hills corporation has been hit by hard times and is forced to cut 26,000 jobs in the next three years.

Jeremy Barber/The Oakland Post

Auto layoffs impact job market, students

By Michael Hoskins
LOCAL EDITOR

With the recent slump in the automotive business, experience and an engineering degree may be the key elements for students pursuing a career in the industry.

Hiring freezes are being implemented by auto companies and suppliers, limiting the number of positions available to students who are seeking jobs while in school or after graduation.

The layoffs, though, while influencing the job market for the entire auto industry, have spared engineers and technical jobs more than soft-skill jobs, like consultants and executive positions.

"Even though many workers are being let go, our product design must continue, and we need experienced workers for this," said Michele Callender, Editor of the Global News Bureau, Auburn Hills for DaimlerChrysler.

Despite the field, however, experience remains a necessity.

Matt Karrantja, Technical Recruiting Specialist and Team Leader for the Ford/Visteon account at ASG Renaissance, as well as an OU alumnus, said that it will be very difficult, if not impossible, for students without experience to find a job in the field.

Six months ago, graduates could expect to enter into a job for as much as

\$48,000-\$52,000 a year.

Karrantja and Callender both predicted that this quarter, which ends at the end of March, will see little in the way of hiring college graduates.

At the third quarter in July, though, companies will increase their hiring gradually.

Suppliers have felt the pinch of these auto company layoffs, as well, forcing them to reduce their work staff.

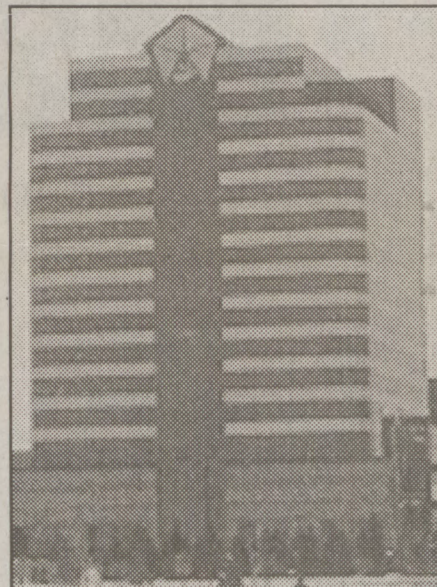
An employee at a Local Tier 1 automotive supplier confirmed that many projects are being cut (by the auto companies), budgets are being checked and rechecked, and campaigns to decrease costs are being pushed.

Delphi Automotive, the world's largest auto-parts maker, has felt the pressure from General Motors and other customers to decrease their production.

The company announced this week that it will idle nearly 4,200 workers for a week, which adds to the 6,600 temporarily laid off.

The Chrysler Group of Daimler Chrysler AG, at the center of local attention lately, announced its restructuring plan last week, which involves eliminating 26,000 jobs during the next three years.

Callender added, "It's a bad time (for Chrysler), but it's only a downtime. It will get better."



OU is feeling the economic pressures of these cost reductions, as well.

The cutbacks have forced many employees at auto companies and suppliers to stop taking classes, unsure of their job security and financial stability.

Even though the market for auto-related jobs has slowed, students are encouraged to pursue careers in the field.

"There are still a lot of jobs out there, so stay positive and remain calm," Karrantja advised. "Do research on companies and talk to automotive recruiting agencies."

He added, "Make sure to take advantage of the placement and career services that are offered on campus."

Michon Hale, sophomore, engineering, said, "Nothing's a sure thing to begin with. You have to send out more resumes and look at more than one source, or you're only setting yourself up for disappointment."

Wallace's corporate bookstores file Chapter 11 bankruptcy

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Wallace's Bookstores, Inc., the suppliers for the OU Bookstore and 63 others, filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy last month because the owner is experiencing financial troubles.

Former Governor of

Kentucky Wallace Wilkinson petitioned the U.S. Bankruptcy court on Feb. 5 to appoint a trustee to help him manage his debts.

The petition said that Wilkinson, who also created the website e-campus.com, has borrowed large amounts of money and hasn't been able to pay back the debt.

In a letter sent to Wallace's suppliers on Feb. 28, Vice Chairman Clisby M. Jennelle, III wrote that the company filed Chapter 11 because the Board of Directors decided that a "major reorganization of our business was needed."

Since federal law prohibits payment for goods and services received before the peti-

tion is filed, Wallace's informed suppliers that their "indebtedness is frozen until after a plan of reorganization is accepted by the creditors and approved by the court," wrote Jennelle.

Jennelle added that Wallace chains will continue working at full capacity and will try to remain competitive.

Knowing the Law:

Chapter 11 permits the debtor (Wallace's) to restructure finances so it can continue to operate.

From Barron's Law Dictionary

Courtesy of www.weather.com

Four Day weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Snow Showers High - 37° Low - 22°	Scattered Snow High - 37° Low - 21°	Partly Cloudy High - 39° Low - 24°	Mostly Cloudy High - 45° Low - 28°

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Entrepreneurial minded students, Professors, and individuals wanted to help small Troy based electronic manufacturing startup company grow. We are seeking people with a variety of skills to help us grow. We are seeking people with interests in computers, marketing, sales, accounting, engineering, customer service and advertising to help us grow. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. Contact Dave at Adamlab, 248.362.4190.

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The Oakland University Eye Research Institute Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 2001: Conduct independent research projects under the guidance of ERI faculty. Up to four Research Fellowships of \$2,500 each will be awarded for the period May 7-July 27, 2001.

The program is intended for Oakland University sophomores or juniors who are contemplating careers in biological and biomedical research or teaching. Research interests of the ERI faculty include: cyclic nucleotides in retina (Ari), retinal gene therapy (Blanks), biochemistry of the lens and cataract (Giblin), photoreceptor structure and disease (Goldberg) and physiology and biochemistry of retina (Winkler). For information and an application form, contact Ms. Paulette Realy, 407 Dodge Hall, 248.370.2390, pmrealy@oakland.edu.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Applications are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center for OU students and student organizations who have been involved in volunteer services both on and off campus. Up to 16 awards of \$500 each to individual returning students and up to 7 student organization awards of \$500 each are available. Winners will be announced at the Student Organization Awards Program in April. Call Center for Student Activities and Leadership at ext. 2400 or Dean of Students Office at ext. 3352 for more information. The deadline for both individual group applications is March 30, 2001.

• **Oakland University Alumni Association Scholarship:** Applications are now available for this \$2000, one-year scholarship. Please contact Adrienne Bass, Acting Director, Alumni Relations at 370-4678, or email to bass@oakland.edu for an application and/or scholarship criteria. Applications forms are also available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Deadline is March 31, 2001.

• **Now accepting applications and nominations for: STUDENT LIASON to the Oakland University Board of Trustees.** The role of the Student Liason is to serve as non-voting resource on student issues at work sessions and meetings of the Board. Term of Office is July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 or 2003. Must have at least a 2.5 GPA. Must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours (28 from OU). Must not hold any other major elected campus office. Applications available at: Student Affairs, 144 Oakland Center, Student Congress, 62 Oakland Center or Center for Student Activities, 49 Oakland Center. Deadline is March 30, 2001. Call 370-4200 for more information.

• **GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER:** Welcome back! Graham Health Center hopes you had a relaxing spring break. Unfortunately, it may not be long before your studies start to create stress in your life once again. Learn how to manage stress, and use your time more efficiently by calling GHC at ext. 2341 or email health@oakland.edu. Stress management can be learned and WILL improve your daily life.

• **THE ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER,** 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215, offers tutoring for most 100 and 200 level courses, and our tutors are students who have taken the courses you're taking. Stop by!!! We also have handouts that offer tips for taking better notes, reading college textbooks, and writing research papers. And much more!

• **ASK THE CAREER COUNSELOR-**Too cold to walk across campus? Too busy to stop in and see us? We're as near as your computer. Email your career questions to the counselors in the Career Resource Center at crc@oakland.edu and we'll help you find answers. Also, visit our website http://phoenix.place-ment.oakland.edu/crc/home.htm for links to some great career sites.

THIS WEEK

• **Thursday, March 8th, 3-5 PM-** The international Students & Scholars office will be hosting an open house with light refreshments in celebration of International Women's Day. Come by 157 North Foundation Hall and meet the ISSO staff!

• **Friday, March 9th, noon-1 PM-** The International Night Planning Committee will meet to begin planning for "International Night" scheduled for Friday, April 6th. Come join us in the Meadow Brook Room of the Oakland Center. Light refreshments will be served.

• **Sunday, March 18th from 1-6 PM-** Campus Recreation Free Day Open House is the perfect opportunity for family and friends to enjoy a free day at the Rec Center. Call 370-4732 for more information.

Oakland University Presents: The 2000-2001 Student Life Lecture Series

Jennifer Granholm

Attorney General of the State of Michigan



"Michigan Law According to the Attorney General"

**Thursday, April 5, 2001
3:00 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre**

The lecture is free. Tickets are not required.

This lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance to attend this lecture should call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400.

Presented with the support of the Office of Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and University Student Congress.

For additional information, call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400, or visit Oakland University's web site at www.oakland.edu. Oakland University is located one mile east of I-75 exit 79 (University Drive).

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•Dr. Kris Thompson and Dr. Beth Marcoux will be guest speakers at the **PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY** Club meeting from noon to 1 p.m. today. It will be held in the Lake Superior Room A in the OC, where they will be addressing changes in the PT program and the addition of the Doctorate degree.

•Underground Coffee House will feature **MATTHEW ABELSON** at 8 p.m., on Sat. March 10, in the Heritage Room of the OC.

SHOWS

•**EVE 6** with special guests **V.A.S.T.** and **American Hi-Fi** will be playing at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at Clutch Cargos.

•**SR-71, DEXTER FREEBISH AND DIFFUSER** will be at St. Andrew's Hall at 5 p.m., on Friday, March 23. Tickets are still available.

•**THE ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE** will be alive at 8 p.m. on Thursday, when Carl Thomas performs songs from his new album, "Emotional."

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INFO

•The characters Bert and Ernie on *Seasame Street* were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

•Of the six men who made up the Three Stooges, three of them were real brothers (Moe, Curly and Shemp).

•Spot, Data's cat on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, was played by six different cats.

•In Mel Brooks' "Silent Movie," mime Marcel Marceay is the only person who has a speaking role.



SURVIVOR CHALLENGE: Studying abroad enables students to earn college credit while visiting such places as West Minster Abbey, the Big Ben clock and cathedral all in London (pictured above).

The long commute to class

Studying abroad gives students life-changing experiences

By Ryan Schooley
THE OAKLAND POST

Are you fearful of having to get a summer job? Do you want to travel and experience life, culture and another country? Can you imagine yourself studying art in Florence or History in Oxford? Studying abroad could be perfect for you.

The concept is becoming a very accessible and extremely enticing option for more and more adventurous students. However, many don't know where or how to get started.

The first step is to find the ideal location and program for your interests. This can be done by making a stop in the Center for International Programs office at 431 Wilson Hall.

"It (studying abroad) was great. I loved it. It's opened my eyes, the world is so big. It was totally worth the money and I would recommend this program to anyone," said Chelsea Charles, English, who studied Chaucer during a three-week program at Corpus Christi College in Oxford, England.

OU offers several programs for year-long, semester and summer terms. Programs in England, France, Japan, Austria, Italy and Mexico are available through OU. Classes are offered by foreign universities especially for international students, and the classes taken transfer directly back to OU.

Language proficiency is required for some of the programs, but not all of them. And in almost all of the programs, a variety of subjects are offered in English.

For example, OU's Japanese programs require one year of Japanese study. At Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan, and the Japan Center for Michigan Universities in Shiga, Japan students can study Japanese, as well as courses taught in English. This is especially beneficial for international anglophone students.

The programs in Macerata, Italy and Vienna, Austria have no language requirements, and all of the classes are taught in English. However, just living in those countries will allow one to pick up some Italian or German, even if English is spoken in class. Courses range from psychology, to business administration, to the fine arts.

All of OU's semester or yearly programs are priced according to current exchange rates and university prices, but can range around \$4,000 per semester. Airfare, some meals, and

spending money must be provided by the student.

If you're interested in studying abroad over the summer, British studies at Corpus Christi College in Oxford, England might be ideal. Literature, communication, history, and a wide range of subjects can be taken for 4 to 8 credits depending on how long you stay. A three-week session costs \$3,250 and a six-week session costs \$5,950 which includes room, board and several field trips. Contact Margaret Pigott at 370-4131 or at pigott@oakland.edu for complete details.

But don't stop there, independent research on the web can uncover some great programs outside of the university, and it also allows you to compare prices: Some good websites to check out are www.ciee.org/study, www.travelabroad.com, www.studyabroad.com and www.petersons.com.

These websites do the searching for you, giving you information about programs at other universities and foreign exchange companies. Through these databases, you can find an affordable program almost anywhere in the world. Just make sure that the credits will transfer back to OU.

If you're curious about studying abroad, it is definitely worth looking into. It's a great way to build your resume while having a once-in-a-lifetime experience, plus it shows both employers and graduate schools that you're resourceful, energetic and willing to try new things. And since less than 3% of college students study abroad, it gives you an edge to the job market.

Tara Ueck, senior, is a French major who tried studying abroad through OU's program at the University of Orleans. She stayed for six months in 2000, where she took 12 credits in literature and language. She said it was a wonderful experience.

"You just learn so much about yourself and life. It shaped me. I wish a lot more people could go," she said.

She also said that her favorite aspects of the trip were "definitely all the people I met and also being able to travel so easily."

In describing the school she attended, Ueck explained that "there were a lot of American and British (students), but in our group there were people from all over the world. We weren't in class with French students, but there were opportunities to interact with them."

Charles also said that the academic side of Corpus Christi was challenging and focused, but there was always time for

good old English tradition.

"I had four people in my class. We went to class three hours a day with a half hour break for tea," she said.

Charles stayed in the dormitories with fellow OU students Kristy Brotske and Marissa Kudyba.

"Everyone was so hospitable in Europe. They would go out of their way to help you," said Charles. The three roommates even had maid service each day.

Opportunities for travel and field trips provided a break from campus life. Charles went to London, Paris, and even drove to St. Andrews to see the British Open.

Studying overseas can be a nice hiatus from life in the U.S., as Charles emphasized, "Yeah, I was kind of scared, but you only live once," she said.

Deadlines for summer programs vary and are approaching fast. Contact program directors for more information.

Studying Abroad Programs at OU

For more information on specific studying abroad programs, call the following people:

British Studies at Oxford

Margaret Pigot
x4131

Vienna Study Abroad

William Macauley
x2154

Macerata, Italy

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University of Orleans, France

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x2062

Univeristy of Oldenburg, Germany

Christopher Clason
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'The Mexican' shoots up blanks

By Jeff Galecki
THE OAKLAND POST

This film proves that buying the most popular Hollywood actors can not revive a script that is worse than Montezuma's revenge.

Julia Roberts plays Samantha Barzel the neurotic girlfriend opposite to Brad Pitt's character Jerry Welbach, the stereotypical but lovable screw up.

"The Mexican" has a story line that revolves around a gun called "The Mexican" that Jerry is given the task to retrieve. Jerry must complete the task in order to pay off his debts to a mob boss.

However, Samantha thought he had pulled his last errand for the mob and they could now move to Las Vegas for a new future together.

As Jerry goes off to Mexico in search for the legendary pistol, Samantha heads for Las Vegas to begin her life without Jerry. This is when she is kidnapped and held hostage in order to ensure Jerry turning over the gun.

A series of events and mishaps soon follow.

Julia Roberts' portrayal is lackluster and becomes tedious, as her emotions throughout the movie are either bordering on a psychotic frenzy or she is subdued in a Prozac like haze.

Brad Pitt gives a performance equal to

Julia Roberts. One might think they were watching community theater.

The story about the Mexican gun is painfully and slowly drawn out through flashbacks. These flashbacks are hooky and you would almost expect to see wavy lines

and dreamy expressions on the actors as the fade to the "memory" or in this case the story behind the gun.

The flashbacks represent a quasi-old western film complete with distorted images and equally bad acting.

This movie relies heavily on the ever present and sometimes mind boggling method of taking a story and making the different plots and sub plots intertwine so that by the end of the story you get the complete picture.

"The Mexican" attempt to do this is unsuccessful with every plot twist as predictable as a weight loss infomercial. It is obvious the director wanted to shoot in a method such as the classic "Pulp Fiction."

Unfortunately just as a copy of a key never quite works as well as the original so does this films attempts to capture the storytelling and direction of "Pulp Fiction."

The story does at some points redeem itself and the ending is somewhat more digestible than the repetitive middle of the film.



THE WAR ON GUNS: Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts star in "The Mexican" which opened Friday.

The cameo by Gene Hackman is possibly the best highlight from this film. He gives a brief but excellent performance that seems to do circles around the pathetic Jerry.

The main problem with the story is not the overall plot, but the cheesy cliches that continuously pop up. From the typical Julia Roberts performance where she gets fed up and then has a yelling breakdown which of course intimidates her foes and gets them to ease up on her, to Brad Pitt at the climax throwing a similar I-had-a-bad-day tantrum at the end where his character demands to be dealt with.

The film even has every possible Mexican

stereotype and corny line that any B movie has ever pumped out. It boggles my mind that in a movie with Hollywood's most beautiful actors that they have few scenes together and barely any on screen romance.

Sorry Brad and Julia I hope your next film is what we have come to expect from both of you, a work that is comparable to what you have done in the past.

The only persons that will feel worse than me after seeing "The Mexican" is the producers, because when the film tanks they will be in it deeper than a midget cleaning out a port-a-potty at a Mexican oat bran factory.

Dave Matthews Band breaks original mold with newest album, 'Everyday'

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When the Dave Matthews Band released the first single off its new album, "Everyday," fans who have listened to the band since its debut in 1994, for the most part, were surprised, to say the least.

It's obvious upon first listen that, while making this CD, all the old rules no longer applied and someone must have broken the original mold. The disc is completely barren in the area of long, drawn out jam sessions. There aren't any wailing saxophone solos. And lead singer Dave Matthews seems to be stuck on the dark side of the moon.

In other words, where did DMB go? Well, true fans will just have to take what they've got, or else abandon ship.

Even though "Everyday" pretty much destroys the jam-band persona we've all grown to love in DMB albums, what's left is kind of amazing.

The reasons that the band's fourth studio album sounds so different are due to the changes in personal, attitude and Matthews' mood while writing the 12 tracks.

The band traded in its seasoned producer Steve Lillywhite for a new and legendary writer/producer, Glen



Photo Courtesy of BMG Records
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?: The Dave Matthews band recently released its new album "Everyday." Catch the band at Detroit's own Comerica Park, on June 3.

Ballard.

Originally, DMB had struggled to put the album together but finally finished, three months after its original due date. Shortly after the band's record label RCA heard the first draft, the guys all decided to scrap it and start again.

Matthews admitted to Rolling Stone magazine in the March 15 issue that, at the time, he was in a pretty bad slump. He just didn't feel like writing happy songs, like "Tripping Billies" and "41."

The band, label and Matthews himself agreed that Ballard, who has worked with Aerosmith, Alanis

Morrisette and No Doubt, would be able to punch some life into Matthews' lyrics.

So with a new production and writing team at the wheel, the first CD tossed aside and an extended deadline, Matthews was shipped out to Los Angeles and began writing some new songs. This time though, he had help.

"Everyday" sounds like an album that Matthews wrote for himself. It almost seems to be a marker of the upturn his life has taken.

The lyrics are masterful. The unforgettable voice is angelic. The music is a bit thin compared to the three previous studio albums ("Under the Table and Dreaming" 1994, "Crash" 1996, and "Before These Crowded Streets" 1998).

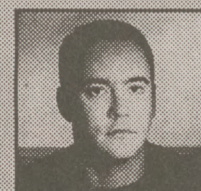
The songs are still a little bit depressing, but every DMB album has its hidden gloom.

The band members take the backseat in this production, but their presence is still very much heard.

Carter Beauford, percussion, Stefan Lessard, electric bass, Boyd Tinsley, violins and Leroi Moore, saxophone, contra bass clarinet and flute hinted at the impossibility of eliminating the jam-sessions that earned the band the tag of 'Best Live Show' on VH1.

Tickets for the June 3 show at Comerica Park, in Detroit, go on sale this Saturday.

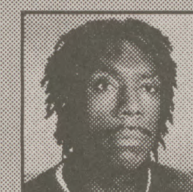
Meet the band



Dave Matthews:
vocals, guitar



Leroi Moore:
saxs, contra
clarinet, flute



Boyd Tinsley:
violins



Stefan Lessard:
electric bass



Carter Beauford:
percussion

New Our Lady Peace CD embarks on spiritual journey

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Our Lady Peace fans didn't have to wait long for the guys to release their new album, "Spiritual Machines."

The band's last full length, "Happiness Is Not A Fish That You Can Catch," came out little over a year ago and proved that Peace was going to be around for quite a while.

"Spiritual Machines," the band's fourth release since 1994, adds a couple more songs to the hit list. The guys have already scored the singles "Life" and "In Repair," even though the CD doesn't make it to the U.S. until March 12. It is available in Canada, which is also home to the band.

OLP got its start in Canada, under the Sony Music label, and after the release of "Naveed" and the single "Starseed," America took notice. After that, in 1997, it released "Clumsy," which spawned the singles "Superman's Dead" and "Automatic Flowers."

Since the release of "Happiness..." the guys have toured twice nationally through Canada, played in Europe and even made a stop at Woodstock '99.

The band's website, www.ourladypeace.com, says the new recordings are based on the Ray Kurzweil book, "The Age of Spiritual Machines - When Computers Exceed Human Intelligence." Kurzweil's book explores theories that lead into the idea that the differences between human beings and computers are becoming more and more vague.

To add emphasis to the theme of the CD, Kurzweil contributed five of his personal readings, which are sprinkled between tracks.

The newest release is fully interactive (see the website)



Photo Courtesy of Columbia Records
SPIRITUAL: Our Lady Peace's new CD "Spiritual Machines" is set to be released in the U.S. on March 12.

and features 10 tracks. The band sprinkled a sort of history of the growth of the computer in modern civilization.

The music on the album is best described as yet another chapter to the storybook OLP has been piecing together.

Lead vocalist, Raine Maida, guitarist Mike Turner, drummer Jeremy Taggart and bassist Duncan Coutts went into the studio almost immediately after they finished the Summersault tour last summer, with A Perfect Circle, Smashing Pumpkins, Foo Fighters and Finger Eleven.

The band relied on what they know for this one and didn't stray too far from the foundation it built musically. The lyrical style is similar to its previous works. The music still seems to ask, "Are You Sad?" which is the name of one of the songs on the CD. It's a great song because of the painfully slow pace and the almost blues feel it has.

For die-hard fans, OLP will play March 13 at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. But the show is already sold out.

If you want to chat with other OLP fans, otherwise known as the 'Clumsy Congress,' check out their website at www.clumsycongress.com.

The Fridge offers thrills, chills, fun for all ages

By Ryan Schooley
THE OAKLAND POST

The fast-action rush of sledding down a hill in the crisp winter air, can be the perfect cure for the winter blahs. But anyone who's gone in search of the perfect hill knows exactly how difficult it is to find a great sledding venue.

There may be too many trees, too little snow, or just not enough incline to get the sled moving. Besides, the climb back up the hill may cause sledgers to call it quits after a few trips down.

But The Fridge in Waterford may be the solution to all of your sledding woes. Speeding down a 55 foot drop at speeds greater than 30 mph is exhilarating for even the most courageous sledder. And after the drop, riders can look forward to coasting for 950 feet before the toboggan finally slows down.

On sheer ice, expect to start the free-fall down the refrigerated wood structure and continue along a track, letting the momentum take effect.

The toboggan is a classic wooden sled with a little padding for riders to sit on. A person's arms and legs are wrapped in a canvas cover with handles to hold tightly onto. This simple structure is long and can easily accommodate four adults. This can be an ideal situation because the more weight put onto it, the more the momentum is likely to increase, allowing a faster ride down the hill.

The best thing about it, is that once the run is over, simply give the toboggan back to the park employees and get in line and go again. An added bonus is that since The Fridge has a wooden platform with stairs, there is no hill to ascend.

Between runs, there is a cozy lounge to warm up. Cocoa, a snack bar and a fireplace allow visitors to make tobogganing an all day event, unlike a snowy hill where all the only shelter between runs is the family car.

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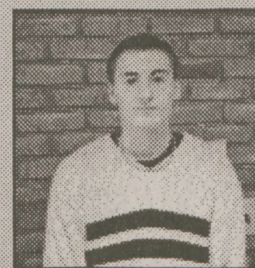
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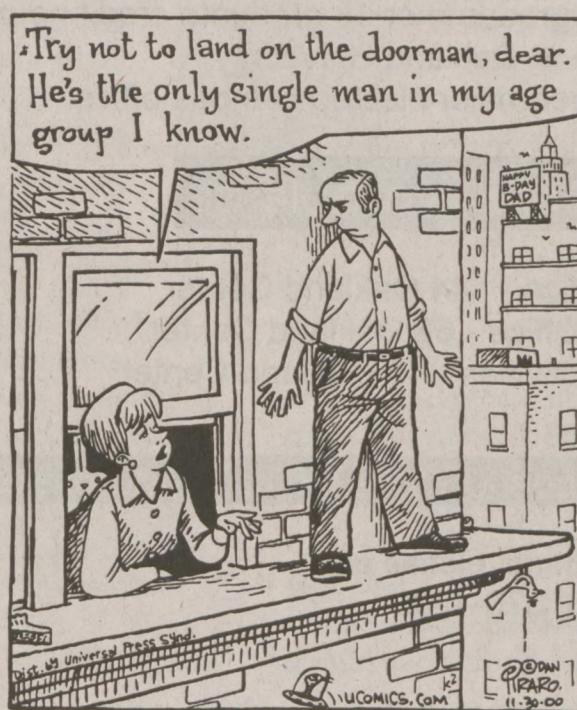
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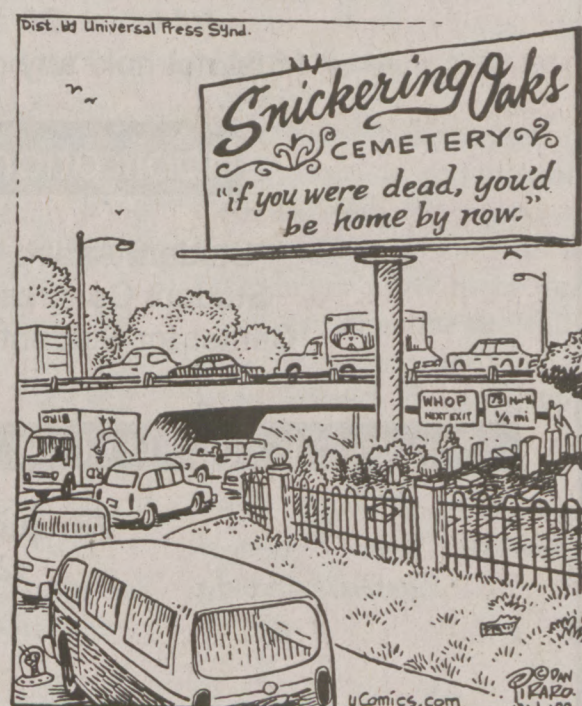
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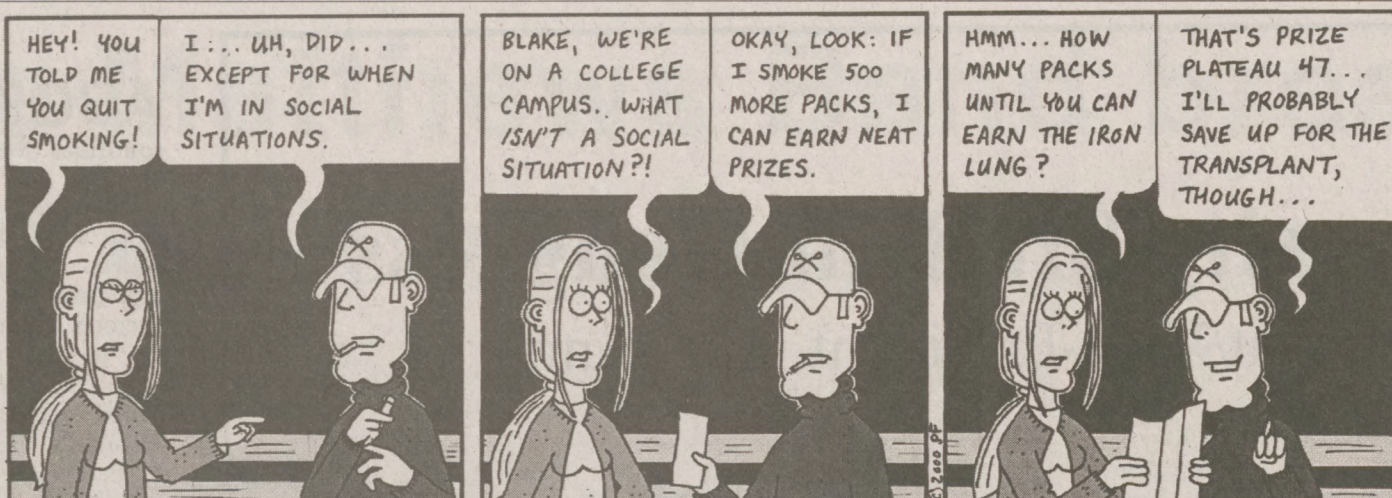
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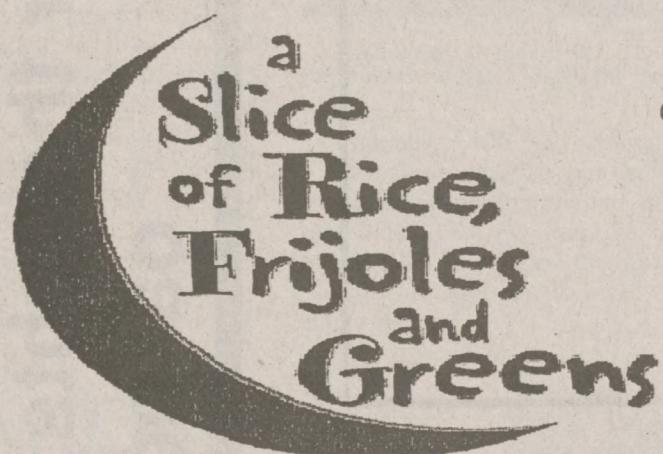
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Oakland	7
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Connecticut	1
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Feb. 22-24	
Oakland	3rd

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Feb. 22-24	
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Oakland	84
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OU breaks 14 school records at meet

By Lisa Cali
A ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men and women's swimming and diving teams ended their season with a bang at the NIC Championship, breaking 14 school swimming records and setting two diving records.

At the end of the three-day meet, which was held Feb. 22-24 at the OU aquatics center, the women finished in second place with 622 points and the men were third with 499 points. Defending champion Cincinnati won the women's championship while NIC newcomer Southern Methodist University claimed victory on the men's side.

"It was a good way to finish up a pretty successful year," head coach Pete Hovland said.

The women's team set 11 school records, including three relay records and a diving record.

Danielle Ward set four records individually in the 200y, 500y, 1000y and 1650y freestyle races. Tatyana Korniyenko set two individual records in the 100y and 200y butterfly, and Oksana Strelets set an individual record in the 50y freestyle.

In addition, the 200y medley relay team of Yvonne Lynn, Veronika Frolova, Korniyenko and Ward, the 400y medley relay team of Lynn, Frolova, Korniyenko and Strelets, and the 400y freestyle relay team of Ward, Lynn, Tamara Swaby and

Strelets also broke school records.

Diver Devon Cunningham set a first-time school record in platform diving, as the 2001 NIC was the first time OU competed in platform diving.

On the men's side, Haitham Hassan broke three school records during time trials, although he was ineligible to compete in the NIC Championship. Hassan broke records in the 100y and 200y butterfly and the 200y individual medley. Andy Schmit set a school record in the 1650y freestyle.

Walk-on diver Joe Lebovic upset Chris Gawronski in the platform competition, setting OU's first platform school record.

Although many records were broken and 11 of those times made the NCAA "B" standard, none of the times proved to be fast enough to earn the swimmers an invitation to the NCAA Division I Championship.

"We weren't fast enough to be invited, but we were very, very close," Hovland said. "We still have a ways to go if we want to become a national force, and that's our goal."

Since none of the swimmers qualified for higher championship meets, the NIC marked the end of the season for returning swimmers and the end of careers for the seniors.

Divers Laura Sorley and Cunningham are the exception, since both women qualified for the NCAA Zones, in which they will compete against the Big Ten teams.

"Their main goal was to qualify for Zones,



so they're pretty pleased," diving coach Tony Venticinque said. "It will be a learning experience for them and a chance to watch some good diving."

This year was the first time that both the men and women's teams had the same coaching staff going into the NIC, and according to Hovland, it was very different than previous years.

"It's a lot of work," Hovland said. "Instead of having 18 swimmers to coach, you automatically have 36 swimmers."

Assistant coach Jon Teal said he didn't know what to expect, this being his first time attending the NIC Championship.

"I didn't expect it to be that intense," Teal said. "You really had to pay close attention to who was swimming when and when races were coming up."

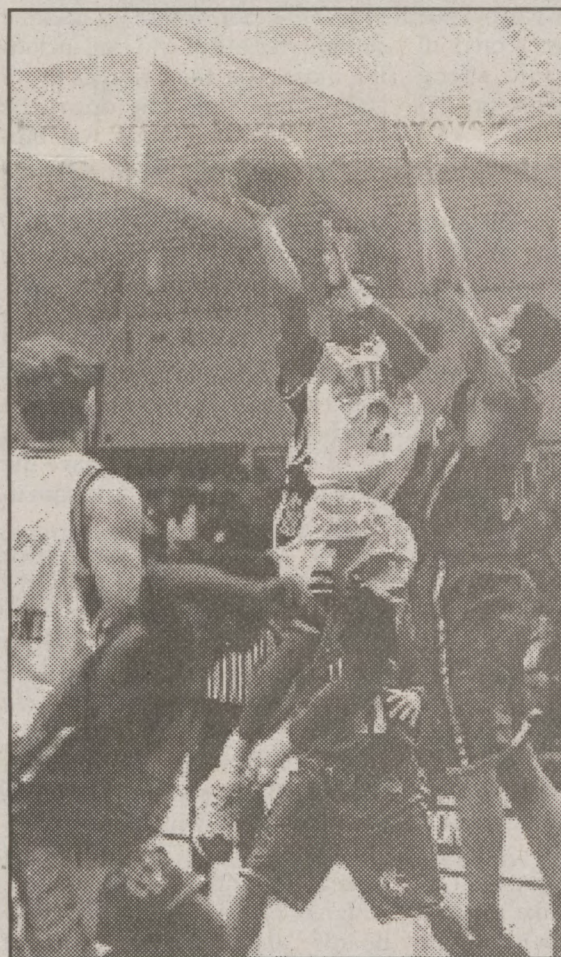
The intensity of the meet was a lot for the swimmers and staff to handle, but according to the coaches, everyone had a great time and learned more in the process.

"It was a great experience. I thought the teams came together well. I thought that they swam to their potential," Teal said. "But I also think that there are some things that we learned as a staff that we need to focus on in different areas to make us even better."



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
THE BIG DAY: The men's 400y freestyle relay team of Sean Broadbent, Joel Wallace, Doug Drazin and Dave Hartzel placed second in the last event of the championship. (Above) Tatyana Korniyenko set two individual school records at the NIC meet.

Men end season with 8-8 Mid-Con record



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
RISE ABOVE THE COMPETITION: Mychal Covington shoots a layup in the men's last game against UMKC.

By Chad Mack
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's men's basketball team ended its season the same way that it began, with a strong, solid performance and a victory in front of its home crowd. OU had an answer for everything that UMKC tried and won the game in convincing fashion.

The Grizzlies out-rebounded the Kangaroos 42-26. Leading the way for OU were Jordan Sabourin and Mychal Covington with eight each.

Brad Buddenborg led all scorers with his season high 31 points. Buddenborg also chipped in and had his best defensive game of the season. He helped double-team Michael Jackson, UMKC's leading scorer, when he received the ball in the low post. The Grizzlies held Jackson to only 16 points for the game.

"We had set higher goals for this year. It didn't pan out the way we wanted but I felt we pulled together and started to mesh. It seems like every season I have a few games like

that. My freshman year I had a few games like that. Last year I had a few games, but this year it seems like it's been less," said Buddenborg.

"He played very well, he got it going in the second half," said coach Greg Kampe of Buddenborg. "We made him play his tail off. I was very, very pleased with the defensive job he did. I think it was the key to victory. I would say most people would say I'm wrong and him knocking down threes was the key to victory. That was part of it but, the job that he did holding Jackson to 16, to me that was the key to victory."

The night was bittersweet. Though the Grizzlies won and finished 8-8 in the Mid-Con, this was the last game of Jon Champagne's college career. Champagne finished with six points for the game. Before the

game, OU honored Champagne with a small ceremony at half court.

The whistles were a little quieter for OU. They only committed 12 fouls as a team. The Grizzlies had one of its best games of the season at the free-throw line, hitting 88 percent.

"From a coaches perspective it was kind of an ugly game," said assistant coach Eric Stephan. "In the second half we came out and played well

and defended them. They don't really drive to the basket, they just get it inside to Michael Jackson and then kick it out to the open guy for three. They mostly just stand around."

The Grizzlies' season was a disappointing one. They started off by beating U-M in a game that Kampe proclaimed, "was the greatest victory in Oakland history."

Unfortunately, that was the high point of the season, right at the very beginning. The Grizzlies were not able to play consistent basketball the rest of the season. The team did not have long to enjoy the victory over Michigan. Two days later they traveled to MSU where OU was routed and sent home licking its wounds.

After that, an old GLIAC foe, Ferris State, came to town and handed the Grizzlies a loss that really left a bad taste in the mouth of the team. The entire season seemed to follow this pattern. The final blow to the Grizzlies ego was a loss to Valpo at home in which the Grizzlies blew a 13-point lead at half time.

The Grizzlies season is over, while the rest of the Mid-Con is battling for the tournament title and a chance to go to the big dance. Next year will be the first time OU will be eligible to play in the tournament. The probationary period with the Mid-Con is over.

"It was a year of adversity. If you're going to have those years, this was the year to have it," said Kampe.

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Greg Kampe
Men's Basketball Coach

Oops....! The women did it again

The first story I ever wrote for the Post was a game story about the women's basketball team. For three seasons I have watched this team grow and get better with every passing day.

I think it's only fitting that the Grizzlies have won the Mid-Con outright the last two seasons, which also happen to be my last two seasons before I graduate.

Last year was the greatest, as both the men and the women won it outright. Both finished the regular season in the O'rena and cut down the nets.

Unfortunately the men couldn't repeat, but the women did. It was a lot harder to do this season, as it came down to the final game of the regular season, and the Grizzlies needed a little help, which they got.

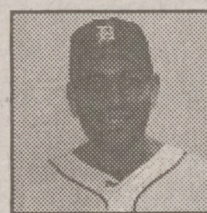
The women won the final three regular season games, but needed Oral Roberts to lose to UMKC in its last game.

It was interesting the way it turned out. First of all, Oral Roberts is a very good team, beating the Grizzlies twice this season. Oral Roberts was playing against a UMKC team that only had one win on the season and had just lost to the Grizzlies two nights before.

If Oral Roberts won the game, it would have been tied with OU, because the Grizzlies won that day as well. But Oral Roberts would have held the tie breaker because they beat the Grizzlies twice. Getting this so far?

The bottom line is, UMKC beat

Oral Roberts, and the Grizzlies won the Mid-Con outright for the second straight year.



Ramez Khuri

UMKC only has six players on its roster, and was playing against a team that came very close to winning it, but I guess that's why they play the games.

Nothing is certain in the world of sports, and that's what makes it so exciting. An underdog can pull off an upset on any given day, and not to take anything away from UMKC, but I still couldn't believe my eyes on that Tuesday morning when I had saw what happened on the Mid-Con web site.

The women's basketball team has a right to be proud. The Grizzlies

have accomplished what few teams are capable of, and no matter what happened in last year's Mid-Con tournament, the team will always have those two banners to remind coaches, veteran players, and incoming freshmen how great this team really is.

I like to think that this championship was fate, and that the Grizzlies were destined to win from the start. Or maybe my coverage brought good luck to the team. Okay, that might be stretching it, but either way, I hope the team is able to keep this tradition going long after I'm outta here!

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Black Bears make strong showing at ACHA Nationals, Jalaba proud of team

OU goes 1-3 in tournament

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

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OU's men's club ice hockey team, The Black Bears, made the National Tournament in Indianapolis the first season it was eligible, and the team proved it belonged there. OU finished the regular season with an 8-7 overtime loss to U-M, who also made Nationals. The Black Bears played three games in the tournament, beating Central Connecticut 5-

1, then lost the last two 6-3 against Weber State and 7-2 versus Miami of Ohio.

"We got off to a very good start against Central Connecticut," said coach Anthony Jalaba. "We were very aggressive, and we really just stepped up and escalated as the game went on."

The loss to Weber State ensured that the Black Bears would not get passed the third game of the tournament.

Weber State held all tie breakers and even if the Black Bears had beat Miami of Ohio in the third game, the team's fate was already sealed.

Goals against Central Connecticut were scored by Karl Borgquist, assisted by Scott Marlinga, and Geoff Acree, Marlinga, assisted by Acree, Rob Wishaw, assisted by Rob Popescue and Eric Wojno, Jim Millard, assisted by Nick Shunduk and Danny Schneider, and Popescue assisted by Wishaw and Wojno.

Popescue was the leading goal scorer in the tournament with three goals, and also made All-Tournament Team Honorable Mention. He had quit the team earlier in the season, but came back for Nationals. He scored two of the three goals that the Black Bears finished with against Weber State.



Korina St. John/The Oakland Post
NATIONAL COMPETITORS: The Black Bears finished their regular season with an 8-7 overtime loss to U-M and then headed to the ACHA National Tournament in Indianapolis. The Bears won one of the three games played at nationals, but were glad to have OU's name nationally recognized.

"I'm very proud of our team," said Jalaba. "This was the first time that we were eligible for Nationals, and we made it. We played very strong in all three games, even though the scores might not show that, but we now know what it takes to succeed in big tournaments like this, and we took this as a learning experience, and I believe we will be better next year. We are only losing four players to graduation this year, so we will be well experienced next year."

UPCOMING GAMES

BASEBALL
• 12 noon, March 10 - at Western Kentucky (DH)
• 1 p.m., March 11 - at Western Kentucky

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• 1 p.m., March 8 - at Ohio State (DH)
• 3 p.m., March 9 - at Illinois State
• 11 a.m., March 10 - at Western Kentucky
• 11 a.m., March 11 - at Marshall
• 1 p.m., March 11 - at Western Kentucky

TENNIS
• 12 noon, March 10 - at Wright State
• 9 a.m., March 11 - at Wisconsin-Green Bay

SPORTS RE-CAPS

• The OU softball team split both doubleheaders they played over spring break. In their season opener against Southern Mississippi, OU lost the first game 6-1, but then came back to shut out the Lady Eagles 2-0. The team then traveled to the University of Alabama-Birmingham, where they lost the first game 5-1 and were victorious in the second game 4-1. The remainder of the team's scheduled games were cancelled due to rain.

• In a three-game contest against Georgia State, the OU baseball team was defeated by scores of 5-1 and 13-4 in both games of a doubleheader. From there, the team traveled to Georgia Tech, where they were also defeated in a three-game match. Number one ranked Tech won the first game 16-0, the second 19-4 and the third 18-0. The team dropped to 0-7 after their loss to Mercer University 10-3. The remainder of the team's scheduled games were rained out.

Grizzlies defeat Valpo, IUPUI, advance to final game

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

Like last season, OU's women's basketball team finished the regu-

lar season on a win streak, and came in first place. That meant that the Grizzlies had to play against Valparaiso in the quarterfinal round of the Mid-Con

Tournament.

Valpo ousted the Grizzlies from last year's tournament in the semi-final round, but this time it was different. The flu bug, which affected Sarah Judd and Katie Wolfe, was nowhere to be found this season, and the Crusaders were not the same team, having lost many players to graduation last year. The result was a 76-68 Grizzly win.

OU never trailed in the game, as the Grizzlies started by nailing three three-pointers for a 9-2 lead. It soon turned into a duel between OU's Beth Zeone, who had 13 points at halftime, and Valpo's Jeanette Gray, who had 11. The only difference was that Zeone had a little more help, as Wolfe had nine points, Judd had six, Jamie Ahlgren and Jodie Young each had five at the intermission. OU went to the locker room with a 17-point lead, 41-24.

Coach Beckie Francis was pleased with the lead, but concerned about the nine turnovers her team committed.

"We were just throwing the ball away," she said. "I don't know if it was just nervous jitters, or great Valpo defense, and Jeanette Gray got a lot of breakaways, and a lot of pull up jumpers on us. But I was pleased with the job that Beth Zeone did on Gray in the second half. Beth scores a lot of points, but a lot of people forget that she gets the toughest assignment on the guards also."

In the second half, the Crusaders used its height advantage over the Grizzlies, pounding the ball in to 6'5" center Marlous Nieuwveen, and whittling away OU's lead until it was only four points with 1:27 left on the clock.

Zeone kept her team afloat as she exploded for 18 points in the second half for a total of 31 for the game. OU's lead didn't get any lower than four, and the Grizzlies pulled out the win by eight points.

"We have really focused on post defense these last couple weeks," said Wolfe. "We know that they pound it inside, and all we did was try to help each other out. It's tough work, but I think we did a really good job tonight."

To go along with her 31 points, Zeone recorded four rebounds, and four assists. Judd finished the game with 12 points, nine rebounds, four blocks, two steals, and two assists. Wolfe nearly missed a triple double with 11 points, nine assists, and seven rebounds, and Ahlgren scored 10 points. Young also had a strong game with seven points on 3-5 shooting.

Nieuwveen scored 21 points in 25 minutes for Valpo.

IUPUI, which overcame the odds and beat Southern Utah to reach the semi-final game of the tournament, was the Grizzlies' next opponent. OU had beaten the Jaguars twice in the regular season, and this time was no exception, as the Grizzlies won again, 80-73.

It took a few minutes, but OU soon got it going with a couple of layups by Wolfe and Naomi Nickleberry, and started to pull away.

The Grizzlies eventually built the lead up to 11 twice before IUPUI made a run to cut it to five at halftime, 40-35.

Zeone picked up where she left off in the last game, as she scored 12 points by halftime. Not to be out done, IUPUI's Amy Muehlhausen, who is not known for her offense, kept her team in the game with 13 first half points. Just like the last game though, Zeone got help from Judd, who had 10 points at the intermission.

The second half started well for OU, as the team got baskets from Ahlgren, Nickleberry, and Judd, and built the lead up to 12.

It seemed as though the Grizzlies were going to cruise to another vic-

tory over the Jaguars, but after Wolfe had to sit with her fourth foul at the 14:19 mark, IUPUI turned up the zone defense and made another run. This time the Jaguars were able to take the lead, which made the black and gold fans start biting their fingernails.

At that point, the Grizzlies needed two things: poise and leadership. They got that in the form of Judd. As Zeone cooled down and Wolfe continued being hampered with foul trouble, Judd came up big for her team, nailing nine straight free throws. In fact, including those nine, the Grizzlies hit 15 straight from the line down the stretch. After that streak was broken, the Grizzlies made 10 out its last 12 free throws attempted to seal the victory by seven.

"I'm glad we can shoot free throws," said Francis. "I'm really proud of the effort that these guys gave in the clutch, when the game was on the line. IUPUI came back really hard against us. They're a good scrappy team. They have a lot of heart. They might have the most heart and guts of any team in this league."

Judd wasn't nervous when IUPUI took the lead. "I think we knew it was coming," she said. "They're a tough team and I knew they were going to come after us at some point in the game, and we just had to focus and pull it out."

Judd finished the game with a double double, scoring 25 points, and pulling down 10 rebounds. She also had two blocks. Zeone scored 16 with four rebounds, Ahlgren had 13 points and four boards, and Wolfe recorded 10 points and five assists. Nickleberry had a strong contribution with nine points.

The Grizzlies shot 89.7 percent from the free throw line as Zeone, Ahlgren, Young and Judd were all perfect from the charity stripe.



Ramez Khuri/The Oakland Post
DOMINATING THE MID-CON: Katie Wolfe has been one of the leaders as the women finished out the regular season at the top of the Mid-Con. The women's overall season record is 18-9.

Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball	
Conference	Overall
Oakland	12-4 18-9
Oral Roberts	11-5 17-10
Western Illinois	11-5 16-11
Southern Utah	11-5 16-11
IUPUI	8-8 10-17
Chicago State	7-9 9-18
Youngstown State	6-10 10-17
Valparaiso	4-12 7-21
UMKC	2-14 2-25

Men's Basketball	
Conference	Overall
Valparaiso	13-3 22-7
Southern Utah	13-3 22-5
Youngstown State	11-5 19-10
UMKC	9-7 14-15
Oakland	8-8 12-16
IUPUI	6-10 10-17
Oral Roberts	5-11 9-18
Western Illinois	5-11 5-22
Chicago State	2-14 5-22

the Golden Grizzly

SARAH JUDD

Junior Sarah Judd was one of the key players in the women's quest for victory at the Mid-Con tournament. Judd scored 10 points in the team's loss against Oral Roberts and came through big in the second half of the game. In addition, she had 25 points against IUPUI, including nine straight free throws.

-Lisa Cali

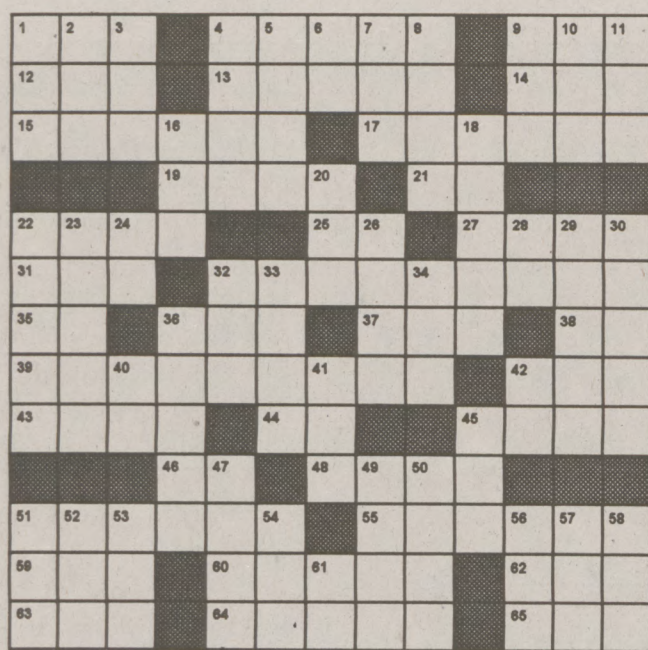


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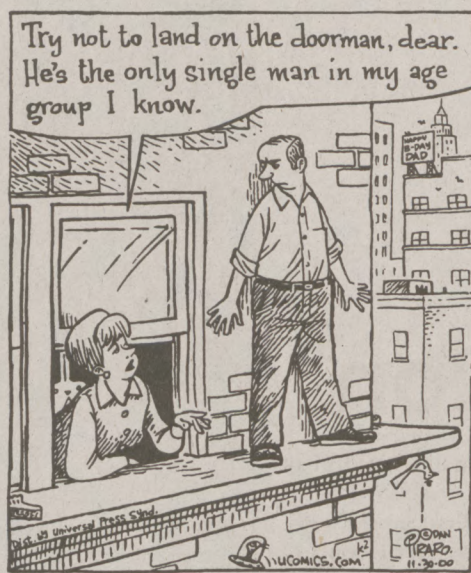
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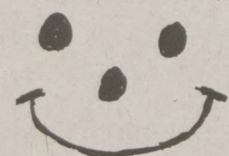
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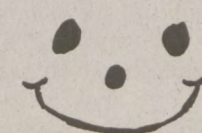
Bizarro by Dan Piraro



THE EDUCATION OF LOUIS. by Ruben Bolling



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Damon's signs of the times

This week is a great week for people to face difficulties, especially since the high road and the low road are almost equally challenging right now. Most individuals will have a hard time working together because of self interest, though it may seem as though only other people are having issues with power and control. The best advice is to be honest and upfront in all relationships.



Aries - Someone or something may be preventing you from getting what you want, which may actually be a good thing since you may not be prepared for it. Keep your temper in heated situations.



Taurus - Unforeseen changes might start happening at work, most likely for the best. Communicating your wants and needs careerwise can help you get what you desire.



Gemini - Let people close to you know how you feel about them. A risky action today might not turn out how you planned; wait until more facts arrive if you can.



Cancer - Balance your energy between you and your loved ones' needs. A simple solution to a complex problem may come to you if you stop worrying about it.



Leo - A slow-going project finally starts to pick up. Listening to your gut will get you farther than trying to rush into a situation.



Virgo - Deciding to mellow out this week will actually help you become more productive. A situation at work may come to a head, but it isn't anything that you can't resolve.



Libra - People are listening, so be careful how you say things. Learn when to be conservative and when to go all out this week; it's easy to under- or overestimate situations.



Scorpio - Something that you haven't dealt with in a while may be coming into your life; embrace the challenge and accept the change.



Sagittarius - Close family may have insights into some relationship difficulties you've been having. A situation becomes more bearable, but only after you calm down.



Capricorn - Work on getting a money issue in order before it becomes a problem. Deciding to have faith in a situation out of your control can result in the best outcome.



Aquarius - Slow down yourself, as you may be going too fast for your own good. You have the attention of a love interest; use this time wisely.



Pisces - This is the time to take care of business, both personal and work-related. A big plan has a good chance of starting well this week, though follow-through is questionable.



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Web Girl

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www.drdrew.com

Before seeing Dr. Drew in person here at OU, check him out online. At this site you'll find message boards, chats, celebs, and will even get a chance to ask Dr. Drew questions and receive an email response.

www.grammy.com

This is a great site for music lovers, especially those who missed the Grammys a couple weeks back. Look for the latest news, interviews, music and winners.

www.survivorsucks.com

For the few people out there that aren't suffering from island fever, check out message boards and mailing lists of other survivor un-fans. There are even contests to take part in and much fun to be had by all who log on.

www.napster.com

Do your part in keeping the music free. Keep up on the ever changing legal situation, what's going on in the courts, and what the press has to say. This is a hot topic among anyone who has enjoyed sharing free music on the internet.

If you have any questions, comments or cool websites you can contact Web Girl at

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Sun shines on documentary with Oscar nomination

By Sara McDowell
LIFE EDITOR

Awarded nine prestigious awards already, the documentary, "Long Night's Journey into Day: Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa" now has a chance to snatch a well known statue, as it has been nominated for an Academy Award in the best documentary category.

The film, which can be viewed at 7 p.m. tomorrow night at the Detroit Institute of Arts, shows how South Africa is forging a lasting peace after 40 years of racial segregation.

Sponsored by the DIA, the Detroit Film Theater, New York based organization Shared Interest (which guarantees bank loans for small businesses in South Africa) and Detroit Summer, the film is garnering positive reviews.

"It's a heart moving film," said Shea Howell, Interim Chair of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism and co-founder of Detroit Summer.

Modeled after the Freedom Schools in the 60s, Detroit Summer, is a multi-cultural intergenerational youth program that rebuilds Detroit from the ground up.

"The producer has been a friend of Detroit Summer for many years," said Howell when asked how the organization came to sponsor the film.

The film studies South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), set up by the post-apartheid, democratic government. The TRC was created in order to consider amnesty for perpetrators of crimes committed under apartheid's reign.

"Long Night's Journey Into Day" was a journey in itself to be created. The film was shot over two and half years during eight trips to Africa by Award-winning filmmakers Frances Reid and Deborah Hoffman of the San Francisco Bay area.

Around 10,000 requests were made for amnesty in South

Africa and the film tracks the drama of just a handful of them.

The film takes the viewer to the hearings before the TRC. In exchange for the absolute truth about their activities and human rights abuses, prepetrators could earn amnesty for crimes they committed before Apartheid's collapsed in 1994.

In some cases mothers learn about the how their sons were set up and killed in police conspiracies. In other cases people are remorseful for their crimes as they struggle to make amends with the family members of their victims.

The essence that makes this documentary is the idea of overcoming the past by accepting it and finding peace. By learning of past events, families can find closure in their lives and try to embrace a new, multi-racial South Africa.

The film raises many moral and ethical questions that the entire world faces. The thought of coexisting in peace with other nations begins within a nation itself, which is exactly what this film focuses on.

Reid, the director, producer and director of photography of "Long Night's Journey," has produced, directed and shoot documentary films for over 30 years. She received an Academy Award nomination for her documentary short, "Straight from the Heart."

Hoffman, director and editor of "Long Night's Journey," has worked as a film and video editor for the past 20 years. She produced and directed the Academy Award nominated "Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter."

A reception will be held for the film at 6 p.m. tomorrow night at the DIA. The public is welcome to attend. For more information on the DIA or the Detroit Film Theatre, visit www.dia.org or call 313.833.7900.

Visit www.irisfilms.org for stories the documentary delves into, news and reviews, a question and answer session with the filmmakers and a history of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



WALK THIS WAY: Matthew Goniwe (R) and Fort Calata (2nd from R) two members of the Cradock four in South Africa in 1984 is one of the stories told in "Long Night's Journey Into Day," a documentary nominated for an Oscar. The film will be shown tomorrow at the DIA.

"Long Night's Journey into Day" Awards

SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL
Grand Jury Award

BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL
Peace Film Prize
Berliner Zeitung Reader's
Jury Prize

JERUSALEM FILM FESTIVAL
In the Spirit of Freedom Award

NEWPORT BEACH
FILM FESTIVAL
Special Jury Award

HOT DOCS
Critics' Prize for Best
International

NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL 2000
Audience Award for Best
Documentary

TAOS TALKING PICTURES
FILM FESTIVAL
Land Grant Finalist

SAN FRANCISCO
INTERNATIONAL FILM
FESTIVAL
Golden Spire Award

MUNICH DOCUMENTARY
FESTIVAL
Munich Planet Viewers Prize

Raves cause unity, Ecstasy causes brain damage

By Lacey Marcks
THE OAKLAND POST

Do you know where today's youth is when they're out late at night? Many may be "rollin'" into more than they can handle.

Taking mind altering drugs and attending parties called raves is the latest wave amongst young adults.

According to Webster's dictionary the definition of rave is as follows: 1) verb: to talk irrationally in or as if in delirium, to declaim wildly, to talk with extreme enthusiasm, to move or advance violently; STORM: to utter in madness or frenzy, 2) noun: an act or instance of raving, an extravagantly favorable criticism.

A rave is generally a party that usually lasts all night. It is open to the public and loud techno music is played. Many people who attend raves partake in a number of different chemicals, the most popular being Ecstasy or "E."

According to www.hyperreal.org, "a large concept of raves is built upon sensory overload - a barrage of audio and very often visual stimuli are brought together to elevate people into an altered state of physical or psychological existence."

The concept of raves is not new; it is as old as time itself. Raves are comparable to an American Indian religious ceremony and also to the concept of Shaman in Eskimo and Siberian society, where music is the key towards pulling oneself into a unique emotional and psychological state.

At a rave, a feeling of unity often develops; people are open and friendly to one another. People are celebrated for who they are, not what they aren't.

Ecstasy, the main ingredient of a rave, is a stimulant used to feel connected with others. It makes users feel pleasure and self-satisfaction. Lights shine brighter. Music sounds sweeter and touch feels more intense.

Experts say Ecstasy sends users on a journey that will inevitably take a deadly turn. They also point to studies that suggest possibility of

brain damage. Ecstasy, which is typically taken in pill form, creates a high that lasts for about six hours and users are said to be "rollin'."

Ecstasy, also known as MDMA, was outlawed 15 years ago, but since then its use has been skyrocketing. According to one government study, one out of 12 high school seniors has tried the drug.

"With Ecstasy, everyone's your brother, everyone's your sister, everyone's your best friend," said an anonymous rave attendee.

For many users, ecstasy can cause dehydration, anxiety and exhaustion. Emergency room doctors say they're seeing a rise in overdoses, a condition that can result in increased body temperature, brain damage and sometimes death. In the last few years, 1,100 cases have been reported.

"The way Ecstasy works is you've got all this energy, and all this life built up in you," a raver said. "So you have to dance or do something to get it out."

Because it makes users feel so good, they are reluctant to believe that the drug can hurt them.

Ecstasy works by affecting one of the brain's key chemicals. It causes the brain to release serotonin, a neurotransmitter that helps control mood. Lack of serotonin can contribute to depression and can harm areas of the brain responsible for thought and memory. Recent studies suggest that even one dose of Ecstasy can damage the brain.

To view how Ecstasy affects the brain, visit www.dancesafe.org/slideshow.

"Of all the drugs I've taken in my life, I have to say that Ecstasy is probably the sweetest drug I've ever taken," one raver said.

Young people today are looking for a way to feel connected. They have found it through Ecstasy, just as hippies in the sixties found it through LSD and marijuana.

The view on raves by young people today remains consistent, one raver proclaims, "Our emotional state of choice is Ecstasy. Our nourishment of choice is love. Our addiction of choice is technology. Our religion of choice is music. Our currency of choice is knowledge. Our politics of choice is none. Our society of choice is utopia though we



know it will never be.

"You may hate us. You may dismiss us. You may misunderstand us. You may be unaware of our existence. We can only hope you do not care to judge us, because we would never judge you. We are not criminals. We are not disillusioned. We are not drug addicts. We are not naïve children. We are one massive, global, tribal village that transcends man - made law, physical geography, and time itself. We are The Massive. One Massive."

To view full WorldWide Raver's Manifesto Project, Toronto, click on: www.ecstasy.org/experiences/trip98.html.

For Your survival

Surviving The Post

Due to all of the hype surrounding "Survivor: The Outback," and other reality shows, The Oakland Post has decided to stage its own rendition of Survivor. Based on the premise of being trapped in The Oakland Post, we will be eliminating one staff member each week until our final issue when we will announce the survivor of The Oakland Post. We have recently voted Dan McDuffee, Photo Editor and Jennifer Corder, Ad Manager off of "Survivor: The Oakland Post" series. Tune in next week to see who survived week two.

Contestants & their Luxury Items

Cara -- Editor-in-Chief: Carton of cigarettes

Lisa C. -- Managing Editor: Advil

Lisa R. -- News Editor: make-up case

Sara -- Life Editor: CDs

Rachel -- Assistant Life Editor: disposable black and white camera

Ramez -- Sports Editor: T.V.

Mike -- Local Editor: Chopsticks

Jeremy -- Assistant Photo Editor: a keg



DAN McDUFFEE



JENNIFER CORDER

Survived: One week

Luxury Item:

"A BARREL OF JACKS."

"A PILLOW."