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Student jobs hurt by cuts

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Jasmine Cobb, senior, depends on her job in the Center for Student Activities office to help pay her bills. Cobb, who doesn't have a car and lives on-campus, said having an on-campus job is perfect for her.

But Cobb knows all too well the budget cuts are affecting student employees. Cobb used to work in the Reservation Office of the Oakland Center (OC), but lost her job due to a budget cut.

According to Richard Fekel, director of the OC, some jobs in the OC were cut to compensate for the extra cost of maintaining the new expansion of the building. He said utilities, maintenance, cleaning supplies and other necessary items for the OC were all added costs.

"The expansion has played probably the largest role in us trying to diligently manner our budget this year," Fekel said.

He said it wasn't just student jobs that took a hit. A part-time clerical position was also closed.

More than 1,000 students rely on OU for employment. While these student jobs were not affected by the budget cuts that left some faculty without jobs, they are not safe from future cuts.

These cuts would be a result of the state governments attempt to balance the budget by taking state funding away from higher education.

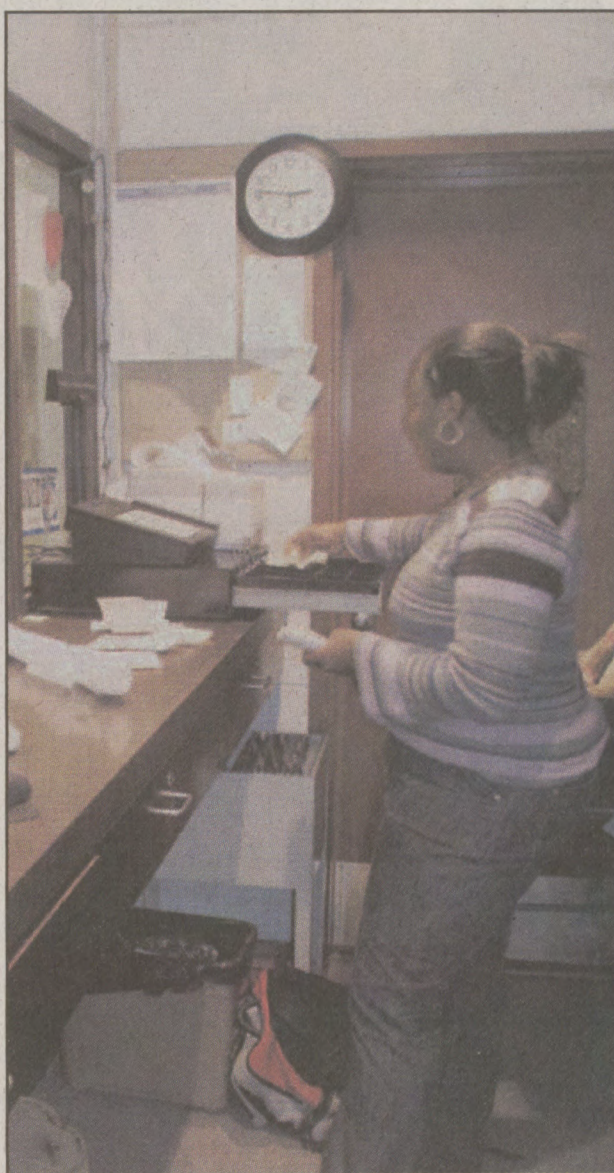
OU faces more uncertainty and Cindy Hermesen, director of Financial Aid, said she is not sure whether student employment would be affected.

During recent years, the number of student employees has dropped, but Hermesen said there may be less students who work more hours to make up for the gap. During the 2001-2002 school year, there were 1,521 student employees. During 2002-2003, that number fell to 1,402 students, and this year the number stands at 1,072.

"The number of student employees and the amount of earnings can fluctuate from year to year. It depends on the needs of the hiring department, the number of hours a student works (and) funding levels from the federal, state and campus departments," said Hermesen.

Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development,

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Saadatu White, senior, works the CSA Ticket Window in the OC. White is an OU student employee.

Brown bag learning

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Center for Student Activities (CSA) is reaching out to OU commuters to help them get involved on campus with two new programs.

The first is the Lunch and Learn Series, which will be held every two to four weeks.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the CSA, said this will also contribute to OU's wellness efforts on campus, and will teach students about current hot topics.

Sandra Powell, senior, said the series will offer "relaxing kinds of things during lunch hour."

The events are free to OU students, faculty and staff, and CSA will offer snacks, like cookies and punch, and presentations on different topics.

The first Lunch and Learn will be held from noon-1 p.m. today in rooms 126 and 127 in the Oakland Center. The presentation will be by Chris Condie, Security and Help Desk manager in Oakland Technology Services. Condie will speak on E-mail security and protecting identities.

There will also be future presentations on beading and jewelry making, crocheting and natural and organic foods.

Miller said this will allow students to experience popular crafts and topics.

"You always say, 'oh, I want to try this,'" she said.

Also, a cart will travel around campus,

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Meters fail due to 'extreme cold'

OUPD says they will be fixed by tonight

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Students have been getting a free ride-or park-lately, but that should come to an end today, said Lt. Mel Gilroy of the OU Police Department (OUPD).

The meters outside of the Oakland Center (OC), North Foundation Hall and the Rec Center have been out of order for more than a week, reading "FAIL" or "DEAD" on their displays, allowing students to park for free.

The problem is most likely due to the extreme cold, said Gilroy.

"They're not just going to come back to life, because it's electronic," he said.

The meters need to be

reprogrammed, and barring any unforeseen hindrances, they should be fixed by the end of the day today.

He said students don't need to worry about getting a ticket on a malfunctioning meter, but once the meters are repaired they will not be able to park at them for free.

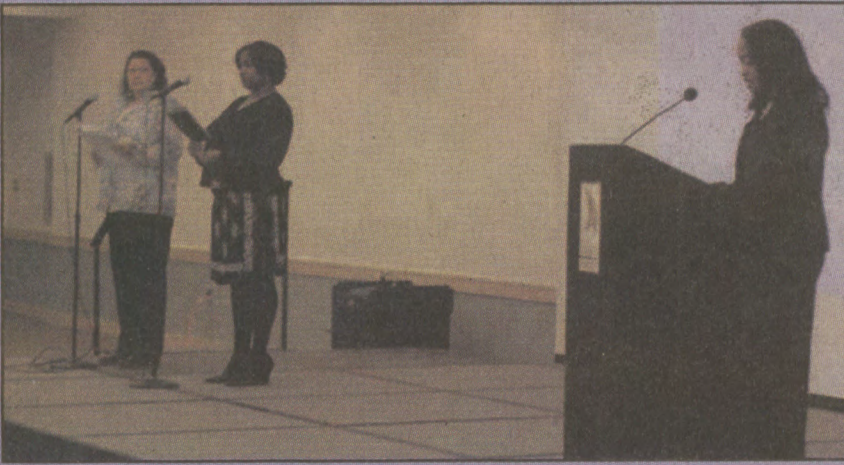
Junior Demarcus Ishmeal said the broken meters been a convenience, and he was parked there all day Tuesday. He said once they are fixed, he will pay again.

"It's cool with me because I don't have to pay," he said. "I don't have to keep putting change in the meter."



David Kilkenny/The Oakland Post
Drivers take advantage of the dead parking meters. According to OUPD, the meters will be fixed by tonight.

Recreating history



Students from Cooley Law inform others about desegregation by acting out interpretations of the Brown versus The Board of Education case last night.

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OUSC wants MBH open

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

OU Student Congress (OUSC) revisited the issue of Meadow Brook Hall (MBH) during Monday's meeting.

A proposal to save the Hall was made last week by students Erin McCarthy and Tom Hopkins, and will be presented to the Board of Trustees (BOT) today.

OUSC President Jonathan Parks said it was important for Congress to discuss the proposal before its presenta-

tion to the BOT.

"We want to keep it (MBH) open," Parks said.

Congress, however, is still concerned students will bear the majority of the costs in an era of budget cuts and rising tuition.

Parks said the university is looking at numerous options for the Hall.

Michael McGuinness, Student Activities Funding Board chairperson, said everyone shares the same ambitions.

"The university would be at

a great loss if something happened to Meadow Brook Hall," he said. "We're all working towards the same goal."

In other business:

•Congress approved DeLaurian Burton, Laquala Coleman, Jim Gammicchia, Kenton Lewis, George Davis III and Sarah Cook to the election commission.

"These individuals expressed interest and seem interested and eager to work with me on this process," said

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New partnership teaches students to lead schools

By KRISTIN SOMMER
THE OAKLAND POST

The School of Education and Human Services recently announced a partnership with the University of Minnesota's School Technology Leadership Initiative (STLI).

As one of five colleges in the first group of the Postsecondary Partnership Program (P3), OU will get to share in all of the learning techniques STLI has developed.

"What we get is the expertise of the University of Minnesota; the databases, the curriculum and the

technical support," said Dr. Ilene Ingram, assistant professor. "All of the things we would need to revamp our leadership program."

The University of Minnesota started STLI in the fall of 2002, with the concept to share what they have learned.

Barry Brahier, STLI project

coordinator, said it was vital for a high-quality program to be developed.

The program is mainly aimed at preparing students who want to become school administrators by making technology a very integral part of leadership training. It will likely benefit all education stu-

dents, Ingram said.

"The need for school administrators is so great," Brahier said.

Associate Professor Dr. Bill Keane was the one who latched on to the idea to apply to the program, Ingram said.

Keane enlisted the help of grad-

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Council to survey caf qualms

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

When dorm resident Kim Schultz, sophomore, goes into the cafeteria in Vandenberg Hall, she finds food that does not meet her needs. She said her main concern with the food is selection, and a lack of healthy foods like chicken and vegetables.

As a cross country athlete, she said, if she had practice in the afternoon, she couldn't eat a fried chicken patty and French fries for lunch. Also she said she had concerns about the amount of time food sat out.

"I want to see a change in the food," she said.

In order to improve the food services, and address the concerns of students like Schultz, the Residence Halls Council (RHC) is conducting a survey which will be distributed in the dorms in the upcoming weeks.

Mario Hagar, sophomore and

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Where to bring
dorm food
concerns

- Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing and Food Services at (248) 370-3570.
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president of RHC, said the survey will address changes students would like to see made and the quality and selection of foods offered.

He said the surveys will be given to the RHC representative of each floor or wing, who will distribute and collect them from residents.

Personally, Hagar is generally impressed by the food services in



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A student dines at the cafeteria in Vandenberg Hall, which serves the students living in the dorms and apartments.

Vandenberg, including in the Beer Lake store.

His only concern is tidiness in the cafeteria. He said since students "float in" throughout the day, rather than eat at designated times, it's hard to keep the food looking fresh all day.

Hagar applauded Jay Mularoni, director of Resident Dining for his receptiveness to student suggestions in the dorm food services,

and addresses reasonable requests quickly.

"I think they are doing the best they can," he said. "(Mularoni) does listen to students."

Hagar said if students have concerns about food services in the dorms they should go straight to Mularoni. He also said students can give their suggestions to him or to RHC.

Eleanor Reynolds, director of

University Housing and Food Services, said she is not sure how many concerns she receives, but actions have been taken as a result of them.

"We have made some changes this year as a result of student suggestions," said Reynolds. "Specifically, we have exceeded the hours in the Vandenberg conven-

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Four join OUPD force

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

With OU's campus rapidly expanding, the OU Police Department (OUPD) is following suit with the addition of new officers.

Officer Robert Carey and Officer Jennifer Dumm are the newest members and are currently finishing up their field training. Carey came to the OUPD from North Carolina and Dumm came from the Oakland County Sheriff Department's Marine Division.

Officer Lenora Cooper and

Officer Robert Marshall were hired earlier in the year.

Field training is an 11 - 14-week process that the trainees undergo. This entails being trained to handle certain situations and learning the geography of the department's jurisdiction.

As required for field training, new officers are required to have daily observation reports completed by their field training officers, which score them on their interaction with the general public and how well they execute their every day duties as training police officers with the

department.

Lt. Mel Gilroy is happy with the new officers and their choice to join the OUPD.

"We want them to look at this as a career choice," he said.

Gilroy said that generally during the hiring stages, the department will hire one out of 10 applicants on average.

The process the department undergoes for the hiring of new positions is quite involved, said Gilroy.

"We do an extremely thorough background check. We also look

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With the addition of 4 new officers, OUPD grows to keep up with OU.

Author to come to campus

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The OU English department is bringing award-winning author, Patricia Henley, to speak to the OU community next week.

Henley has won awards for the novels, poems and short stories. She won an American Book Award and was a finalist for the National Book Award and New Yorker Best Fiction Award for her 1999 book, "Hummingbird House."

Her most recent book, "In the River Sweet," has imitations of her life throughout.

Like the main character Ruth Anne, Henley put her first child up for adoption, and in 1995, they were reunited. The story also incorporates Henley's home states as it is set in Indiana and Michigan.



Photo courtesy of OU's English Department
Author of "In the River Sweet,"
Patricia Henley will come to OU
next week.

In previous books, Henley also has used her life to imitate art. She used her experience and emotions from her time spent living on a back-to-the-land community in Washington State to write her collection of short stories in "Worship of the Common Heart."

"I wanted to bring her to campus because I love, 'In a River Sweet,'" said Mann. He said the book was

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Cooley Law School hires top U.S. business woman

By LOREEN BAHRI
THE OAKLAND POST

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School welcomed Gina M. Torielli, a top business woman in the U.S., to its faculty in November 2003. She is the full-

time director of the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation Program for Cooley.

According to Cooley's Web site, she is the first woman president and CEO of a major law firm.

Another new part time addition and counterpart with

Torielli is assistant professor Stuart Lazar. He is the acting director of the LL.M program and started in September 2003. Lazar previously taught as a lecturer for corporate taxation and corporate reorganizations at

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2004 College Bowl 'a success'

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Three groups competed for the top prize during OU's annual College Bowl competition on Saturday Jan. 24 in the OC.

The winning team of Matt Hudson, Michael McGuinness, Amber Feltner and Tom Rowland received a \$400 prize and will represent OU during the regional College Bowl competition on Feb. 21 and 22 at Albion College.

Winners from the regional competition will compete April 23-25 in the National Championships at Auburn University-Montgomery in Montgomery, Ala.

Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs,

said the College Bowl is an important event for universities.

"(It) mixes academic knowledge with competition and encourages people to know a lot of different things," he said.

Michael McGuinness, junior, said this was his second year participating in the College Bowl.

"I think it was a fantastic experience," he said, "but it's underutilized by students, particularly this past year."

Franklin said this year's event was a success, but also hopes for greater student involvement in next year's bowl.

"College bowl is a wonderful event for colleges... and it's a lot of fun too," he said. "I hope that next year more people enter."

Police Beat

• A student's 10 gallon plastic bucket and rock salt was stolen from her apartment on Ravine Drive between Jan. 26 and 27.

She also said her plastic pitcher to scoop the salt and a master lock were also stolen, all totaling approximate value of \$10. There are no suspects at this time and

the girl's belongings have not been recovered.

• A student had a slip and fall accident in the P-32 lot Jan. 27.

The girl was wearing three inch heels when she fell, due to the ice and snow.

She said her knee and hand hurt and she said her fall was caused by icy,

unshoveled stairs.

• A fake \$50 bill was given to a cashier in the OC food court to pay for food Jan. 28.

The cashier said he noticed the money felt "funny" and he took it to his supervisor. The woman who used the money was gone by the time the cashier

returned to the register.

The responding officer took the counterfeit money to the department and sent it certified mail to a special agent of the United States Secret Service office in Detroit.

• Students evacuated the 7000 building of the University Student

Apartments Jan. 29 when a fire alarm was pulled on the second floor. After observing the situation and checking the entire building for signs of smoke or fire, the responding officer determined it was a false alarm.

• A traffic accident occurred on Meadow Brook Drive in front of North

Foundation Hall Jan. 30. The woman causing the accident rear ended another man's car and stated she "was thinking about her son," and not paying attention to the stopped vehicle in front of her.

The man said he looked in his rear view mirror and watched the car hit him.

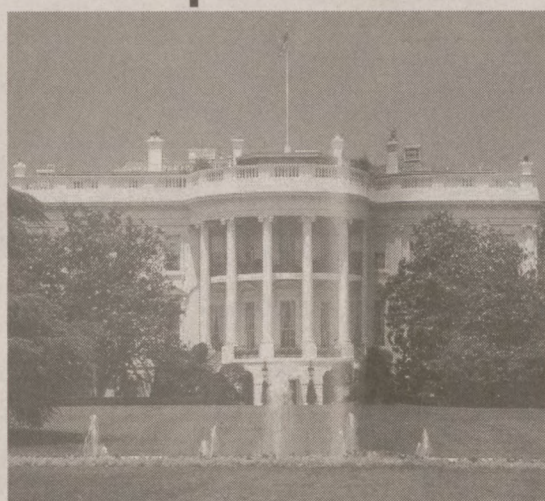
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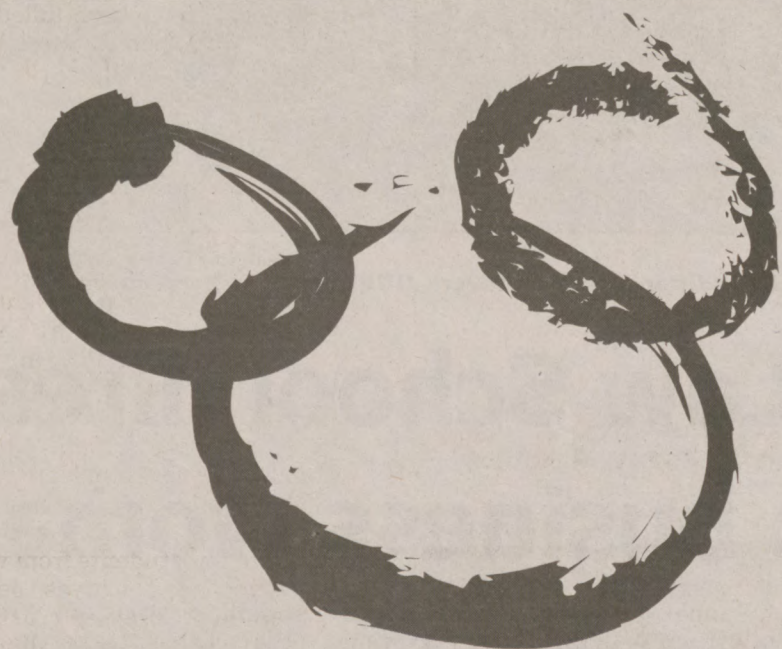
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Local News

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Coming up:
Will a proposed ban on
smoking effect local eateries
and students?

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Taxes for Dummies

By KRISTIN LASINSKAS
THE OAKLAND POST

Tax season is here and many students are turning to electronic filing as their method of tax preparation.

Electronic filing, or E-filing, has a rapid refund rate and the convenience of at home filing. According to most online sites, prices start around \$9.95 for basic services.

To get started, filers must choose a service Web site, such as turbotax.com or irs.com.

These online sites offer ways to download do-it-yourself software for free. A fee is then assessed when the taxes are completed to the users satisfaction. Other information on how to get started can often be obtained from banks or credit unions.

There is also the option of having a professional tax service prepare a return online without having to visit the office. According to the companies, this is the best choice for the less astute taxpayer.

Whether students file through turbotax.com or H&R Block, each company stresses the importance of having all the necessary documents, such as W-2s and last year's tax return.

A previous tax return is very important, especially when filing electronically, for identity verification purposes.

Students who are receiving student loans are also urged to bring that documentation.

With E-filing, the general rate of refund is 10-16 days, with funds being deposited into the chosen financial institution, according to irs.com. For the direct deposit option, a routing number to the bank is also required.

Companies such as H&R Block and Intuit said E-filing allows for a more accurate refund because any math error will be discovered by the system.

Those who want the in-person guidance will still reap the benefits of online tax preparation because according to most tax advisors, they use E-filing for their clients.

The deadline for 2003 taxes is April 15.



Auburn Hills mayor Mari Harvey-Edwards and OU President Gary Russi look forward to working together.

Progress in 2003, Partnership in '04

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Last year was a success and this year promises to be even better. That is what Mari Harvey-Edwards, mayor of Auburn Hills, had to say in her State of the City Address last Wednesday.

"2003 was the year of the environment," Harvey-Edwards said.

During the past year, the city partnered with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, planted hundreds of trees and completed work on the pedestrian bridge over I-75, according to the mayor.

Besides the environmental progress, the city of Auburn Hills also did much needed road work for the community. Auburn Hills, in a joint effort with Pontiac, worked to repair Collier Road, which was in need of repair. Other road repairs included Adams Road near The Village of Rochester to make the outdoor

shopping center more accessible.

It was no coincidence that the mayor's address took place in the banquet hall located upstairs in the OC's new expansion.

Harvey-Edwards said discussions have begun between OU and the city to work to combine forces and make the surrounding area more like a college town.

OU President Gary Russi said he is "very interested in working closely with Auburn Hills," in a number of ways.

"We don't know exactly what the limitations are yet but we're very excited about this venture," Harvey-Edwards said.

The event, sponsored by OU-MSU Federal Credit Union, served not only as an annual Chamber of Commerce meeting but also as a chance for OU to show off its new look.

Vice president for the OU-MSU Federal Credit Union, John Savio, said the event gave businesses the chance to see the OU community.

"It allows OU to showcase the

university and the changes that have been made," Savio said. "Holding (the meeting) here let new businesses see what the university has to offer."

Russi also said, "We are very proud as a university to support the businesses in the city."

Harvey-Edwards said the venture will also support one of Gov. Granholm's plans for the state.

"This only enhances the governor's 'cool cities' plan," the mayor said. She also said the businesses of the city are behind her in this venture.

"We have businesses willing to step forward and take the risk. As with any business venture there is risk, but there is also a payoff," Harvey-Edwards said to the Chamber of Commerce. "The payoff from this looks brighter for the community and everyone here."

Russi said, "It is truly my pleasure to look toward a future of working with Auburn Hills in projects that are evolving."

Global Glance

•A student was found dead Tuesday around 8:30 a.m. in Southwood Middle School in Florida. Two other students found the body of the 14-year-old boy in the boys' bathroom. While the Miami Herald reported the student's throat was cut, authorities have not released any information about the cause of death. Miami Police have only said the death seems to be from "unnatural" causes. After the body was found, students were locked in their classrooms with their teachers as a precautionary measure. Hundreds of parents gathered outside the school, but a police sergeant said the students were in no danger. Police are still investigating.

•A suspicious white powder found earlier this week in Senate Majority Leader Frist's office tested positive as the deadly poison Ricin. Between 40 and 50 capitol employees were briefly quarantined and federal officials said they are fairly certain none of them would get sick. The discovery forced the cancellation of most Senate business as well as shut down many offices in the Capitol Hill area. Some Senators felt this was an act of terrorism, while others were reminded of a similar incident in 2001 when an anthrax-laced letter shut down the capitol. Officials say the area could be closed for four or five days.

•The water is still rising as Brazil is experiencing the worst flooding the country has seen since 1964. Tuesday alone, Brazil's largest city, Sao Paulo, received 10 days worth of normal rainfall. So far, 84 people have been killed and nearly 15,000 homes have been destroyed by the flooding. States in northern Brazil declared a state of emergency as the water cut off highways and bridges and flooded subways. Attempts to relieve the problems the water is causing only made problems worse. Rising waters of the Sao Francisco River forced officials to open floodgates to relieve pressure on the Xingo hydroelectric dam, flooding two towns downstream.

•France's Parliament began debates this week about a bill that could ban religious symbols in public schools. The controversial bill would prohibit students from wearing Islamic head scarves, Jewish skull caps and Christian crucifixes. France has the largest Muslim population in western Europe and has been fighting the Islamic community over the headscarf issue. Muslims call the measure discriminatory, while the country says it is just trying to maintain the separation of church and state.

Global goof

•An innocent cow can now roam free after a jury cleared her of causing and fleeing the sight of an accident. Ann Sauer hit a cow on an Iowa road and the animal caused a large amount of damage to the windshield and roof of her car. The cow then fled, but Sauer said she knew which cow did the damage. She filed a negligence lawsuit against the alleged cow. When the cow was found, it did not have the injuries it would have suffered from if it were hit by a car. The jury deliberated for three hours before deciding it was a case of mistaken identity and the cow was found not guilty.

-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Web voting draws students

By GERALDINE DAVIDS
THE OAKLAND POST

Another feature has been added to the online trend. Now, students can not only buy movie tickets and add ring tones to their phones, they can also vote for the next presidential candidate with just the click of a mouse.

To vote online, users can request and submit an application at www.mi-democrats.com. The deadline to register for online voting for the Feb. 7 Michigan Presidential Caucus was Jan. 31 but residents can still vote another way.

Registered voters have the option of voting online, by mail or in person.

Putting the ballot online is a way to increase voter activity, especially votes from the younger crowd, according to information from the Michigan Democratic Party.

Getting "younger" adults to vote is one of the hardest things to do, it said.

Citizen's ages 18-24 have the lowest voter turnout rate of any age group. In the 2000 presidential election, only 36 percent of the 18-24 group voted, according to the U.S. census

bureau. Americans age 55-64 have the highest voting percentage at 70 percent.

Creators of the online voting system know the majority of college students and adults ages 18-24 use the Internet frequently. Putting the ballot online makes it more convenient for the cyber-friendly group to vote.

When OU student Lynn Hunt was asked if she would take advantage of the new online voting system, she said, "I'm not even registered."

Hunt is 21 years old and said most of her friends are not concerned with politics.

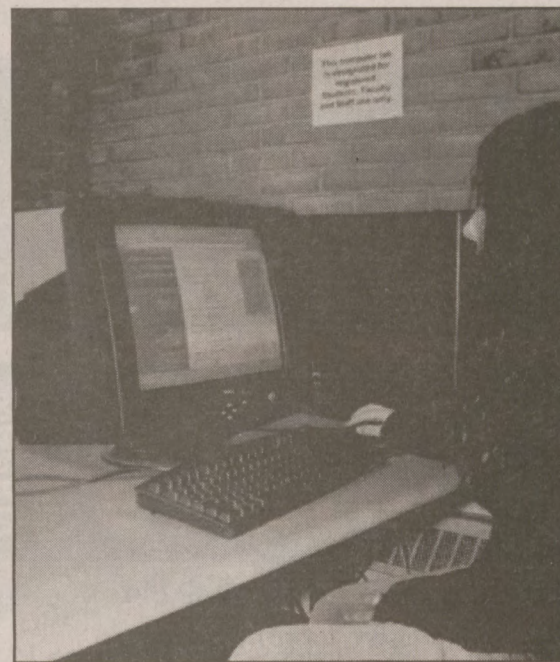
Junior Steve Keller said he is going to take advantage of the online voting.

"I registered to vote online last month," he said. "I think it will draw a lot of young adults to voting."

Most students said they feel their votes do not count so they don't even think twice about not voting.

Many communities and campuses are establishing programs to increase voters. NAACP and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated of

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A student uses the MI Democrats Web site.

Grant gives gift to AIDS patients

By NOAH PURCELL
THE OAKLAND POST

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's (OLSHA) fight against the spread of HIV in Oakland County was helped immensely this month by a \$103,000 grant that will possibly help the launch of two new programs and sustain other programs run by the organization.

The grant was provided by the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) and will be used in conjunction with approximately \$200,000 currently in use from the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) legislation.

"Up to 300 people will be helped by the HOPWA grant," said Mallory Waldman, the associate director for Home Support Services at OLSHA. "If we can get (HIV positive individuals) into care, it will help slow the spread of HIV and AIDS."

The HOPWA grant may allow for OLSHA to enact two new programs, the Advocacy program and the In-Home Support for Medically Fragile Men and Women program. The grant will also continue support to the Housing Assistance program that has been running for the past eight years.

"When people are out in the streets, that's when the figures for

AIDS go right up," said Waldman.

The Housing Assistance Program keeps HIV and AIDS infected individuals with a place to live and also makes getting them to doctors appointments and any other care exponentially easier, according to Waldman.

"It's just good to know that somebody wants to take care of people no matter how bad the situation might be for them," said Bethany Dewit, sophomore.

The Advocacy program allows for individuals with HIV and AIDS to be paired up with an advocate that will help them find and fill out the correct paperwork in order to receive state and federal assistance.

"The Advocate's job is to really help get people through that maze. We can guarantee that the benefits (they find) are the right ones," said Waldman.

The other new program, In-Home Support, is being revived by the grant money. According to OLSHA, the program will provide supervision by licensed practical nurses and services that include errands, housework and personal care. In-Home support requires a doctor's recommendation stating the individual is unable to accomplish day-to-day tasks that are vital to clean living. Keeping an AIDS infected patient in his or her own home is cheaper than the pre-

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STI

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uate student Neil Currie to write the proposal with him.

The program is primarily funded through a U.S. Department of Education grant, so there is no cost for the partnership schools, Brahier said.

Other partners in P3 are

New York's Hofstra University, Wisconsin's Silver Lake College, the University of Arizona and the University of Kentucky.

"When a department does something that can be replicated, we share it," Ingram said. "We don't plan to keep

it to ourselves."

Membership in P3 began in January 2004 and will run through May 2006.

This fall, STLI will be selecting four to six new colleges to join the program, said Brahier.

OUSC

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Shaquonda Binion, chair of the commission.

•Congress approved the election commission guidelines.

•Congress discussed additional funding for the Student Life and Lecture Board (SLLB). Legislator Doug Merriam said SLLB is

hoping to present former president Bill Clinton next fall, but needs additional funding to do so as the total cost for the event would be nearly \$35,000.

•Congress said there is interest in having free blue books available for students in the OUSC office. Congress already has scantrons available

for students, but is working to also offer bluebooks.

•The OUSC Constitutional Commission met again on Friday and discussed possible changes to the preamble of the OU Constitution, as well as changes to the general structure of the Congress. The commission meets again today at 11 a.m.

•The SAFB guidelines forum will meet today at 6 p.m. in Lake Superior Room A.

•Parks will give his presidential address at 4 p.m. Monday in the OC banquet rooms.

LUNCH

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offering students snacks and information on events and activities on campus.

"A lot of times, students don't come over to the Oakland Center," Miller said.

She said this will give them a chance to have questions answered about what's happening on campus.

"It's an opportunity to connect with our commuter students," Miller said.

Powell said every couple of weeks she'll take the cart to another part of campus. She has already been to South Foundation Hall and the next stop will be at Hannah Hall.

"It seems like if people are commuters ... it doesn't seem like they fit," she said. "It's a way for them to feel like they've been a part of the university."

JOBS

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said her department has less money and can't employ as many students so she is hiring them under the work/study status, meaning they must meet certain criteria in order to be hired.

According to Hermesen, the average hourly rate for a student employee is \$7.49 an hour. Miller said she thinks there are less students working on campus because the pay isn't as competitive, but the student employees are important to some departments.

"For us, they're absolutely vital," Miller said.

She said the students help make banners, man the ticket window and help the CSA serve the students.

Fekel said the students who still work for the OC do a great job. He said the front counter of the ID Card Office is staffed with students.

"Our students there do a fabulous job," Fekel said.

According to OU Police Department Chief Samuel Lucido, OUPD is reviewing its budget and determining whether to replace an

OUPD cadet who recently resigned.

He said while this lessens the number of hours cadets are available, OUPD has more officers than ever and can pick up the slack.

There are benefits to being a student employee, said Hermesen. She said it provides the students with work experience, the ability to earn money for expenses and networking opportunities with OU staff.

According to Hermesen, the "students can work a maximum of 20 hours a week when classes are in session and 40 hours a week during spring, summer and semester breaks.

Cobb said she has been a student employee ever since she came to OU. She has worked in the Academic Skills Center, the Reservations Office and the CSA office. She said she likes working as a student employee because it's convenient and she is able to work on homework or study when times are slow.

"It's not a real stressful environment," Cobb said.

"It's not too much."

She said she is responsible for answering phones, helping students, sorting the mail and working the ticket window for the CSA.

While the budget is affecting most student employees, there are a few who are still safe. The employees of the student organizations WXOU, Student Congress and The Oakland Post are paid by the university but funded in a different fashion, making them less susceptible to budget cut implications.

WXOU employs seven students, OUSC has nine and The Oakland Post has 16 student employees.

According to Miller, these organizations' employees are paid through either the Student Activity fee, or advertising revenue. The Student Activity fee is based on the number of students at OU, so those organizations are not losing money due to budget cuts since the number of OU students is up over previous years.

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"Celebrating Freedom Through Education"
January 19-February 19, 2004

February 4
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. & NAACP: NPHC Panel Discussion
Noon - 2 PM - Fireside Lounge, OC

February 5
School of Nursing: Health Fair
11 AM - 3 PM - Fireside Lounge, OC

February 6
Taste of Africa Gala
4-7 PM - Banquet Rooms, OC

February 10
Department of History: Black Workers in Revolt: The Story of DRUM
Noon - Gold Rooms, OC

February 11
Kresge Library: Diversity Film Series:
4 Little Girls
1 PM - Student Lounge, Kresge Library

Random Acts of Kindness Week
"Be Kind. Pass It On."
February 9-13, 2004

All activities take place from Noon-1 PM.

By participating in any activity Monday-Thursday, you will receive a FREE ticket to the Random Acts of Kindness Volunteer Celebration on Friday!

Monday, February 9
ValenKind Making
Fireside Lounge, OC

Tuesday, February 10
PB&J Jam
Heritage Room, OC

Wednesday, February 11
U.S. Military Letters of Support
Exhibit Lounge, OC

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

• Pistons vs. Milwaukee Bucks (Feb. 18)
• Cinemashow (Feb. 24)
• Grease (Feb. 24)
• The Ten Tenors (Feb. 26)
• Dance Theatre of Harlem (Mar. 4)
• Disney on Ice - Monsters Inc. (Mar. 6)
• The Exonerated (Mar. 7)
• Jesus Christ: Superstar (Mar. 9, 14)
• Mozart and Mahler (Mar. 11)
• Smucker's Stars on Ice (Mar. 20)
• Miss Saigon (Mar. 23, 28)
• Pistons vs. New York Knicks (Mar. 27)

• Salute to the Duke with Doc Severinsen (Mar. 28)
• A Streetcar Named Desire (Apr. 1)
• Monk Presents "Monk on Monk Too" (Apr. 8)
• Pistons vs. Toronto Raptors (Apr. 9)
• Perlman's "Fantastic Symphony" (Apr. 18)
• The Magic Flute (Apr. 28, 30)
• The Pirates of Penzance (May 12, 14)
• Greig's Great Concerto (May 13)
• Perlman Conducts the Masters (May 23)
• Lion King (May 26, 27, 30)
• Signature Jarvi (June 6)
• The Pearl Fishers (June 9, 11)

ON CAMPUS EVENTS: TICKETS AND SIGN-UPS

• Taste of Africa Gala (Feb. 6)
• Meadow Brook Winter Ball 2004 (Feb. 7)

Thursday, February 12
Habitat for Humanity:
"Brick Buck"
Main Hallway, OC

Friday, February 13
Random Acts of Kindness Volunteer Celebration
Rooms 126-127, OC

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Must not hold any other major elected campus office. Have a record of service to the campus or community. Have no record of disciplinary action.

Applications available at Student Affairs, 144 Oakland Center.

Deadline is March 31, 2004.
Call 248-370-4200 for more information.

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Aquatics

There is still time to sign up for scuba lessons! Two classes (Feb. 7 and 14). Only \$169 for students. Call 370-4534 for additional information.

Water Safety Instructor Class

4/21-6/2/04, M&W 5:30-9 PM, S 10AM-1PM, \$100 Rec student/staff, \$170 non-staff

Lifeguarding Class

3/20-4/8/04, T&TH 5:30-9PM, S 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 4/20-5/27/04, T&TH 5:30-9 PM

Fitness/Wellness

Get in shape for spring break! You and a friend can work out with a personal trainer at reduced rates. Call 370-2526 for information on the Buddy Personal Training Program.

Wellness Wednesday

February 11, 2004, 12:05-1 PM, The Natural Healing of Self Acupressure, presented by Dr. Yu Fang. Learn where the pressure points are as well as the technique to apply pressure to help your body heal itself. This is a free program held in the Pioneer Room of the Recreation Center.

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CAREER SERVICES

SAVE THE DATE—Tuesday, February 17, 2004
REALITY OF INTERNSHIPS PANEL DISCUSSION,
Noon-1 PM, Gold Rooms, OC

Interested in gaining valuable work experience prior to graduation? Learn how to locate and make the most out of an internship.

Friday Night Live presents The Evasons, Psychic Entertainers

Friday, February 6, 2004, 7 PM, Vandenberg Dining Hall

The Evasons' uncanny demonstrations of mind reading, levitation, prediction, memory and telekinesis are both thought provoking and mystifying. Their dynamic and fast-paced stage show is unlike anything you've seen before. It's a slick blend of interactive entertainment and comic relief that defies logic. Free admission and refreshments.

Study Skills Seminars

Currently being held in 103 NFH M-TH, 12 noon-1 PM and 6-7 PM. Topics include time management, memorizing techniques, testing techniques, studying and note taking, as well as an introductory session which provides students with an overview of how to improve their grades in college. Please call 248-370-4215 or visit our web site at www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc for more details.

Academic Skills Center

Free tutoring is being offered to all currently enrolled OU students. The ASC (103 North Foundation Hall) has walk-in tutoring available M-TH, 8 AM-7 PM and F, 8 AM-5 PM. For those students unable to make it during daylight hours, evening tutoring is available on a walk-in basis at 121 WVH on Sun-Wed, 7 PM-10 PM. Check out our web site at www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc for more details.

Perspectives

Coming up:
Column from Trustee
Dennis Pawley.

Editor: Rebecca Wyatt•editor@oakpostonline.com

February 4, 2004•A7

Editorial at a glance

The Issue: The board of trustees is like a well-guarded monument.

Our stance: The board deserves more input from the students and faculty at OU.

Our university is essentially run by eight people. The eight people make all of the decisions including tuition hikes and those decisions regarding the construction of new buildings.

Each of these people has his or her own expertise, whether it be in finance, public administration or law. Many of the members have given generous gifts to OU for the betterment of the university. Though, why do they feel the necessity to be so anonymous?

This group makes decisions regarding the university without the everyday working knowledge of it we

would hope they would possess. A few meetings ago, Chairperson Henry Baskin wasn't even aware students didn't pay for parking.

We've been told the board relies on the advice of high-ranking OU administrators to make its decisions, but even members of this group are almost hidden.

President Gary Russi has an office in Wilson Hall, but last year all but one window was covered and there isn't even a sign marking the door. However, there are signs to mark the Provost, Vice President of Finance and Administration and even the General Counsel's

office, which are all located in the same hallway.

There is little information on OU's Web site about Russi or any of the board members and there is no way to contact them.

If these top decision makers are constantly hidden, there is no way for the students to directly voice their concerns to the leadership of the university.

All of OU's more than 16,000 students are supposed to find the two BOT liaisons on campus and use them as an outlet for the opinions they would like to express to the board. When there is not a student opin-

ion, the two liaisons are supposed to give a representative perspective from the student body, yet the student body had no say in choosing them.

The faculty has no one sitting up at the table giving the board the opinion of the university's professors. The AAUP has designated two professors to come to the meeting, but they sit in the gallery, and must fill out comment cards in order to be given time to speak to the board.

Maybe the board doesn't understand this is going on and if they don't, then this is a wake up call. The Post has tried to help get the word out

about who the board is, but unless the members come to campus and be here for more than just monthly meetings, it doesn't have the same meaning to the members of the community.

The Post urges the Board and President Russi to use the paper as a tool to communicate to students and solicit responses through dialogues such as columns or letters.

The board members are public servants, shouldn't they be accessible to the community they serve?

Board of Trustees address unknown

What to do if MyDoom got you

By JAMES COATES
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
(KRT)

Q. Hey, this so-called MyDoom worm got me today. A co-worker, or so I thought, sent me an e-mail with an attached note. As I usually do from this co-worker, I opened it. Now my friends are blaming me for spreading this worm to their computers and my computer is running very slowly. Now what?

A. You're not alone. Computer experts worked feverishly Tuesday to counter the MyDoom attack. Their best nugget of advice: If your mother sends you an e-mail with an attachment that says she loves you, don't open it.

Once again, the ordinary people who sit before their home PCs and their office workstations made the same mistake of opening

infected files attached to e-mails. The worm-infested messages appear to come from colleagues, customers, friends and family.

Fecklessly opening these e-mail attachments can awaken a binary beast. This monster ruthlessly looks about the host computer, finds the owner's e-mail address book and fires off a copy of the beast to all those listed.

So the question now becomes, how do you outwit the worm?

Unfortunately, the MyDoom fixes are particularly difficult because this worm gets very deep into the Windows System Registry and makes dangerous changes to certain key files. It's better to look for outside help than to try and make the fix yourself.

If you've been slimed, head to the antivirus Web sites posted by experts like

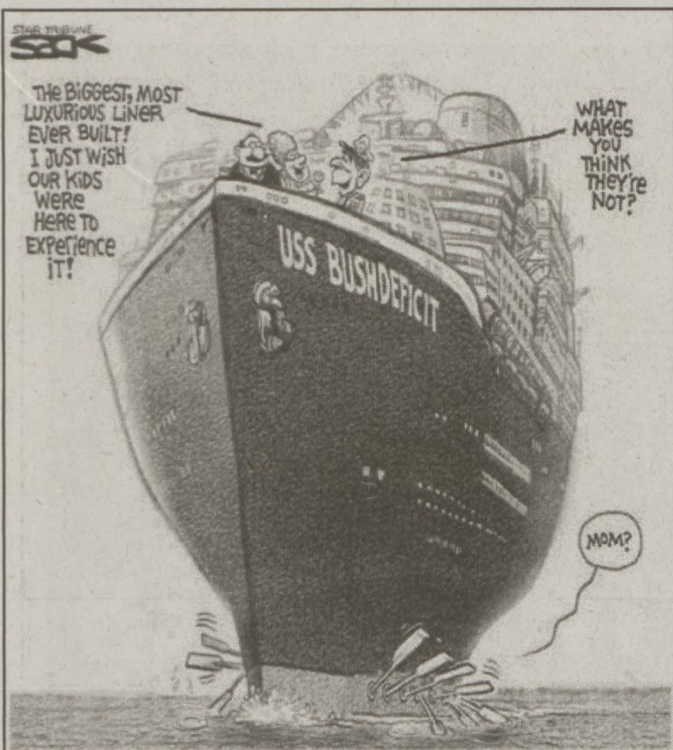
Network Associates (www.mcafee.com), Symantec (www.symantec.com) and Panda Software (www.pandasoftware.com).

The biggest clue to MyDoom is that infected e-mail messages are 22.5 kilobytes long. Most e-mail software shows the size of attachments.

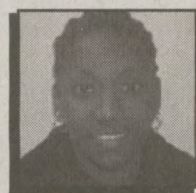
Furthermore, MyDoom outsmarts earlier worms by constantly rewriting the e-mail messages it generates. That means there is no one subject line or text to warn people that the worm is attached.

If you're not a victim this time, be assured that you remain a target for the next go-around. So never forget: Worms can't bite unless you open an attachment, and that includes attachments from those you trust.

All Talk Back letters must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation. Letters must be limited to 350 words. Letters may be edited for content and length and are due the Sunday before publication. The Post uses discretion and may reject letters for any reason. Letters become property of The Oakland Post. E-mail letters to editor@oakpostonline.com or drop off at 61 Oakland Center.



Where honor is due



CHARITY JONES
OU Student

For as long as I can remember the month of February has been celebrated as African-American History Month. As an African-American, I have learned to appreciate those who have sacrificed and stood up for civil rights in the face of opposition. I hold the life of Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman in great admiration, along with all the others who have placed their lives on the line for the freedom of blacks in America.

However, as I grow older, I notice that there are so many heroes that have yet to be honored during this month of celebration. Why have these heroes been forgotten? After all, they play a major role in the history of the freedom of African-Americans today.

I remember telling a fellow African-American college student here at Oakland that I am a republican. She laughed and replied, "Why? Don't you know that republicans are for white people and Democrats are for black people? If you are a republican, you aren't black."

Unfortunately, that was not the first time I'd heard something like that. In fact, being born and raised in Detroit, I've learned that this is the regular pattern of thought for a lot of people. This was and is still something that is reinforced by the media, schools, family and friends. In all actuality, there is no group that votes more solidly for Democrats than blacks. There must be some validity to that statement, right?

Well, I should say that it saddens me that people can be so narrow-minded to say that if I am of a certain race, I must belong to a certain political party with no questions asked. First, when she said that to me, it made me question her view on African-Americans. Are we all the same? Should we all think the same? Secondly, I do nothing with "no questions asked." In fact, I am a skeptic so I began to research African-American History. I decided to go back to 1854 in Jackson, Mich., where a group of anti-slavery advocates came together to form a political party. The Party? The Republican Party. There's something all of my teachers must have "forgotten." So they form

a party, and as soon as they get a leader elected as President, What did he do? He declared war to end slavery. His name? Abraham Lincoln. Okay, so slavery was ended, but African-Americans, still were not free due to Jim Crow Laws, Poll taxes, and Black Codes. So which party had these as their party policies? I bet it was those racist republicans. No, it was the Democratic Party. In fact the Ku Klux Klan was organized in June 1866, by a group of Democrats who were confederate army officers. So maybe now you see why I'm still puzzled at this young lady's remark.

Now of course, all Democrats are not racist and not all republicans are saints, but I believe that these are facts that have been hidden from the history books, from the media, and from African-American history month.

My parents and grandparents were very much affected by the Jim Crow Laws and segregation in the south and I believe that I deserve a fair and balanced look on the dark past of America. And I have been cheated. So I had to find out the facts on my own. The truth makes such a big difference, but this is not where the story ends, the first black governor was a republican. Pickney Benton Stewart was governor of Mississippi. Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first black to serve in the United States senate. Yes, he was a republican too. And the list goes on. Often times we thank others for the freedoms given to us by the 1964 Civil Rights Act but let's remember it was filibustered by Democrats Robert Byrd and Al Gore Sr. in Congress. Republican leader Dirksen broke the filibuster. In the Senate, six Republicans opposed it and 21 Democrats opposed. In the House of Representatives 40 percent of Democrats opposed, while 20 percent of republicans did. So which party did she say was for the black person?

In exchange for knowing the truth, I am willing to be labeled a "traitor." My purpose is to stimulate thought, not to convert. As we celebrate African-American History Month, let us not forget to honor those unspoken heroes, for without their support, who knows where we'd be as a people? I admit, at times it's hard when you don't have the facts. But now you do. Don't just take my word for it; research, look for the truth and you will find it. Finally, let us remember this month to honor everybody who has assisted in the civil rights of African-Americans. May we never forget to give honor where honor is due.

Is the Super Bowl just about the commercials?

YES

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Once again we all sat around and watched football on TV for one final game of the season, Super Bowl XXXVIII. There is no doubt that it was a big event, but do people really get together to watch the game or to watch the commercials? Obviously we all know that the commercials during the Super Bowl are the most expensive and lengthiest of any time of the year, and there is a reason for that. Yes, it is great that the New England Patriots and Carolina Panthers played a game of football, but companies wouldn't spend the time and money in putting together these pricey clips if there weren't some sort of kickback to them.

It is true that football can be labeled as a "man's" sport, and the majority of viewers are male, however, women also watch the Super Bowl. Maybe not for the game, but for the commercials and the halftime show. This year's game was, in fact, exciting,

putting the Patriots on top for the second time, but the commercials were better. Although the target audience seemed to be men, showing quite a few beer and car commercials, that didn't hinder the overall entertainment factor.

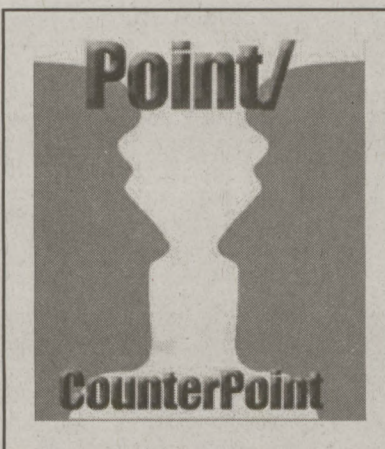
From the beginning kickoff to the final touchdown, it seemed as though every five minutes there was a commercial break. If the game was supposed to be the focus, why did the viewers spend more time watching commercials?

Certainly enough time was spent by referees throwing penalty flags, but the company Anheuser-Busch, owner of the product Bud Light, seemed to get more time on-air than most of the players on the field. In pertaining to the humor factor of all the new commercials, it was time and money well spent, and they definitely made the Super Bowl that much better.

No

By DAVID PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

People who only watch the Super Bowl for the commercials are like people who only read the newspaper for the ads.



who watch the Super Bowl for the commercials and miss the incredible excitement of the game.

Not many people find the latest Pepsi commercial more entertaining than an incredible touchdown catch or a big hit. The commercials do provide entertainment for people who are not football fans, but true fans know the game is what is most important.

During the Super Bowl, legends

are made and hearts are broken. What happens during the course of the game will be debated for years to come, while the commercials only provide a quick laugh.

Winning a Super Bowl is the ultimate accomplishment in football. People in Detroit should know how precious a Super Bowl victory is because the Lions have deprived them of that feeling. Many professional football players judge the success of their career on whether or not they won a Super Bowl, not how many commercials they've appeared in.

Almost every media outlet in the world sends people to cover the Super Bowl because it is arguably the biggest sporting event of the year. Out of all those media members, not a high percentage are there to cover the commercials. They are there to cover what is most important; the game.

If you still believe the Super Bowl is just about the commercials, then try this test. Ask a few people who won the Super Bowl the last two years. Then ask the same people what their favorite commercials where.

Not many people will even remember a commercial from two years ago, but they would remember what is most important, who won the game.

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FOOD

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ience store. We have also added more variety in the selection of fruit juices. In addition, we centralized the location of the 'make your own sandwich bar' to make it more convenient for our diners."

She said she shares these concerns with the House Policy Committee, which is the Student Advisory Council to the director of University Housing.

"During our weekly meeting we usually talk about some food related concerns," said Reynolds.

The results of the survey will be brought to the University Housing and Food Services.

LAW

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Boston University's school of Law Graduate Tax Program.

Torielli just finished a five-year term with Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C. in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Cooley offers two (LL.M.) degrees in taxation and intellectual property that started in September of 2003.

The LL.M. programs are offered on weekends and can be taken on a part or full time basis.

Cooley searches for professors who are experienced in their fields and Torielli is first-rate in the tax field.

She is also a member of the Women's Bar Association, the American Bar Association (ABA), and the State Bar of Michigan.

Torielli was named in "Top 10 business Woman of the Year," by the National Association of Woman Business Owners in spring 2003.

According to Don Leduc, president and dean of Cooley, he had been searching for someone who would be interested in directing the program full time.

Leduc heard that Torielli was looking for a change after finishing her term at Howard & Howard, so he asked if she was interested in directing the program at Cooley.

"We had not engaged in a lengthy search for a replacement ... she was the

perfect choice," Leduc said. Torielli said she got interested in Cooley because of the school's positive reputation and was quickly attracted to its new LL.M. program.

Even though she has finished her term at Howard & Howard, she still assists with counseling and advising.

"I mainly consult with my firm now ... my primary focus is teaching here," Torielli said. "I am hoping to direct the pro-

gram for quite a long time" According to Torielli the LL.M. program is targeted to students who already have their bachelor's in law and want to go further. This is why the program is offered on the weekends. It accommodates graduates who have started working in law firms to sharpen their skills and get their LL.M. degree.

Students interested in finding out more about the LL.M. program can go to www.cooley.edu.

OUPD

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at their experience, education and how well they do during the actual interview process," he said.

With the addition of the new officers, there are 20 commissioned personnel on staff. This includes 14 police officers, four sergeants, one lieutenant and the Chief of Police Samuel Lucido.

"It's an ongoing process," said Gilroy. "At this time we are at full staff according to our authorized complement, but we will need to evaluate adding even more police officers to meet the demand in the future."

Lucido said the new officers have expressed great dedication and they seem to be very happy in serving the OU community.

"They are a great group of

people," he said. "They are very diverse males and females and they bring varying degrees of experience with them."

Becoming a police officer for the OUPD requires Police Academy certification before any consideration of hiring will take place.

"We also look for people with a good common sense, who are caring and have the commitment," said Gilroy. "I really like bright, smart people."

The new officers will be finishing up their training and will be on the streets of OU's campus shortly.

"Our job is to do our up most to keep people safe," said Gilroy.

The Oakland Post is looking for photographers.

If you are interested in getting experience in taking photos for a newspaper, then stop by The Post and ask for Maggy.

AUTHOR

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"satisfying" and it had both "personal and political" ideas.

Mann said he feels it's important to bring authors to campus to read their work because it really brings literature to life.

"We've been doing it for some time and I think it's an important part of a student's education," Mann

said.

Henley is a professor at Purdue University where she teaches creative writing. While at OU, Henley will visit a creative writing class and a few other English classes.

Henley will read from her fiction at 4 p.m. on Thursday in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center. A book

signing will be held after the reading. Admission is free and the reading is open to the public. For more information, call the Department of English at (248) 370-2250.

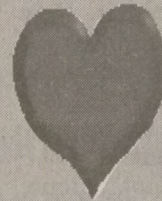
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ments, transportation and collaboration with the nursing association.

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Fun makes all the difference

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

All OU needed to do was have a little fun Saturday afternoon to defeat Chicago State University, 77-60, rebounding from a difficult 77-72 loss to Valparaiso University (Valpo) on Thursday.

The Golden Grizzlies also proved they are still a team to be reckoned with in the Mid-Con.

"We needed to get a good feeling about ourselves again and playing like we are capable of playing," said head coach Greg Kampe. "I felt we took a step toward that today."

OU started the game off slowly, as Chicago State took an early 7-0 lead. OU took a time out, regrouped and fired back with three straight three pointers to take a 9-7 lead. The Grizzlies then began to build a lead.

Redshirt freshman David Ritzema put OU up by six with a two-handed slam with 11:33 left in the half.

Not to be outdone, senior guard Mike Helms had a highlight reel pass to junior forward Rawle Marshall. Helms leaped in the air to get a loose ball then threw it behind his head to Marshall for an easy two that put OU up 22-14 with 9:18 remaining in the half.

Helms also had a two-handed dunk of his own that put OU up 29-20 with 5:42 left in the half. OU continued its strong play for the remainder of the half and went into the break with a 38-29 lead.

The Grizzlies did not start out

the half like they had hoped, allowing Chicago State to go on a 14-7 run to start the second half and pull within two points. OU responded with a 15-4 run to take a 60-47 lead with 5:43 left in the game.

OU never looked back from there, and began to have fun playing basketball.

Marshall started the fun with a one-handed slam over a CSU player to put OU up 67-52 with 3:48 left to play. Helms continued it with a quick lay-up, and then junior forward Courtney Scott put an exclamation point on the win with two thunderous dunks that put the Grizzlies up 73-57 with 1:58 left in the game.

Kampe sensed the game was over and removed his big three to a standing ovation in the 'O'rena. OU finished the game with a 77-60 statement win.

"It's been a frustrating season and for them to have some fun is good," said Kampe. "We are a confident group that needs to play with some arrogance."

OU came into the game shooting a Mid-Con worst 66.5 percent from the free throw line, but shot a credible 72.7 percent in the win. Marshall led the way, shooting 5-5 from the line.

Kampe realized the importance of taking advantage of attempts from the charity stripe.

"A key was we shot good free throws down the stretch," said Kampe.

With the win, the Grizzlies improved to 3-7 in the Mid-Con, placing eighth out of nine, and 9-

13 overall. The preseason favorite to win the conference now must focus on remaining one of the top eight teams in the league in order to qualify for the postseason tournament.

"We are concerned about it," said Kampe. "We have to start getting confidence. Chicago State's coach shook my hand after the game and said, 'Now that's the Oakland team I know.'"

Helms was glad to enjoy the game after a hard few weeks.

"When you're losing it's not fun," Helms said. "There is still camaraderie within the team. We have goals to get to the tournament."

Scott was also happy to get a win.

"A lot of relief came (to) us today," said Scott. "Things we knew we could do we finally started doing."

Marshall led OU in scoring with 23 points and added eight rebounds. Helms finished with 21 points and shot 50 percent from the field. Scott added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Thursday against Valpo, OU played a strong second half to chip away at a deficit that reached as many as 19 points, coming within four points with less than 20 seconds remaining, but still fell short.

The Grizzlies shot 57.9 percent from the free line and only 44.4 percent from the field in the loss.

Helms led the way with 29 points on 11-21 shooting, and Marshall contributed 20 points. As a team, OU shot 5-17 from three-point range.

OU will look to win two in a row at 9:05 p.m. (EST) Thursday when it travels to Southern Utah University. The Grizzlies continue with a 7 p.m. (EST) contest against the University of Missouri-Kansas City on the road.

Game Preview

Who: OU (9-13, 3-7) vs. Southern Utah (3-5, 7-12)
When: 4:05 p.m. Thurs.
What: OU will look to put its first in-conference winning streak together against seventh-place SUU.

Rough start no problem

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU women's basketball team keeps finding ways to win.

After losing its first two Mid-Con contests, OU has won seven of the last eight league contests and currently ranks third in the league.

The Golden Grizzlies played two different kinds of games but still recorded two wins last week, with a 59-54 win over Valparaiso (Valpo) University on the road Saturday, and a 68-43 blowout against Chicago State University (CSU) in the 'O'rena Monday night.

OU head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said the dynamics of the team have been the beauty of the squad, as well as the curse.

"That's been the good thing with us, that we have different people who do different things different nights," Shea-Hilliard said. "But then, conversely, it's a matter of people knowing when it's their time to step up."

OU got off to a rocky start Monday against the Cougars, falling behind 12-5 less than six minutes into the contest. The Grizzlies fought back by the 12:32 mark to tie the game at 14 and would not trail for the remainder of the game.

After tying the game, OU went on a 19-6 run, capped by a lay-up by senior forward Sarah Yaksich, to

break open a 13-point lead.

CSU fought back to within seven with 1:04 remaining in the first half, but a three-point basket by sophomore Grizzly guard Jayme Wilson put the lead back into double digits at halftime.

The teams traded baskets to open the second half before the Grizzlies took complete control of the game with a 21-1 run over the next nine minutes to coast to the 25-point win.

Both Wilson, 16, and junior forward Amanda Batcha, 12, reached double figures.

For the fourth straight game, Wilson hit three or more three-point buckets.

The Grizzly defense stood strong, forcing 27 Cougar turnovers and holding the visitors to 25 percent shooting in the second half and 40 percent for the game.

"What we were talking about at half-time was we were forcing turnovers but, if they didn't turn over, they seemed to score," Shea-Hilliard said. "I thought in the second half we did a better job of making them take the tough shots."

Junior forward Petra Manakova led OU with three

steals while freshman Joya Puryear, senior Nicole Randolph and freshman Bonnie Baker had two each.

"I don't think it mattered who was in, I thought we did a nice job against them,"



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior Grizzly forward Amanda Batcha guards her opponent closely in OU's 68-43 win Monday night.

Shea-Hilliard said. "I thought we had people coming off the bench, who normally don't play as many minutes, that I thought did a nice job."

Saturday against Valpo, the Grizzlies fought off a late Crusader rally to take the road win, avenging a loss on their home court earlier this season.

Valpo, which trailed by 10 with less than five minutes remaining in the game, brought the score within three with 46 seconds to go, but a lay-up by sophomore guard Anne Hafeli sealed the five-point win.

Wilson led all scorers with 20 points on 8-13 shooting, while Manakova added 16 and Hafeli recorded 10.

The Grizzlies outrebounded the Crusaders, 40-26, led by Batcha, who hauled in 10

Record feels first blemish

BY DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

OU's swimming and diving teams had a double-header this weekend, sweeping St. Bonaventure University at the OU Aquatics Center Friday and falling to Michigan State University (MSU) in both men's and women's competition Saturday.

The men, 169-120, and the women, 169-129, won Friday, but they fell to MSU 145-97 and 131-110, respectively.

The loss on Saturday breaks the women's undefeated season and brings their record to 10-1, while the men are 5-3.

On Friday, senior Oksana Strelets had two wins for the women in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly.

Freshman Amanda Burwell also won the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard backstroke for the women.

Freshman Hunor Ma'te' had two individual wins Friday night for the men, the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard breaststroke.

Junior Chris Sullivan walked away with the top spot in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly.

Both the men's and women's 200-yard medley relays took the top spot.

At 7:15 p.m. (EST) Saturday, the Grizzlies will tip off against Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah. The mini road trip will continue with an 8 p.m. Monday game against the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Freshman Liz Herrington and sophomore Linda Keskey captured first and second on both the one- and three-meter diving boards.

Strelets once again won the 50-yard freestyle on Saturday and Sullivan took the 100-yard freestyle.

The men's 400-yard medley relay also captured first.

OU was able to one-two-three not only the men's 200-yard breaststroke, but also the women's 200-yard individual medley.

The next meet will be held on 2 p.m. Saturday in South Bend, Ind. at the University of Notre Dame.

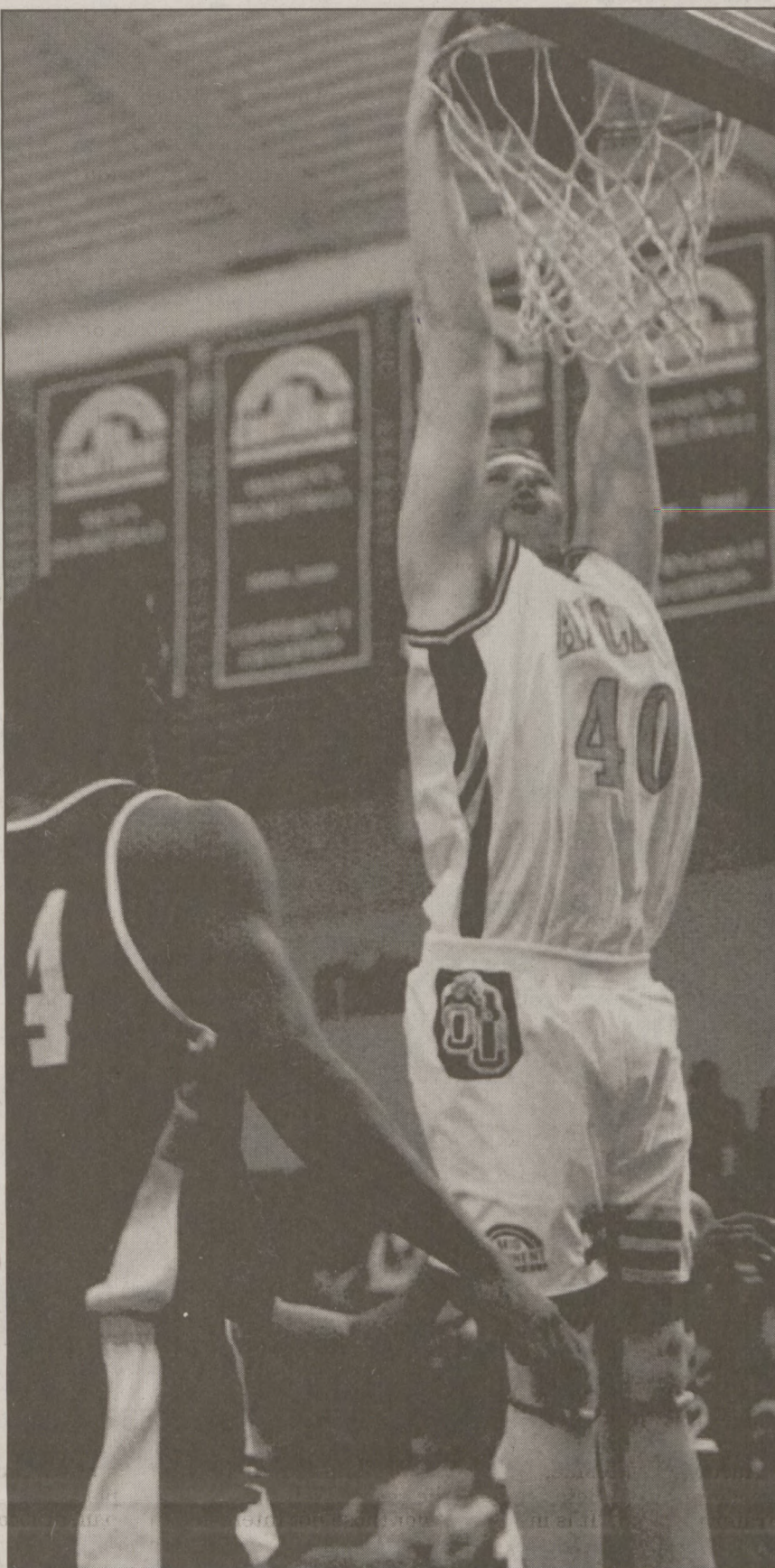
The women have won the NIC two straight years and the men finished fourth last year.

The teams will then be off to the National Independent Conference Championships (NIC), which will be Feb. 25-28 at the OU Aquatics Center.

Hovland said the team will go into its tapering phase to prepare.

"It's where we do a number of different things, and it's really less than what we've done at any point during the season," he said. "It's a gradual reduction in intensity, volume and frequency. It allows muscles to recover from the intense training program. Hopefully, in 23 days, it all comes together and they have this super compensation effect."

Freshman Jessica Erickson, senior Brittany Maxey and freshman Angela Trecola were incorrectly identified in last week's "At it again" article regarding the OU women's tennis squad.



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OU redshirt freshman David Ritzema rises for a two-handed slam dunk in the Grizzlies' 77-60 win over Chicago State University in the 'O'rena on Saturday. The game was aired on Fox Sports Detroit.



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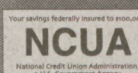
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Thurs. Feb. 5, 9:05 p.m.
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Sat. Feb. 7, 8 p.m.
@ UMKC

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Sat. Feb. 7, 7:15 p.m.
@ Southern Utah
Mon. Feb. 9, 8 p.m.
@ UMKC

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(DIII)
Sat. Feb. 7, 6 p.m.
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Women's Club Hockey

Fri. Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
@ Michigan State
Sat. Feb. 7, 9:45 p.m.
vs. Michigan State
(@ ONYX in Rochester)

Women double up NMU

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

OU women's club ice hockey head coach Shana Osler said her team's goal was to win five of its last six games.

With two wins against Northern Michigan University (NMU) over the weekend, the Grizzlies are on their way. OU came out on top in both games at home, winning 3-1 Saturday and 2-1 Sunday.

The sweep avenges two straight shutout losses to NMU earlier this season.

Osler said the team stepped up in the victories.

"The girls played two solid games and put forth both strong effort and will power to win these games," Osler said. "They have to overcome many cheap shots and unsportsmanlike play by Northern, as well as the worst officiating we've had all season."

This weekend, the Grizzlies take on Michigan State University, currently undefeated in Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association play.

At 10 p.m. Friday, OU will take on the Spartans in East Lansing, and the team will rematch at 9:45 p.m. Saturday on the Grizzlies' home ice, the ONYX in Rochester.

Osler said her team is motivated.

"We're fired up to play (Michigan) State this weekend and are looking forward to giving the undefeated Spartans their first loss of the season," she said.

Super Bowl journal



Chronicle of big game has its ups and downs

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Every sports writer dreams of having their predictions being completely realized, allowing for the ultimate ego-building phrase: "I told you so."

For at least an hour, those wonderfully fulfilling words danced through my mind and built up my faltering sports editor confidence as the New England Patriots and Carolina Panthers ended the first quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl in a scoreless tie.

My head continued to swell as the teams traded punt after punt.

In my mind, I envisioned the masses lifting me above their heads, celebrating my self-assuring victory.

Then it started happening. Both team lit up the scoreboard in the last six minutes of the first half. And that was just a preview of the second half.

Okay, so I was wrong. I'm man enough to admit it.

Here's a record of the Super Bowl's events from the eyes of one man with a

foot in his mouth:

5:44 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time): Arrive at my friend's house for Super Bowl party. Of course, I was the first to arrive, although I was late because I spent the afternoon living the Super Bowl through the wonder that is Madden 2004.

6:00: Samuel L. Jackson is still the man.

6:14: Preparing for the Super Bowl, the ultimate in athletic competition, I try to grab my own greatness ... in table tennis. Had it tied at 15 all, but I blow it by losing six straight points.

6:20: Beyonce Knowles makes the national anthem more than bearable.

6:25: Carolina wins the toss and goes against the grain by electing to receive.

6:27: It has begun.

6:31: First punt in the Snoozer Bowl.

6:37: New England place kicker Adam "Clutch" Vinateri misses a chip shot from 31 yards.

6:38: It's commercial time! Bud Light is first, of course. How could the first Super Bowl commercial be anything but beer. They

know their demographic. No gut-busting laughter this year. Okay, back to the game.

6:41: First sack of this boring game. Defensive contest anyone?

6:44: Pepsi commercial. Okay, that was kind of funny. Corny, but funny.

6:49: Cedric the Entertainer still a funny guy to put in commercials.

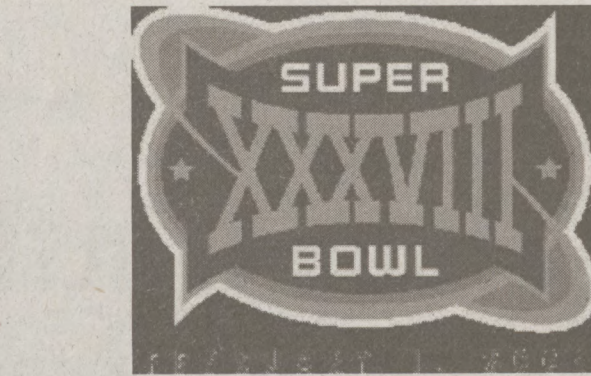
6:54: The breaks are quickly becoming more interesting than the game itself. Yawn.

7:00: That official has been trained by his wife like no program can train him. Is that what I have to look forward to?

7:07: End of a scoreless first quarter. Is it halftime yet? A whole quarter left?

7:09: No sporting endeavor has ever united a country like the 1984 men's Olympic ice hockey team. Purely amazing.

7:10: I'm asking my friend what Levitra is. It's like Viagra? Oh my goodness! I think those drugs are going directly against nature. If you need that much help, shouldn't you take a step back and recon-



Brendan Stevens/The Oakland Post

Left: Fans get excited as the deciding play puts the New England Patriots in the national spotlight as the 2004 Super Bowl Champions.

Below: Who said it was a man's game? Women enjoy, kind of, the splendor that is the Super Bowl. Well, at least one of them is enjoying it.



sider it?

7:12: Now THAT was funny. A donkey that wants to be a Clydesdale? Who thinks of this stuff?

7:30: Okay! The funniest commercial of this year's game by far! My friend comments on the probability of the first ever joke being about farting.

7:31: Charmin. Hiking. Persistence. Grabbing. That's all I have to say.

7:38: I have a mind to believe there will never be points scored in this game. Vinateri is supposed to be automatic, not blockable. Panthers block his 36-yard field goal attempt.

7:42: Houston, we have a turnover.

7:44: New England quarterback Tom Brady does the first down chop after running for a first down. Can you really call it running? Then he follows it up with a touchdown. Points!

7:59: Tie game. Delhomme can throw the ball after all.

8:08: What is going on? Where did all this offense come from? Brady throws another touchdown pass.

8:12: Carolina place kicker John Kasay hits a 50-yard field goal as time expires. 14-10 at half.

8:33: As I plod back down stairs (lost in ping pong again), Justin Timberlake appears as the big surprise. OK, I came back too soon.

8:34: I missed what?! Janet Jackson's what was showing? Speechless.

8:35: Bill Parcells singing "Tomorrow" takes the cake as the best commercial of the game. Hands down.

8:44: Just over a half

hour later, the game starts up again. Finally.

9:17: The game has regained its boredom factor.

9:22: Eyes are droopy as the Patriots score again on a two-yard touchdown run by Antwain Smith.

9:30: Carolina running back DeShaun Foster has just made things interesting with a 30+ yard touchdown run.

9:43: Nail in the coffin? I don't think so. Horrible decision by perfect decision maker Brady.

9:49: It's not a good sign when the officials are this confused.

9:51: No, you didn't Delhomme. Wow. Eighty-five yard touchdown pass to Muhsin Muhammed from Delhomme. One-point lead for the Panthers. That's what I am talking about.

10:04: Offensive defense by Carolina as Patriots' linebacker Mike Vrabel catches a touchdown pass from Brady. Tricky results in made two-point conversion. Seven-point lead for New England. Ugh.

10:16: Ragin' Cajun Delhomme does it again. Carolina ties the game as Delhomme hits Rickey Proehl in the endzone.

10:19: Out of Bounds?! We're going to overtime!

10:25: NOOOOOOOOOOO. I give up. Now Vinateri decides to make a field goal, and his longest attempt of the day nonetheless.

10:26: I quit. My foot has just recently been removed from my big mouth and I have thoroughly digested my words.

But in honor of the NFL Network's commercial, my favorite of the game:

We're all undefeated as of Monday.



Brendan Stevens/The Oakland Post

Partiers enjoy a game of Yahtzee during a lull in the Super Bowl action.

Home record still perfect

BY ANTHONY STACK
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's club ice hockey team defeated the University of Michigan (U-M) Wolverines, 9-5, to remain undefeated on home ice this season to honor graduating seniors Karl Borgquist, defenseman, and Shaun Zeldes, goaltender.

Grizzly sophomore forward Will McMahon, who had a hat-trick, knew exactly what the game meant to everyone.

"This game was all about Karl and Shaun," said McMahon. "Those guys are what the team's all about."

At the end of the first period,

the Grizzlies had a 3-1 lead, with goals coming from McMahon, freshman defenseman Adam Chornoby and freshman forward Jordan Ingram.

Forwards Jon-Paul Ferrari, freshman, and Ryan Teasdale, sophomore, both tallied in the second period for OU. McMahon went on two breakaways and scored on both to complete his hat-trick.

U-M scored a controversial goal with just 37.5 seconds left in the second period to come within two goals of the Grizzlies.

It was unclear whether or not the net was in place before the puck crossed the

goal line.

More than halfway through the third period, Ingram netted his second goal of the night to put OU up 8-5. Defenseman Brian Belliotti, junior, tallied in the third to seal the win.

With one minute left in the game, OU head coach Craig Furstenau made a goalie change to give Zeldes the opportunity to play for the last time on the team's home ice at the ONYX in Rochester.

Zeldes was pleased the team went undefeated on home ice.

"I don't really feel it's my last game," Zeldes said. "The main thing is that we went

undefeated at home through this whole season. That's what was mostly important to me in this game."

Furstenau was not very pleased with the Grizzlies' defensive play, but was happy with the offense.

"We didn't pick up our guys in front of the net," he said. "We were kind of sloppy at times with our break-out passes. We had a couple turnovers and guys leaving our end too early."

"We played well offensively, but we have to take care of our own end first."

This was the Grizzlies' last home game of the season. OU takes on Indiana University and the

University of Miami-Ohio on Friday and Saturday to finish off the regular season.

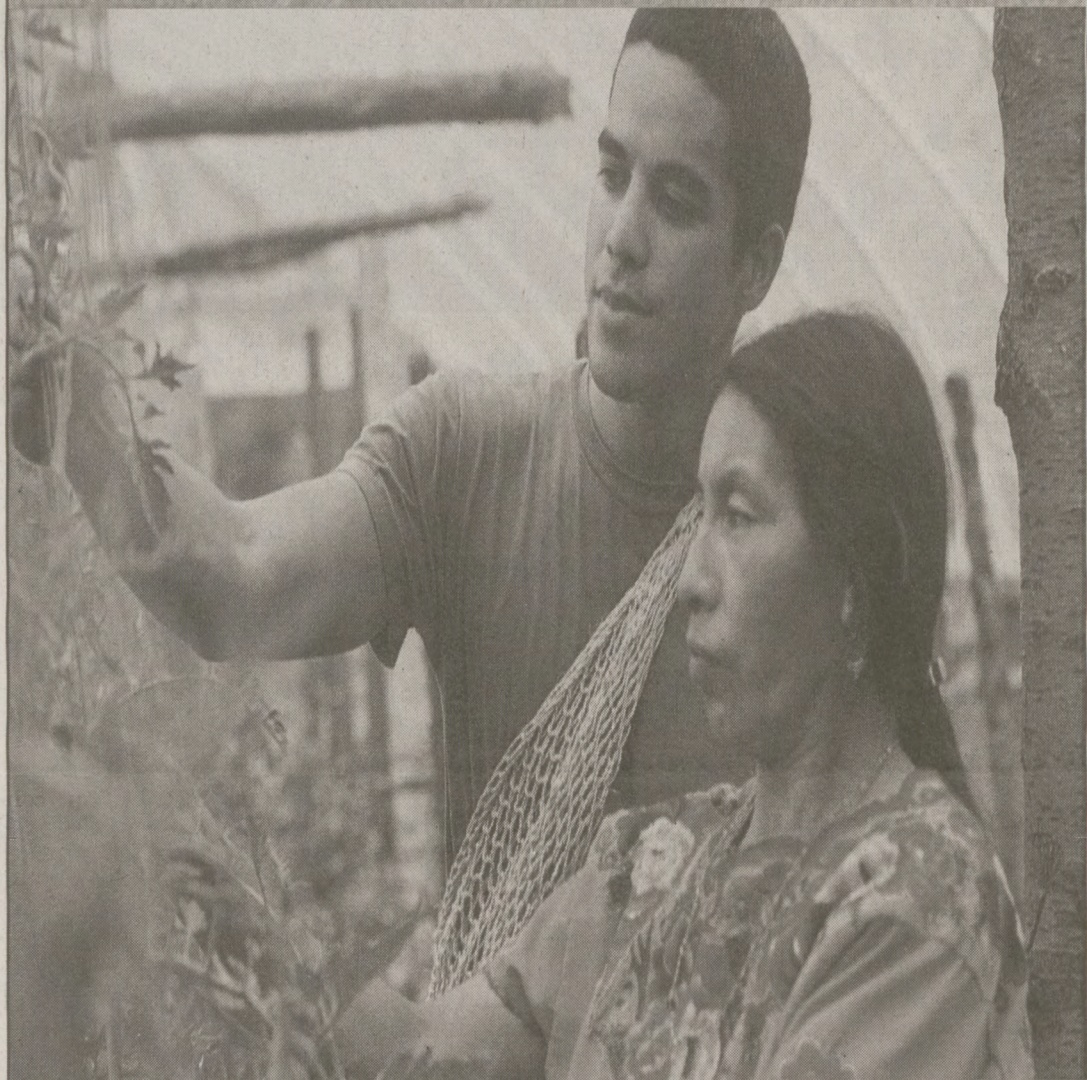
The Grizzlies are still the number one seed in both the Great Midwest Hockey League (GMHL) and the central division of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II.

The rankings will be updated Feb. 13 on the ACHA Web site, www.acha-hockey.org.

The GMHL playoffs will take place Feb. 21-22 in East Lansing, and the ACHA National Tournament is scheduled for March 3-6 in Baltimore.

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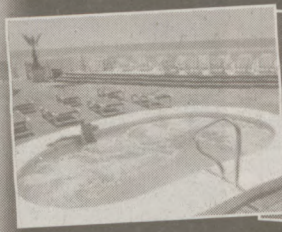
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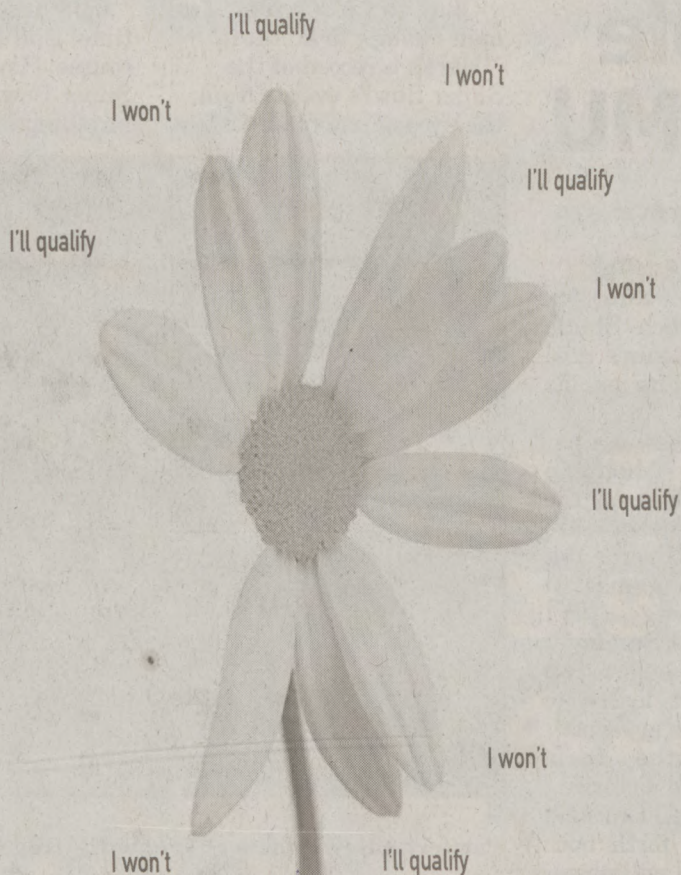
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Get a 'Taste of Africa' with crafts, food and music

African-American Celebration Committee hosts the "Taste of Africa Gala" to give students a feel for the African-American culture

BY DAVID KILKENNEY
THE OAKLAND POST

Chew on this. OU's African-American Celebration Committee is hosting its second "Taste of Africa Gala" from 4-7 p.m. Friday in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center.

The event is part of the full "African-American Celebration 2004: Celebrating Freedom through Education," which began Jan. 19, and ends Feb. 19.

Although this is a taste fest, the treats don't end there.

Music, dance and performance entertainment is scheduled for the event.

There will also be craft vendors selling jewelry, carvings, clothing and other items.

The schedule is as follows: from 4-5:30 p.m., artist Terrence Lester will be featured with vocal and

instrumental Jazz.

OU's African Dance Troupe, Akanke, will perform from 6-6:30 p.m.

The United Generation Council, a local youth performance group, will be doing a skit with OU's African Drum Ensemble from 6:30-7 p.m.

"This kind of celebration, the African-American celebration, and the Taste of Africa allows people from different backgrounds to come together and to celebrate a culture in a festive environment," said Vanessa Bard, committee member and assistant director of the Advising Resource Center.

The organizing committee for the "Taste of Africa Gala" stresses that this event is not just for African-American students, but for everyone.

"Last year was really a success, we had a really diverse crowd,"



Photo courtesy of Doug Bauman/The Daily Oakland Press

The "Taste of Africa Gala" will provide students and visitors with a taste of African culture.

Bard said.

The gala will feature Soul, Caribbean, West African and Creole food provided by Caribbean Citchen, Louisiana Creole Gumbo, L&J Carryouts and Vicky's

The price to attend is \$10 for anyone over 13 years of age, \$5 for kids age 11-13 and children under 10 are free.

Tickets can be purchased in the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center.

Other committee members Modrea Teague, Stefen J. Welch,

Charles Hughley, Sherry Abernathy, Jude Nixon, Josephine Hairston, Andre Love and Chardin Claybourne will all be attending the gala.

Originally the brainchild of Rochelle Black, director of OU Government Relations, during a committee meeting, the gala will become an annual event that everyone will be able to enjoy.

The "Taste of Africa Gala" is co-sponsored by the National Pan Hellenic Council and the

Association of Black Students.

"It's a good opportunity for them (students) to come together," Bard said, "and to be exposed to a culture that they may not have a lot of information about."

To get a listing of all "African-American Celebration 2004" events, visit the OC.

For all other information, contact Sherry Abernathy at (248) 370-4480, or email her at abernath@oakland.edu.



Photo courtesy of Sigma Pi

The brothers of Sigma Pi are eager to even the score.



Photo courtesy of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon think the game will "put their name out".

S.A.E. v. S.P.: frats battle it out on ice

the second year, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Pi will face off during a hockey match at the Troy Sports Center

BY TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

On Feb. 7, the rivalry between Sigma Alpha Epsilon (S.A.E.) and Sigma Pi (S.P.) will come in full force as the two fraternities skate out onto the rink.

The second annual Sigma Cup will take place at 8 p.m. in the Troy Sports Center as each fraternity goes heads up to battle it out for the Sigma Cup.

Admission to the hockey game is free of charge, and the brothers of both S.A.E. and S.P. said viewers could expect an exciting show.

Last year, the Sigma Cup event had a great turn out with about 100 spectators.

S.A.E. was named the champs with a 12-3 victory, and is confident they'll win again.

While S.A.E. looks for a repeat of last year, S.P. hopes to even the score.

With all of the heated competition, both fraternities said the game is not all about rivalry, or proving who is best.

Bob Bramos, senior, is the S.A.E. team captain, and he's really looking forward to this year's match.

"Last year was a really great game. (This year's game) is going to be exciting, big hitting, full of action and a great way to get our names out," said Bramos.

Ryan Hinman, also of S.A.E., will be announcing at the game.

"It's a great recruitment event. Two frats are going to be there and guys can come out and see how we are and consider rushing in the fall," said Hinman.

Steve Burke, sophomore, is the vice president of S.P. and shares the same views as Bramos and Hinman.

"(The Sigma Cup) is more than a rivalry," Burke said. "It shows that even though we're two different frats, we can still get together and show that we're all brothers and that we just want to have a good time."

S.A.E. got the idea of the Sigma Cup from the Mud Bowl, in which they compete with fraternity Theta Kai in a football match.

Wanting to pump up the competition with S.P., both fraternities decided to compete in a hockey game since both of their organizations have hockey players.

Troy Sports Center is located on 16-mile road, off of John R., just behind Hockeytown Authentics.

Winter Ball goes French

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

For more than 30 years, the Meadow Brook Winter Ball has been an OU tradition. On Saturday, Feb. 7, the tradition will continue with "Rendez-Vous a Paris," from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Meadow Brook Hall.

Tickets for the event are available at the Center for Student Activities (CSA) service window. The cost is \$40 for couples and \$20 for singles.

In previous years, students would pay to enter a lottery in which tickets were given away. At that time, 500 students were able to attend the event, which originally took place for two days.

Eventually the ball was separated into its current form, with the first dance being held in the fall. The number of students allowed to attend has decreased to 300.

The Meadow Brook Ball Committee, who hosts this event with financial assistance from the Student Allocations Funding Board (SAFB), chose this year's theme. The romantic theme was chosen because the event occurs so close to Valentine's Day.

Jean Ann Miller, director of CSA, said students who have been to previous events at Meadow Brook can look forward to changes as well as some returning favorites.

According to Miller, the students' response to the DJ at Fall Ball was not very good, so a new DJ was hired for this year's event.

Other changes include the craft contest, where students will construct hearts with the winners receiving Paris-themed prizes. Unlike previous years, all supplies will be provided at the Ball.

To further the theme of Paris, there will also be a Parisian mime and strolling violinist.

Miller stressed that despite the romantic theme of this year's event, single students will still have fun and should come.

"This is one event you should go to before you graduate," Miller said. "Everyone is welcome to participate. It is the oldest tradition at OU, so don't pass up the opportunity to visit."

Sarah Manier, junior, attended last year's Winter Ball and Fall Ball and enjoyed herself at both.

"I had a lot of fun last year," Manier said. "I look forward to going to Meadow Brook Ball because every time I go, it's a new experience. I really enjoy getting dressed up and going out."

Flyers are posted all over campus about "Rendez-Vous a Paris," for more information, contact the CSA office.

RAD teaches women self-defense

By ALEXIS HOSEY
THE OAKLAND POST

Since the program's introduction, the Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course has attracted overwhelming amounts of women.

In 1998, officer T.A. Ross of the Oakland University Police Department (OUPD) began teaching OU women how to protect themselves.

He said at the end of the winter semester alone, more than 800 women will have attended the program.

"I've had students come to me and tell me how they were attacked and how the training helped them to get away," Ross said. "It's sad, but in each class, some of the women have been assaulted before."

Statistically, Ross said one in three women have been raped, and he's taught courses where half of the students had been raped.

Now counseling centers are sending women to OU for training.

Through this R.A.D. course, OU students and visitors undergo a 12-hour program of realistic tactics and techniques.

The course begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, avoidance training and continues

on to the basics of hands on self-defense training.

The last course is today from 7-10 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the Rec Center.

The program, free for students and \$20 for non-students, will be offered again next year.

All participants had to register through Ross, and were required to attend every class.

Ross said the program started when students from the residence halls came to the police department asking to be taught self-defense.

Ross teaches the OUPD officers their defense tactics so he was the first choice for the position.

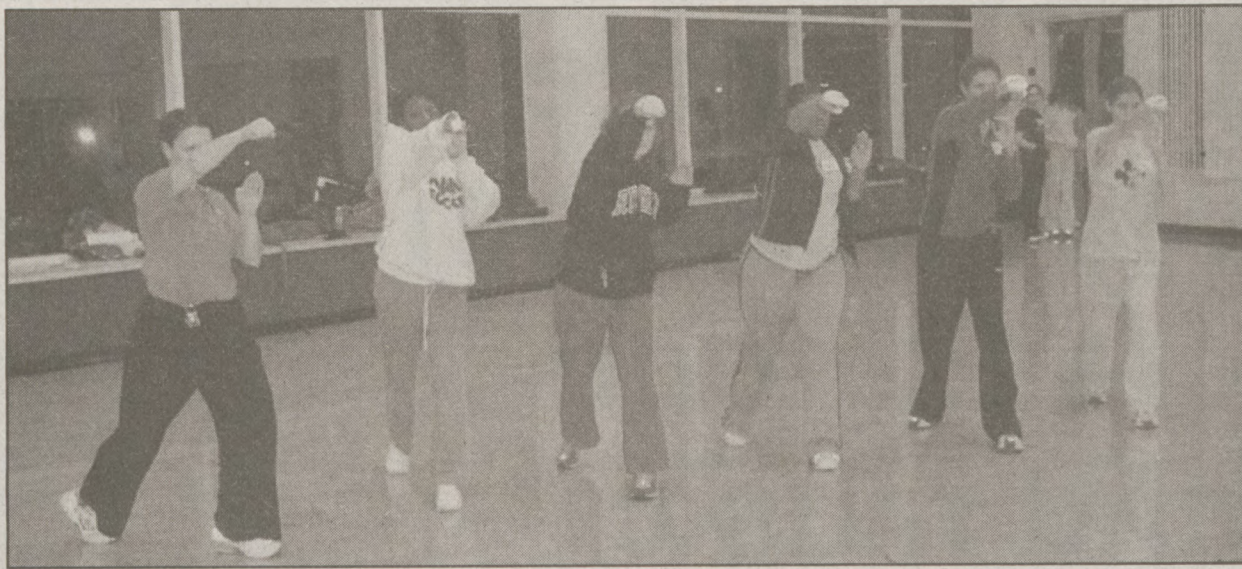
At first, Ross was unsure of his ability to teach self-defense.

"In the beginning, I could talk to you about self defense, but I couldn't teach you," Ross said. "Through the resident halls and the police department, I was sent to a course to learn how to teach women how to prevent rape and how to become survivors. Every year since then, I go away for a week to get retrained and updated."

Ebonie Donald, junior, speaks highly of Ross.

"I've attended an orientation of his, and he is very knowledgeable on women and how they should defend themselves."

The Graham Health Center on campus is one of the centers that



The RAD teaches women about awareness, prevention and self defense techniques.

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send women to R.A.D. Others are HAVEN and Common Ground.

Some of the risk reduction strategies taught in class are:

- Know ahead of time where you're going.
- Walk in groups.
- Use the buddy system.
- Walk in lighted pathways.
- Check your car before getting in.
- Lock your windows and doors.
- Know what the place you're going to looks like at night.
- Be aware of yourself and surroundings.

"God gave every one of us instinct," Ross said. "If you get the creeps from somebody—they're creepy. Listen to that inner voice."

This class is specifically designed so the average woman can do the techniques. It isn't a martial art.

The R.A.D. course taught on campus is for women only, but there is also one for men outside of OU.

"One in four boys have been assaulted, and I think it would be a successful course for men," Ross said.

Although he doesn't teach the class, he believes men need guidance in self-defense too.

"Most men that come up to me ask for tips on how not to get beat up. I usually refer them to a Karate or Judo class," Ross said. "Young men have pressure on them too, and they just want to know how not to get hurt, and that's what R.A.D. for men is."

For more information on the R.A.D. Self-Defense Course, contact Ross at (248) 370-4749 ext. 1004, or via email at ross@oakland.edu.

OUGC sells out

High student turnout at "College Night" concert forces many to be turned away

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

For the fifth year in a row, the Gospel Choir of OU, (GCOU) held its annual concert "College Night: One Body, One Love, One Praise."

Usually held in the Shotwell Pavilion, the concert was relocated to the OC Ballroom Saturday because, according to Alonya Franklin, GCOU president, OU student turnout was not expected to be high.

"At first we didn't think there would be a lot of students coming," Franklin said. "But the numbers prove we need a bigger facility for next year so more people can attend."

More than 600 guests filled the OC Ballroom ready to praise through the song of gospel.

Aneisha Mitchell, campus advisor for GCOU, said about 75 people had to be turned away because there were not enough seats.

"It was disheartening to have to turn people away that came as far as Grand Rapids," Mitchell said. "We even had to turn away members of the U-M choir because the room was filled to capacity."

Mitchell said some people even gave up their seats so others could see

the performance.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities (CSA) office said they would definitely look into getting a bigger facility for next year, and make sure all of the financial aspects are in place.

Regardless to the lack of space, "College Night" was a success.

OUGC opened the show with "Let's Dance," by Lonnie Hunter and the Voices of St. Mark.

The gospel choirs of Bowling Green University, U-M, University of Detroit Mercy, Eastern Michigan University, Western Michigan University and Ferris State University joined OU to give a praise-filled performance.

"This was the best I've seen so far out of all the years I've been with the choir," Franklin said.

As a four-year member of GCOU, Franklin said she felt the glory of God present in the room.

"I'm really proud of their performance," Mitchell said. "Every choir did a great job."

To learn more about GCOU, contact Franklin at (248) 370-9346, or visit the choir's Web site at www.oakland.edu/org/gospelchoir.

Professor Khapoya: freed by education

By DAVID KILKENNEY
THE OAKLAND POST

He shuffles into the room with one arm looking longer than the other from the overstuffed briefcase in his hand, shakes off the cold as he sheds his coat, and gives an audible sigh and quick grin to his audience.

Professor Vincent B. Khapoya is ready for class.

Anyone interested in international studies or political science will most likely end up in Khapoya's class at some point during their studies at OU.

He speaks very frankly in his courses, often telling first hand stories of he and his family's own lives to illustrate his topics.

Khapoya talks about his grandfather serving in WWI for the British and not even being paid for fighting.

He was simply given a train ticket to get home after his tour.

Khapoya also speaks of his initiation rite into adulthood, a circumcision ceremony and how he "walked like a duck" for a week afterward.

This was the major defining moment in his life until his kids were born.

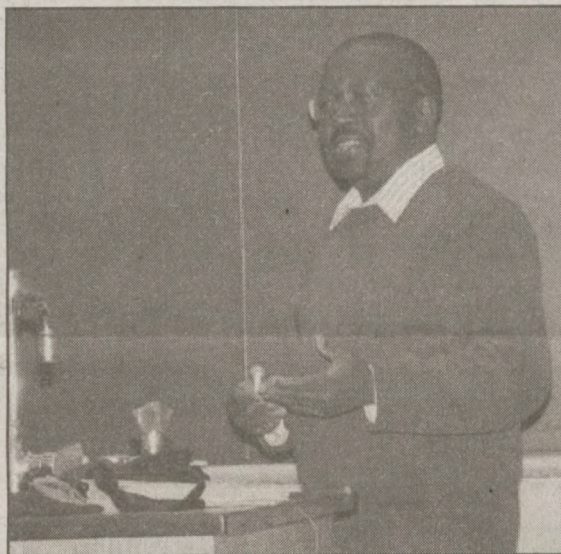
Khapoya's lecture topics include the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa, and how he's lost family members to this disease.

He's been at a university since 1965, which may seem a little strange for a man who said,

"I hate to admit it, but I don't really have many good memories of school growing up."

But you see, Khapoya grew up in Kenya at the time when British were occupying his country.

He attended mission schools and was taught that Englishmen "discovered" mountains and lakes in his home land.



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Professor Khapoya teaches his class.

He argued with his teachers that the Englishmen couldn't have discovered "that mountain."

"It's our mountain," said Khapoya of Mt. Elgon, Kenya's second highest mountain and water catchment feeding Lake Victoria.

His grandfather had been going there for years to pray. It's his people's holy mountain.

"I was very rebellious, got suspended a lot," Khapoya said.

He even got expelled from Form 5, a college preparatory school that he borrowed money to attend.

Yet, he was able to move to the U.S. in 1965 to attend Oregon State University to study math, political science and meteorology, earning his bachelors degree.

Following that, he studied at the University of Nevada before transferring to the University of Denver.

There, he completed his masters in political science and his Ph.D in international studies.

"I didn't have any other avenue of

escaping my village than education," Khapoya said. "That was very clear."

In 1972 he returned to his native country to perform research.

Finally in 1973, he came to OU. Except for a few short side trips, he's been here ever since.

Khapoya did go home again in 1976 to teach at the University of Nairobi, but had to leave in 1978 due to his political outspokenness.

Back in the US, his political interest and involvement didn't stop.

In 1994, the State Department and the UN selected Khapoya to be one of only 64 Americans to observe the historical elections in South Africa when Nelson Mandela was elected President.

For a young man who grew up in a village with no running water, electricity, or phones and had to walk more than six miles to school every day, Khapoya is proud of his achievements.

His most pleasant memories of growing up are those times spent with his grandfather.

He talks of endless stories that his grandfather would tell, and vividly remembers his grandfather talking about his cattle, the main source of income for his family.

Khapoya is imbued with a respect for his home, for education, for freedom, for individuals, and for involvement in one's country and the world.

It's this spirit that led him from the humblest of starts to where he is today. As an American citizen, he is happily married, a proud father of two, an author and speaker, a political activist, and a genuinely happy guy.

Khapoya will never return to Kenya full time.

When he retires, however, he'd like to have a winter home there and a summer home back here in Michigan.

"Torque" should be blown out of theatres

By ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

With the success of "The Fast and the Furious," Hollywood found a new formula to abuse. The latest movie to do so is "Torque," with the only change being a substitution of motorcycles for cars.

The final product is an insult to a major subculture and the intelligence of anyone unfortunate enough to sit through it.

"Torque" is the major motion picture debut for director Joseph Kahn, who made a name for him self-directing music videos for big names like Britney Spears and Eminem.

Unfortunately, the 80-minute long "Torque" reflects Kahn inexperience with plot, character development, credible acting, and a story that needs to last longer than five minutes.

All of these elements are forgone in exchange for looking cool and blowing stuff up.

What passes for the plot of "Torque" revolves around biker Cary Ford (Martin Henderson), who is framed for the murder of a rival gang member's (Ice Cube) brother by another rival biker Henry (Matt Schulze).

The rest of movie involves a lot of scenes with rival gang members chasing each other down and performing impossible stunts in an attempt to solve their differences.

Every character in this movie, with no exceptions, is a walking cliché.

The dialogue is both awkward and contrived, which gives the impression that bikers can ride on top of moving trains, but are incapable of stringing together a coherent sentence.

Even the explosions in this movie are exaggerated to the point of ridiculousness. Every time a bike explodes, which happens frequently, the flames stretch 50 feet high.

To make the scenes even more unrealistic, the people riding the bikes when they explode are miraculously unharmed.

Even when two choppers full of C-4 are blown up next to a group of people thrown through the air by the explosion, only one person dies. The rest are completely fine.

The action sequences rely too heavily on Computer Graphic Imaging (CGI). As a result, the movie has the feel of a cartoon.

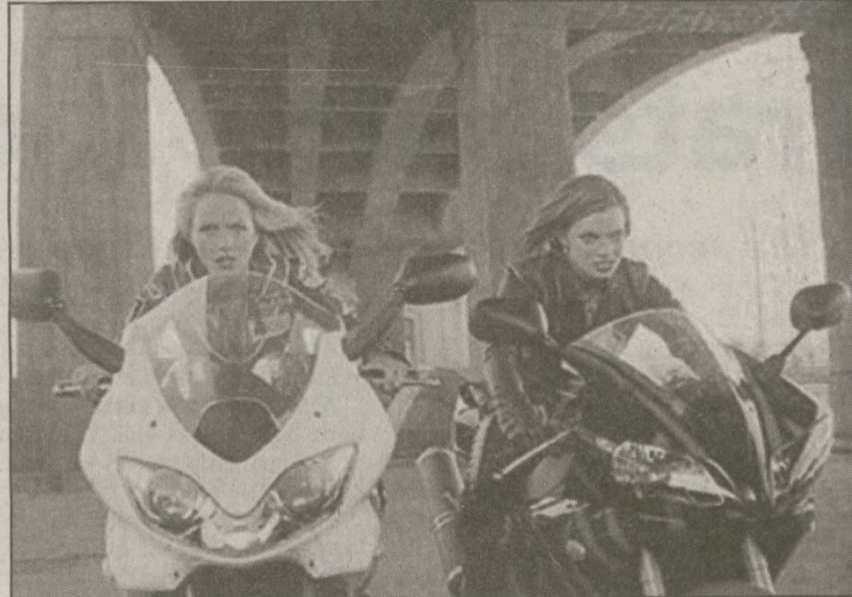


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Bikers and rival gangs chasing each other leave viewers bored.

And nearly every bike in this movie is not capable of performing the way it does in reality. Since the movie's target audience is people who love motorcycles, it would have been wiser to include more scenes of actual bike stunts.

Some argue that action movies like "Torque" are not supposed to be believable and are intended to be pure "eye candy." If all you care about is fast moving CGI sequences and a simple plot, you're better off watching the chase scenes in "Finding Nemo."



Marianne Samdal: Soccer Phenom

This Norway native has been playing soccer since age 7, and is enjoying her first year at OU

BY LOREEN BAHRI
THE OAKLAND POST

Marianne Samdal, sophomore, has come a long way to be the mid-field/forward player for OU's women's soccer team. Samdal is from Tiller, Norway, but was born in the city Trondheim. Her passion for soccer started when she was 7-years-old and joined her first club, called Tiller. Samdal said her interest in OU's scholarship program started two years ago when an assistant soccer coach from OU visited Norway to watch games and recruit players. I was familiar with how the U.S. recruits players on paid scholarships," Samdal said. "In Norway students only play for club teams, not other schools." After talking to the coach about recruitment, the two kept in touch over the year until she made her

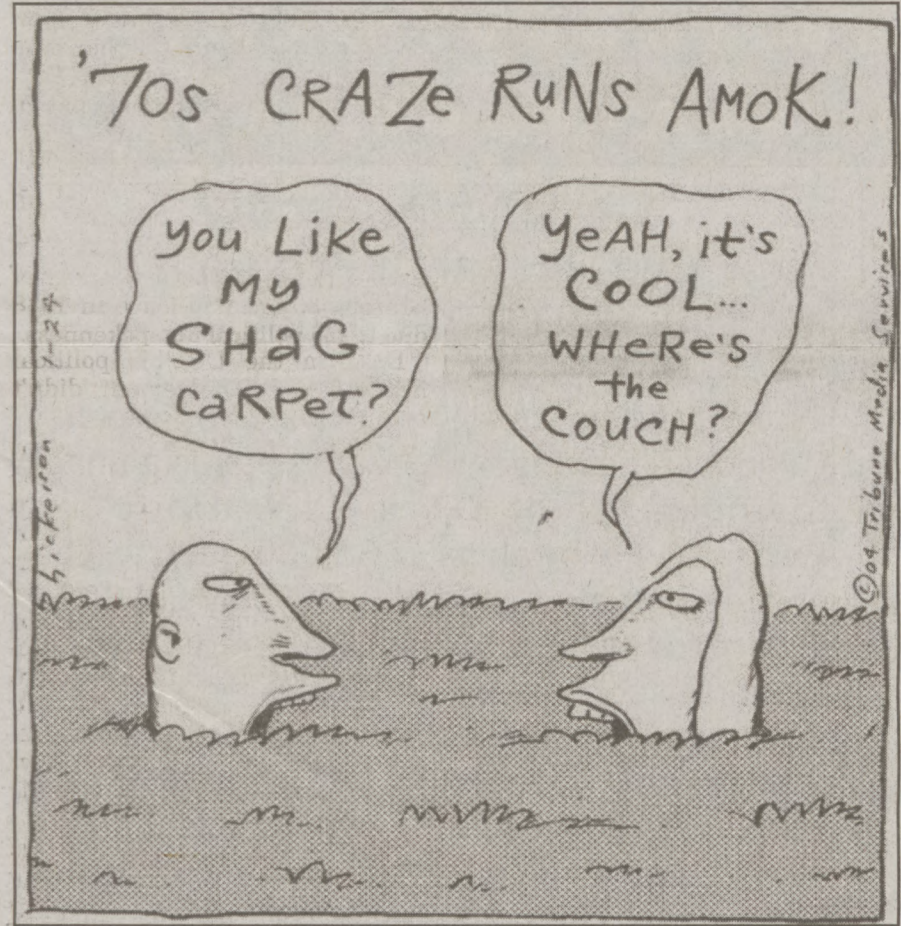
decision to come to the U.S. Now a member of the women's soccer team, Samdal came to OU in August 2003 on a soccer scholarship. She also played for Byasen in Norway's Division soccer league, and attended the University of Norway from 2002-03. This 21-year-old communications major lives in Hamlin Hall with roommate Sassan Kamrud. "We have a lot of fun here and we are both on the same team," Kamrud said. "She is a good roommate ... a bit messy but only on her half of the room." Samdal said she likes living in Hamlin because most of her teammates live on the same floor, and they are always together. "My family is back home, so my teammates are closest to me ... we just bond easily," Samdal said. She really enjoys being on OU's



Photo courtesy of Marianne Samdal
Born in Norway, Marianne Samdal is now a valuable part of OU's soccer team.

team and loves playing with her teammates. "She is extremely dedicated when playing and she has such a passion for soccer," said Cat Panabaker, also a member of the team. "She is a great teammate." Besides soccer, Samdal likes snow boarding, but she didn't bring her own snowboard with her when coming to the U.S. "I only went snowboarding once since I have been here. It was expensive because I had to rent a board," Samdal said. The Woman's soccer team has had

a good year with its record being 15 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie. "She has a great work rate, good speed, field division and can score some goals," said Nick O'Shea, woman's soccer coach on OU's Web site. "So we expect her to strengthen our attack this year." On the weekends, Samdal likes going to nightclubs to dance. She also enjoys listening to many different styles of music. Samdul will be going back to Norway after this semester, but plans to return for next year's season.



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Today's Birthday (Feb. 4). At least one of your fears will prove groundless this year, much to your delight. The objective is to learn from an old trauma and use your knowledge to benefit others. It still may hurt if you do this, but it'll sure hurt an awful lot less than it would otherwise. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 5 _ You may have to be more reactive than you'd like in this situation. You'd rather be in charge of the operation, but that hasn't happened yet. Tomorrow and the next day look good, however.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is an 8 _ You won't have to venture very far to find something that you need. It's closer to home than you thought it would be, in a form you should recognize.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 6 _ Gather in as much as you can, of whatever you can get. Stash it away in a safe place. You'll find a good use for it later.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Your sense of humor should be good, and that's a marvelous

blessing. A person you respect will give you reasons why you can't do what you want to do. Listen respectfully, but don't give up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 6 _ Anticipate possible communication problems. This includes, but is not limited to, typos, misrouted packages and lost receipts. Also, be nice to a sensitive co-worker.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is an 8 _ A conflict between a friend and a loved one can be ironed out with your advice. You have a more objective point of view. Teach the two of them to get along.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ It may seem as if everyone wants something from you, but what? They can't make up their minds. Since that's not your strongest talent either, don't let them push you into anything. Stall.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is an 8 _ The best-laid plans of mice and men can get all bungled up. Women can be more adaptable, though. They make do with whatever they have. Keep that in mind.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 7 _ Your sense of humor should come shining through, no matter what's going on. This is a welcome relief not only for you but for everybody you're around. You're

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gifted, and you're a gift.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 7 _ As you consider a compromise, take costs into account. No point in getting something you don't really need. You can do just fine without.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 6 _ Overexertion can cause aches and pains, so don't push yourself too hard. Slow and steady wins this race, or at least gets you to the finish line. Later is better than never.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 7 _ You and your partner can work up a plan to make intended changes. You're good at being spontaneous, but scheduling doesn't hurt.

THE LOW DOWN

- Wednesday, Feb. 4**
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will hold a panel discussion revolving around historically black fraternities and sororities from noon-2 p.m. in the OC Fireside Lounge.
 - AMA meeting will take place from 5-6:15 p.m. in the OC Oakland Room. The topic will be "How to Break into Advertising."
 - The Admitted Student Reception will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.
- Thursday, Feb. 5**
- The School of Nursing will host an African-American Health Fair from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the OC Fireside Lounge.
 - The Honors College Student Association will hold a monthly Poetry Jam at noon, 112 East Vandenberg Hall.
 - A Physics Colloquium will be held by the Science and Engineering Department from noon-1 p.m., 372 Science and Engineering Building.
 - The Admitted Student Reception will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.
 - The College of Arts and Sciences presents the play "The Miss Firecracker Contest" at 8 p.m. in Varner Studio Theatre. Also Feb. 6, 7 and 8.

- Friday, Feb. 6**
- LAST DAY to file application for Degree/Certificates for Spring 2004.**
- The CSA will host the "Taste of Africa Gala" from 4-7 p.m. in the OC Banquet Room. The cost to attend is \$10.
 - The Residence Halls Programming will welcome The Evasons to its Friday Night Live Series at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center. The show is free and open to all.
- Saturday, Feb. 7**
- The Meadow Brook Hall ice skating rink will be open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 8**
- Soprano Edith Diggory will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

- Monday, Feb. 9**
- Sigma Xi will host a lunch seminar from noon-1 p.m. in the OC rooms 128-130. Dr. Arik Dvir from OU department of Biological Sciences will lecture.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10**
- The Department of History will present a forum on "Black Workers in Revolt: The Story of DRUM." at noon in the OC Gold rooms B and C.
 - The Kresge Library Diversity Film Series will be showing "4 Little Girls" at 1 p.m. in the Kresge Library Student Lounge.

- The Meadow Brook Art Gallery will host the Art History's Annual Travel Lecture: "Travels in Tuscany" at 4:30 p.m., 208 Wilson Hall.
- Student Organization will host the AMA Meeting on "Marketing a Fortune 500 Company" from 5-6:15 p.m. in the OC Oakland room.

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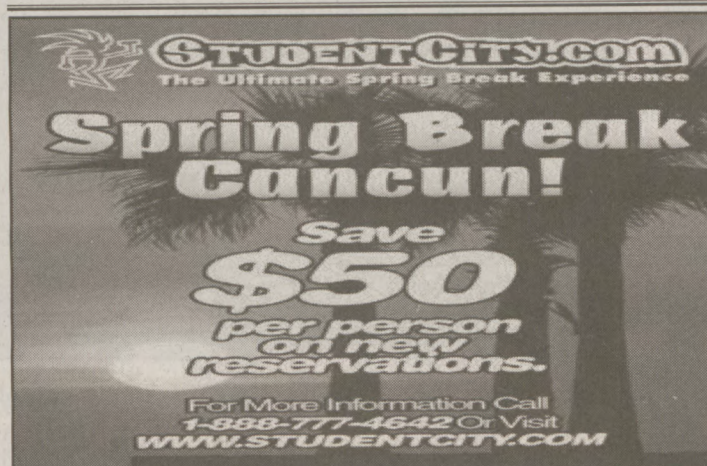
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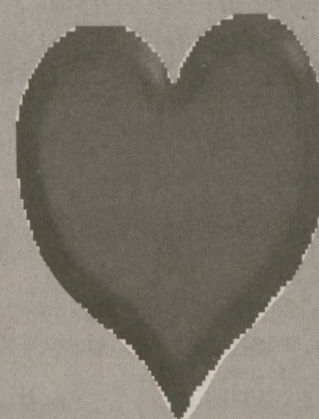
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