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Getting information on this campus is usually a difficult task. Sometimes, the Freedom of Information Act doesn't help.

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• The research department will be accepting applications through March 11 for those interested in receiving a \$1,000 research award. Students must submit an application, which includes a project abstract and a budget, as well as find a faculty mentor to supervise the project. To be considered, go to www.oakland.edu and click on "Research" or call Pat Beaver at 248.370.3222. Prizes will be announced March 25.

• Just a reminder: the student leadership luncheon with the Board of Trustees starts at noon, today.

• The application deadline for the Chinese Language and Culture Spring Immersion Program, a five-week course to be held in Beijing, is March 8. The program is estimated to cost almost \$4,000 and is open to anyone who has taken one semester of college-level Chinese.

• The sixth annual OU Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10. The free trip is aimed at giving students a hands-on approach to state government. To register, stop by the Government Relations office in 204 Wilson.

• Through March 15, OU's property management department is giving away lots of office equipment for university use. For more information, visit www.oakland.edu/uns.

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BIG 'D': Amanda Batcha plays defense during tournament play against IUPUI last Saturday.

Brendan Stevens/The Oakland Post

They will go all the way

Sarah Judd named tournament MVP

By Brendan Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

OU, put on your dancing shoes.

The Golden Grizzlies clinched an automatic berth into the women's NCAA national tournament with a 52-40 victory over Valparaiso in the Mid-Con tournament championship game last night.

"It's hard to describe the feeling of making the NCAA tournament," coach Beckie Francis said right after the victory.

"I don't think it's really sunk in yet, but at the same time, we're ecstatic."

Senior forward Sarah Judd, who will bring back with her the coveted title of most valuable player, took many tough

falls during the tournament but continued to get back up.

She nearly outscored Valpo herself, earning a tournament record and career high of 38 points to go along with her game high 12 rebounds.

"She's a great offensive player," Valpo senior forward Amber Schober said.

"When you take away something, she has another weapon. Everything she put up was going in."

Led by Judd, the Golden Grizzlies out rebounded Valpo 40-28, with freshman forward Amanda Bacha grabbing eight and junior guard Romica Clint grabbing seven.

Junior guard Katie Wolfe was held to only four points on 1-7 shooting but contributed eight assists, three more than Valpo's team total of five.

As a team, OU made 94 percent of its free throws, 17-18, which set another Mid-Con tournament record.

Along with the MVP award, Judd was named to the all-tournament team, along with Wolfe.

The Grizzlies' seeding and opponent for the women's NCAA national tournament will be announced this Sunday at 5 p.m. on ESPN's NCAA Championship Selection Show.

For complete Mid-Con tournament information, turn to B1.

Final Score
OU 52
Valpo 40

Board of Trustees to discuss OC, Aramark

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Board of Trustees will meet today to discuss expanding the Oakland Center and extending Aramark's food service contract during its 2 p.m. working session.

Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder will come back to the Board today to discuss a \$6.8 million phase one proposal that would expand both floors of the building 29,000 square feet.

Snyder proposed the renovation to the Board at its Nov. 7, 2001 meeting. The plan would add extra dining space, a large student activity room, a 24-hour computer lab and student organization and meeting room space.

The expansion would take place in three stages.

Also on the agenda, Snyder will present a proposal that would expand OU's food service agreement with Aramark for five more years.

The Board decided to enter into contract negotiations with

Aramark after reviewing proposals from three other bidders.

The university chose to enter into negotiations with Aramark because it met the general criteria better than the others.

Aramark's contract with OU expires April 30.

The Board will vote on the OC expansion and Aramark contract agreement at the April 3 formal session.

Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil will present to the Board three candidates for the Distinguished Professor award.

The candidates, who were selected by a nine-member faculty committee, will be recognized April 17 at the Founders Day festival.

Before the working session begins, the Board plans to vote on a contract agreement with Comcast Cablevision.

A vote of approval would allow Comcast to continue to be the cable television provider in the residence halls and university apartments.

KING FOR A
NIGHT:
Martin
Luther King
III (right)
spoke at the
Keeper of the
Dream
Banquet Feb.
20. After the
event, King
spoke with
Robert
Johnson, vice
provost of
admissions
(left), who
helped plan
the banquet.

Photo courtesy
of Vesna Saveski



Dreamy Night

Banquet honors award winners,
features guest speaker MLK III

By Heather Clement
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPT.

OU was honored at the Keeper of the Dream Banquet by the presence of keynote speaker Martin Luther King III, President of the Southern Christian Leadership

Conference, Wednesday, Feb. 20.

King presented five students with the Keeper of the Dream awards, which are named in honor of his father, world renowned civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I think this is a great event

to celebrate the excellence of students, and I think this is an honor to have Martin Luther King III here on the tenth anniversary of the banquet," said Robert Johnson, vice provost of admissions,

KING continues on A8

Women's History month comes to campus

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Center for Student Activities and the Women's Issues Forum will be sponsoring a month of events focused on women's history this March.

"Women sustaining the American Spirit" is the theme for this year's Women's History Month and will focus on the

diverse and interlocking stories of women who create and affirm the American spirit.

Jean Ann Miller, Director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development said she feels that celebrating Women's History Month is important.

"Sixty-five percent of the students at OU are women and a large faculty on staff are women,

it's a national celebration," Miller said.

Along with the events taking place, numerous guest speakers will be coming in to educate and inspire OU students, including U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

"I hope that I can inspire people to get involved in government and public service," Stabenow said. "I'm really looking forward to coming and hav-

ing an opportunity to share stories about remarkable women in our history. I will also be talking about my experience throughout the years and the challenges I've faced."

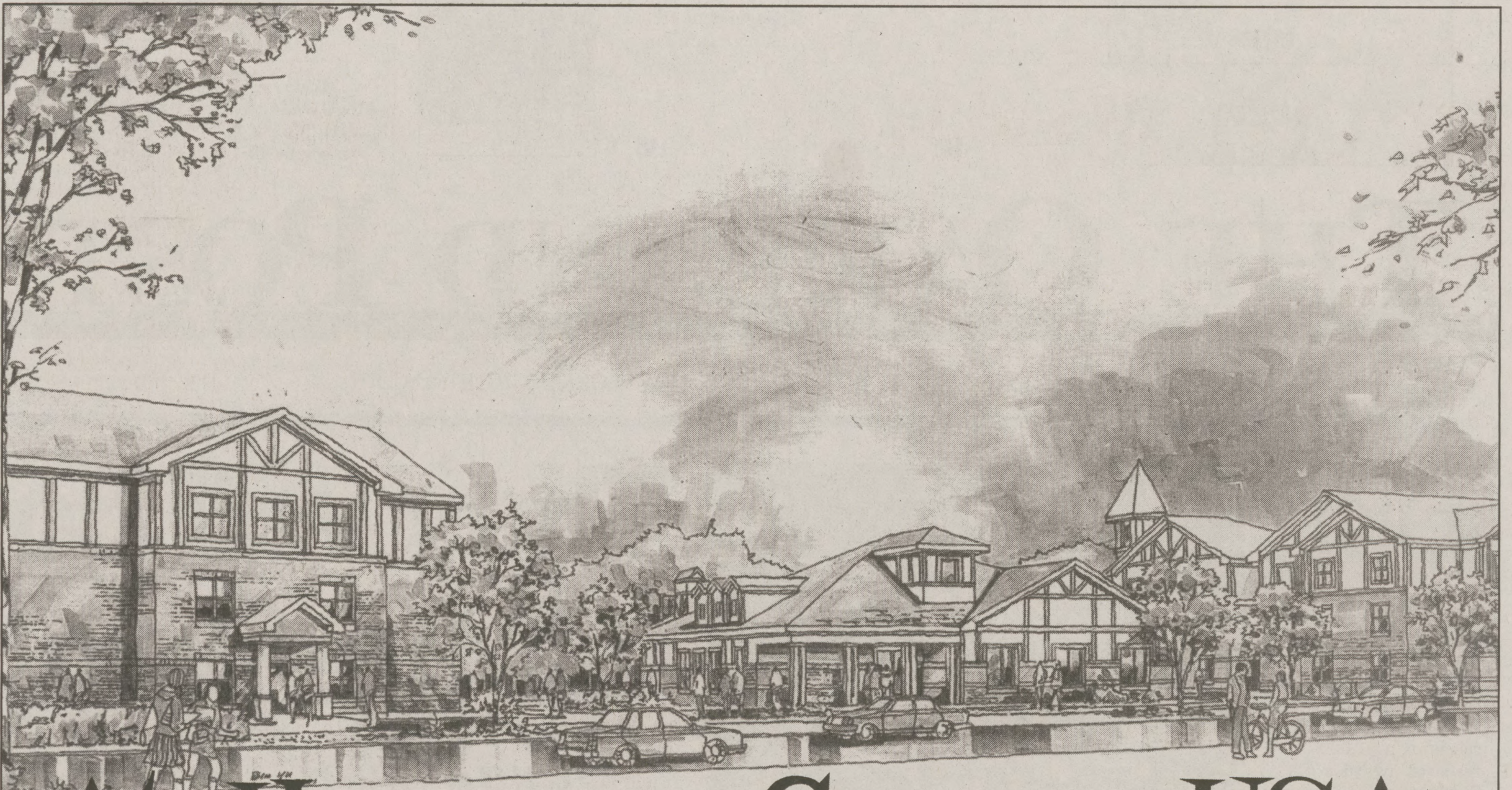
Auburn Hills Police Chief, Doreen Olko will speak about women in the workplace in a presentation called "Beyond the

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Upcoming Events

Women's Studies Film
Festival: "Fast Talking
Dames," 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,
March 9, 156 NFH

Domestic Violence
Awareness, with speaker
OUPD Officer Nan Gelman,
7:30 p.m., March 11, Hamlin



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Senate meets in BIT to discuss campus future

By Ann Zaniewski
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education and representatives from OU, MSU, U-M Dearborn and CMU convened in BIT Feb. 22 to discuss each institution's programs, financial needs and future.

Subcommittee chairman John Schwarz (R) - Battle Creek, along with Senator Phillip E. Hoffman (R) - Horton and Senator Kenneth DeBeaussiaert (D) - Chesterfield Township, led the meeting. "The budget as we look forward in the next couple of years is going to be tough," warned Schwarz. "Your expenses as a university are not going to go down."

OU's Gary Russi was the first university president to address the committee, beginning his presentation with a focus on OU's 27 percent growth in the last decade.

Although the school has completed several construction projects in the last few

"We are still experiencing growing pains. The need for additional structure space is evident."

Gary Russi
OU President

years, Russi said OU faces the challenge of continuing to grow to meet the needs of an expanding student population that could reach 20,000 in 2010.

"We are still experiencing growing pains," Russi said. "The need for additional structural space is evident."

Russi's 2001 Year in Review highlighted several student, faculty and university achievements, including the recent expansion of degree programs, an increase in the number of student organizations and U.S. News and World Report's naming of OU as one of the top regional universities.

"The purpose (of the hearing) is to give the senators a feel for where the money is going and to determine if they deserve more in the future," said Student Council Legislative Affairs Director Matthew Hudson, sophomore, political science.

According to Schwarz, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education reviews each state university's financial needs and reports its research to the Appropriations Committee. That committee reports back to the Senate, where the bill that determines how much money each school should receive is considered. Once it passes, the process is repeated in the House and when both the House and the Senate adopt it, the bill is sent to the governor for final approval.

In January, the governor, the presidents of Michigan's 15 state-supported universities and the legislature agreed that for universities to receive 2002-2003 appropriations, they could not raise tuition rates higher than 8.5 percent or \$425.

Schwarz said the arrangement made this year's hearing different from previous sessions "because we already determined the numbers in the bill."

The 2002 hearings were also unique because the entire subcommittee membership changes next year, since all the committee members are facing mandatory term limits.

"The subcommittee in Michigan has term limits and no one will be coming back," said Rochelle Black, director of government relations. "It's an unfortunate situation, because the process of understanding higher education in Michigan takes time."

The subcommittee visited SVSU Feb. 15 and Calvin College Mar. 1, and will make another stop at U-M Ann Arbor Mar. 8.

Senator Hoffman said by Memorial Day each university should know exactly how much state money it will receive for the 2002-2003 school year.

Moudgil presents findings

By Jennifer Decker
COPY EDITOR

Dr. Virinder Moudgil, vice president for Academic Affairs and interim Provost, will give a presentation at the next President's Colloquium.

Moudgil's lecture, entitled, "Hormones in Health and Disease," will be at 11:30 a.m. on Mar. 13 at in the Oakland Center.

Moudgil, a professor of biological sciences and former chairperson of his department, was named interim Provost last summer, a move that cut deeply into his hours spent in his laboratory doing research.

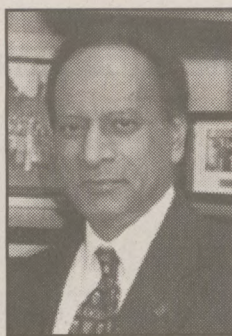
But at the end of the day, "I still go to my lab. Students wait for me and we discuss

their work. It's most satisfying. I see my position as to guide students."

Moudgil's research has focused primarily on steroid hormone action. He is currently studying the molecular mechanism of hormonal regulated tumor suppressor proteins in breast cancer cells.

Moudgil earned his doctorate in biochemistry at Banaras Hindu University in India and studied for three years at the Mayo Clinic with Dr. David Toft, considered an expert in the field.

Moudgil came to OU in



Virinder Moudgil

1976 and has edited many journals written.

"You need a sustained effort in science. You need dedication. Research is elusive," Moudgil said. "You don't know what the answer is. You seek it and raise more questions."

He likened research to "going deep in the ocean to pick-up the pearl."

While estrogen and progesterone are hormones released by women's ovaries during the menstrual period, they are also the major hormones during pregnancy.

A according to Moudgil, cir-

culating levels of estrogens have been linked to incidents of breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society's website stated that nearly 40,000 women will die from breast cancer in 2002. Risk factors include women's age, family history, early age puberty, late age at first child birth and menopause and exposure to ionizing radiation. The focus of scientific research is shifting to the examination of women's endogenous hormones on breast cancer development.

Moudgil stressed he's primarily a researcher and can't give medical advice. He sees his position as a research mentor.

"A strong point is the col-

CANCER continues on A8

Non-traditional student pursues second degree

By Laurie Puscas
THE OAKLAND POST

Ann Bartoli earned her degree in accounting almost 20 years ago.

She's back in the classroom now working on her second degree. This time it's in psychology, a field she thinks she'll love.

Bartoli, 41, is one of about 11 percent of OU's student population who are twice the age of a traditional undergrad.

Bartoli sat in OU's food court and explained that as a child she thought she would grow up to be a banker. After all, her father owned a bank in a small town in Iowa.

After high school, Bartoli attended the University of Notre Dame and earned her degree in accounting. She now had her sights set on becoming a partner in an accounting firm.

"I hated accounting. I don't know why I went into accounting," Bartoli said. After some reflection she added, "Yes I do. A friend of my father's told me I could move anywhere and always get a job and earn a good salary (in accounting). He was dead right, but I hated it."

She married a year after college, and moved to Michigan with her husband Steve, who was employed by Chrysler.

Bartoli worked in accounting for Comerica Bank where she became a vice president.

During this time, she and her husband had three children, who attended daycare.

She was still professionally driven, until everything changed.

Her father became ill, and she said it had a big impact on the change that was to occur in her life.

"Just watching him die - he said when you die you will never wish you were a bigger shot, or wish you spent more time at work. You will always wish you spent more time with your kids and had more time with your family," Bartoli said. "It was a wake up call for me. It was time to get off the treadmill."

Not long after her father's death, her husband was transferred to Belgium for four years.

She then quit her job.

"I missed my job at first. I missed the people patting me on the back and saying good job," said Bartoli.

The family move to Belgium was great, she said. It gave her time to spend with her children and do some hard thinking. She now wanted a career that would allow her to spend more time with her family.

She realized what she enjoyed most



Laurie Puscas/The Oakland Post

BREAKING TRADITION: Ann Bartoli came to OU to pursue a second degree in psychology. Bartoli is one of the 11 percent of the non-traditional students at OU.

about her job at Comerica, and what she saw in her father's role as a small town bank was the interaction with people. She liked hearing about people's lives.

She is now taking classes to earn a bachelor degree in psychology. Ultimately, she said she plans to obtain a master's degree and begin a career in counseling.

When Bartoli returned to campus, she had a little bit of a hang-up about being older, but she said her preconceived notions were proved not to be true.

"It was surprising to me. The students were really warm," she said.

Bartoli said she finds when the students break into groups in class, she takes the role of group leader. The students often look to her for direction. She did not take that role at Notre Dame.

"I offer a different perspective. There is something to be said for living," she said.

Bartoli's niece Abbey Nimmer, who attends Indiana University, visited during the Christmas break. She told Bartoli that her clothes are out of style and wanted to take her shopping.

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NEWS COLUMN



Derek Dickow

Guest columnist

Welcome back after break

How did you spend your break? I was invited by the Men's Ice Hockey Club to join them in their participation of the 2002 American Collegiate Hockey Association (A.C.H.A.) Division II National Tournament held in New York.

I thought the club did an excellent job of representing OU as they placed sixth in the country out of 123 teams.

We grew collectively on this trip.

The coaches took us to a platform, a viewing site, if you will, where we could get a view of Ground Zero. It was a very chilling experience to see the aftermath of the events on 9/11. We stood in line and then we were called to the highest point on the platform where we were given three minutes to view the site that has changed our lives and perspectives forever. I learned a lot about myself in those three minutes, and more importantly I became more humbled. We all remember how quickly these buildings collapsed, but being there and seeing it first hand was something I will certainly never forget.

March, in Student Congress life, is one of the busiest months as far as activities and events.

Elections, for positions in next year's Student Congress, are just around the corner (March 25, 26 and 27) and we are seeking nominations for fresh faces and motivated ambition. If you have ever had the interest in a student leadership position, or if you are looking to get involved with the OU community, this is the time to take initiative. Stop on by, 62 OC, visit our website <http://www.oakland.edu/ousc> or give us a call at 248.370.4290 to obtain more information.

On Wednesday, February 20, OU celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Keeper of the Dream Banquet, an OU tradition dedicated to acknowledging those students who continue to "keep the dream alive." This dream, initially sparked by the movements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has had a profound and life-altering effect for every American citizen. This year we were honored to have Martin Luther King, III as the keynote speaker. He spoke of many challenges we face living in today's society, how we have come so far and how far we must still go. His words were educational as well as inspiring. I encourage students, who are interested in keeping this dream alive, to attend next year's banquet.

Other than that, OU will have representation in this year's United States Student Association conference being held in Washington, D.C. this weekend. We will have an opportunity to lobby with U.S. Senators and Congressman for a reduction in tuition for higher education, and we will certainly convey our concerns collectively with other student leaders throughout the country.

Once again, if you are looking for a position with Student Congress next year, please stop by and take some initiative. You never know how many doors may open for you when you walk through the right one.

Student Body President Derek Dickow is a senior majoring in political science and philosophy. Email him at djdickow@oakland.edu.

CRIME WATCH

*An engineering assistant reported to OU police that a key was missing from a locked box in the Dodge Hall engineering computer lab on Feb. 23.

When she entered the computer lab she noticed three hard drives and a zip drive missing, and another computer with damage from an attempt to pry

it open.

A lab staff employee was notified and the lab was closed for the weekend.

*Sony Playstations are disappearing from E. Vandenberg Hall at a rapid rate.

Three more were reported stolen between Feb. 15 and Mar. 3. Two were reported missing

before spring break. The owners told OU police that they had locked the doors when leaving their rooms.

Other items stolen include a pair of blue suede Rockport shoes, two bottles of cologne, and various Playstation games.

The items stolen are reported to be worth more than \$1,600.

*A series of false fire alarms in Hamlin and Vandenberg were reported to OU police in the 48 hours prior to spring break. Another alarm went off in Van Wagoner on Mar. 3. After the evacuation of the room, when OU police checked the room for fire, they noticed two safes, a triple beam scale, loose mari-

juana as well as a marijuana cigarette left on the top of a desk. The items were confiscated by police as evidence. Police reported the room had a smell, but were uncertain what it was.

All the buildings were checked and no fires were found.

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Glass Ceiling." Olko will also talk about what it is like to work, from a woman's perspective.

"I feel that it is important for students, no matter what you go into, to participate in some of these things on campus," said Suzanne Spencer-Wood, a planning committee member and Women's Studies professor. "It gives you a good perspective to have in terms of discrimination... The lecture given by Doreen is about breaking through stereotypes and how women can work through them."

Naomi Wolf, author of "The Beauty Myth, Misconceptions, Fire with Fire," will be coming at 3 p.m. on March 25 to Meadow Brook Theatre to speak.

Students can also enter a contest, "Who Am I?" which is designed to identify women who have created the American spirit. Winners will receive an autographed copy of Wolf's book.

Entry forms can be picked up at information desks in the residence halls, in the Oakland Center at the information desk and in the women's studies office in 521 Varner Hall beginning March 25.

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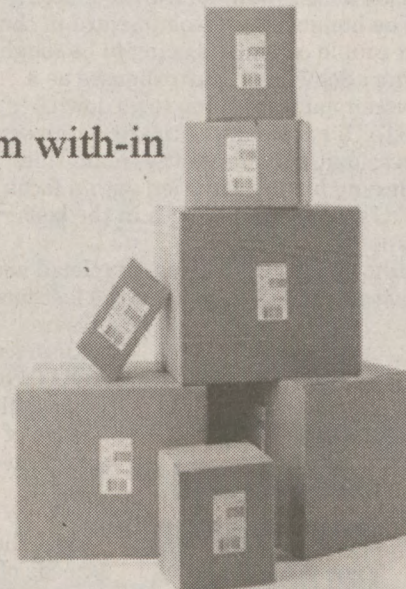
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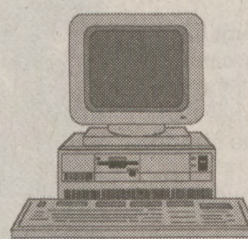
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Women's History Month 2002

"Women Sustaining the American Spirit"

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

Saturday, March 9
Women's Studies Film Festival/Seminar:
"Fast Talking Dames"
9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
156 North Foundation Hall
Cost: \$7/students and seniors; \$10/general
For more information, call x2420.

Monday, March 11
A Day of Remembrance
Domestic Violence Awareness
Speaker: Officer Nan Gelman,
Oakland University Police Department
7:30 p.m.
Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall

Wednesday, March 13
"Who is Naomi Wolf?"
Discussion moderated by
Women Studies professor
Jo Reger
Noon-1:00 p.m.
Fireside Lounge, OC

Thursday, March 14
Terrorism: The War at Home --
Domestic Violence
Speaker: Nancy Diehl, Wayne
County Assistant Prosecutor
and Director of Family Violence
Noon-1:00 p.m.
Heritage Room, OC

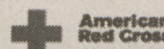
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AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

✓Reservations for:

- Los Munequitos de Matanzas (March 15)
- Afro-Cuban Dance Party at EMU (April 6)
- Lord of the Dance (April 7)
- Copenhagen (April 15)
(Special on stage seating available)
- Music Man (April 18 and 21)
- Champions on Ice (April 27)
- Otello (Opera by Verdi) (April 28)
- Riverdance (May 5)
- Proof (May 12)
- Marriage of Figaro (May 21)

✓Tickets for:

- SPB Presents "Domestic Problems" (March 7)
- Women's Issues Forum Production of "Vagina Monologues" (April 12 & 13)

✓Sign-up for:

- SPB Trip to Chicago (March 22-24)



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New program targets drunk drivers

By Noah Purcell
THE OAKLAND POST

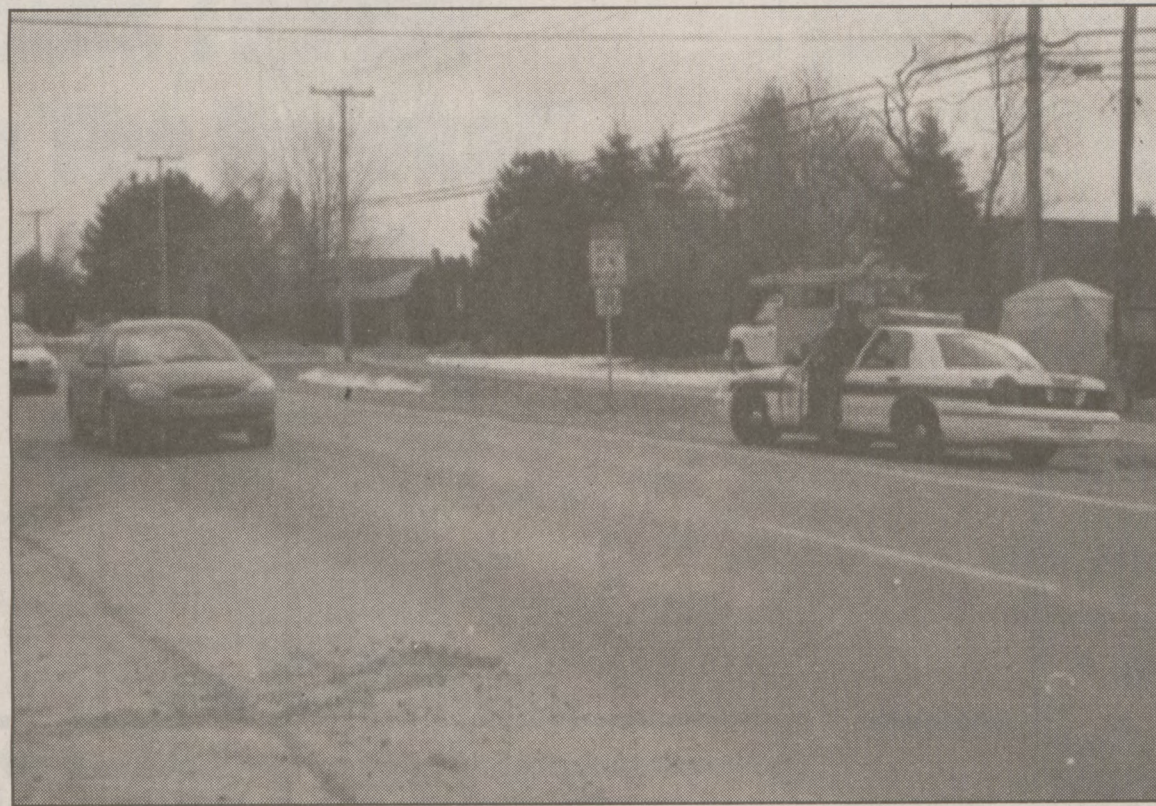
The poor judgment of drunk drivers in Oakland County is the motivating force behind the "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" program run by the Traffic Improvement Association.

One night a month, officers from the state, Oakland County, and local police forces are paid overtime to "specifically look for drunk drivers," said Eileen Weisse, the director of traffic safety programs for the Traffic Improvement Program and the coordinator of "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose."

The program, operating under a \$120,000 grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning as well as \$8,000 from The Ashley's Dream Foundation, has issued 113 citations for operating under the influence in the first three months of a schedule that runs through Sept. 30.

On Dec. 21, 33 OUIs were issued. Forty-three individuals were caught driving under the influence Jan. 19, and on Feb. 15, 37 people were arrested for driving drunk.

"I hope we are creating a greater awareness in the community. We arrested 113 people," said Weisse, adding that even if



DRIVE CAREFULLY: Deputy Cummings of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department watches for reckless motorists on Avon Road.

the program helps save only one life, it is a success.

According to Weisse, there are between 35 and 50 police officers patrolling Oakland County when "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" is in effect.

"The cops' hearts are in the right place and they do the best job that they can," said David Easterbrook, president of The Ashley's Dream Foundation. His daughter, Ashley, was killed along with two of her friends in

1997 by a drunk driver five days prior to her Troy High School graduation.

"It's a very direct result on every dollar we spend. That money is being used to really save lives," he said, adding that

the foundation also contributes to groups such as MADD.

While the goal of "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" is to get drunk drivers off the streets, some worry the program may have adverse effects.

"I suppose if you save one person it's worth it, but you are begging for cops to pull people over for their age or their color," said Josh McCann, senior advertising.

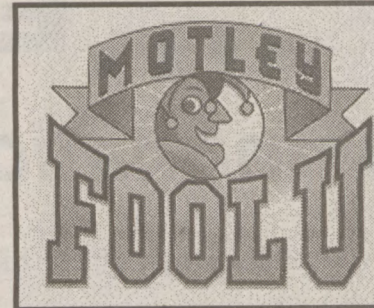
"You know they want overtime and they want it to continue, that pressure is bound to create profiling."

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department could not be reached for comment, but Weiss stated that Michigan law enforcement has always been and is at the top of the list when it comes to training officers to recognize and apprehend drunk drivers.

Other OU students are not as worried about the operations of the police as they are about the limits of the program.

"If their actual goal is to prevent drunk driving they should do it more than once a month. I do think it will put a little scare into people, make them think twice about driving drunk," said Christina Grix, junior, communication.

The March date for the program has yet to be determined.



Common banking mistakes

Q. What are some common mistakes that people make with banking?

A. Many common mistakes result from not looking at the big picture, and just focusing on one attractive aspect of a banking service.

For example, imagine Lester, who keeps the required minimum of \$2,000 in his interest-bearing checking account at his bank. The bank rewards him with the princely interest rate of 1 percent. (Lester is pleased with this, because other checking accounts at the bank offer even lower rates or no interest at all, although the minimums are lower.) So Lester earns about \$20 per year. Meanwhile, though, this account charges him \$9.95 per month as a "service charge." This amounts to roughly \$120 per year in costs, leaving poor Lester with a loss of \$100 for the year. Ouch!

Another big mistake is keeping too much money at your local bank, especially in savings accounts and other accounts that pay paltry interest rates. That money could be put to work for you much more effectively.

For example, let's say that Sonia has managed to save \$6,000 in her savings account. (Way to go, Sonia!) She's not yet ready to invest in stocks, so she's content earning a little interest. But her savings account is paying her just 1.5 percent per year. For \$6,000, that amounts to just \$90. She should consider some other options.

If she assumes that she won't need \$2,000 of that money for at least two years, she could park it in a two-year certificate of deposit (CD) earning, let's say, 3.3 percent. That will amount to \$66 in the first year. If she won't need another \$2,000 for at least one year, it could earn 2.6 percent in a one-year CD, amounting to \$52 in the first year. She might park another \$1,000 in a three-month CD (renewing it every quarter) earning 1.8 percent, or \$36. So the \$5,000 she shuffled out of her savings account will bring her a total of \$154 that first year, instead of \$90. Not bad! (Oh, and let's not forget an additional \$15 on the \$1,000 still in her savings account.)

These rates roughly represent what you can find these days. If interest rates are considerably higher in a few years, the savings difference could be much more meaningful. To locate the best rates, visit Bankrate.com or our Short-Term Savings Center, which has other money-making ideas for your cash, including attractive rates on money markets and CDs just for Fools.

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Peace Corps experiencing volunteer surge

Sept. 11, slow economy cause enrollment influx in service organization

By Susan Bromley
THE OAKLAND POST

The Peace Corps, created by President John F. Kennedy, marked its 41st year March 1st.

More than 165,000 volunteers have served in the Peace Corps, and the organization is currently experiencing an increase in applications.

Peace Corps facts

- The Peace Corps has had 165,000 volunteers and trainees since 1961.
- There are currently 7,000 volunteers.
- A total of 135 countries have been aided by Peace Corps programs.
- 82 percent of Peace Corps volunteers have undergraduate degrees; 13 percent have graduate studies degrees.
- The average age of a Peace Corps volunteer is 28.

by more than 300 percent.

Ninety-three people who attended OU have served in the Peace Corps over the years, helping to improve the lives of the underprivileged. Of the 7,000 volunteers currently serving 70 underdeveloped countries around the

world, four are people who have attended OU. They are currently serving in Thailand, Gabon, Russia and Armenia.

The Peace Corps gives volunteers a monthly allowance in the currency of the country in which they serve to cover housing, food and incidentals. Health insurance is paid for during the period of service and upon completion of service, volunteers are given slightly more than \$6,000.

Roskelley says that people interested in serving in the Peace Corps beginning this summer or fall should apply immediately. The application process takes four to six months minimum. Volunteers should be prepared for a 27-month service commitment.

Kristen DeRemer is a 1999 OU graduate who was a Peace Corps volunteer. Of the admissions process, she said, "The application takes time to complete, so don't be deterred."

She notes that it is much like a university entrance application, with basic information and essays. In addition, there are background and reference checks, along with a physical examination and an interview.

Volunteers are able to choose from two regions of the world they would like to serve, even though placement in one of those regions is not guaranteed.

DeRemer, who has a degree in East Asian International Studies, served in Uzbekistan from 2000-2001. She was evacuated two weeks after the Sept. 11 tragedy.

During the first three months of being in the assigned country, volunteers are given language, technical and cross-cultural training. DeRemer learned to speak Uzbek.

During her time in Uzbekistan, she lived with two different host families and recalls her happiest moment as

being the first time she was able to carry on a conversation in Uzbek with her host mom.

Uzbekistan was granted independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, and life there often presents many challenges, she said. Water is in short supply. DeRemer recalled being without water for nearly a week at a time.

"There is only cold water, you must heat the rest. This means you don't bathe often, nor do you use water frivolously."

Gas was in short supply also, even though it is a natural resource in the region. She said winters were without gas or heat, and there was a shortage of available food.

Money was also in short supply. "There is no money for luxury items such as dish soap, new toothbrushes, sweets, sodas, new clothes, new shoes, etc. You get used to it," she said.

DeRemer served as a secondary English language teacher. She taught at least 18 hours of lessons per week in English composition, conversation, creative writing and grammar.

Her students were in the first, second and third forms, equivalent to 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. She also worked with other teachers in the region designing teacher training workshops and met with Uzbek teachers to discuss ideas and methodologies. She was a volunteer leader, visiting with other volunteers and helping when necessary.

"In Peace Corps, it is up to you as an individual to create work for yourself in many respects. You can be as involved or uninvolved as you so

choose. I was pretty busy after the first six months. Prior to that you are just settling in and getting a grip on your community and school," DeRemer said.

She described a typical day as rising around 5:30 or 6 a.m., eating a breakfast of bread and tea, walking to school by 7:30 a.m., teaching lessons until 2 p.m. and then heading home. She might then meet a friend or work on a project.

Upon returning home, she would help her host sisters cook dinner, eat with the family and then plan lessons before sharing a cup of tea or cocoa with a sister before bed.

DeRemer's greatest accomplishment was "being happy and feeling productive" and organizing the Girls Leading Our World Camp that she ran in the mountains for 75 students.

At the camp, the girls participate in a variety of sports such as tennis, soccer, football, kickboxing and yoga, activities which most have never done. The camp also has lessons in leadership, self-esteem, drama, art and composition, to name a few.

Twelve university students were trained as team leaders so they could continue holding camps after the PC volunteers were gone.

DeRemer appreciates what the Peace Corps is trying to do in other countries and says that for her personally, "It is another page turner, another moment of personal history ... always to be remembered."

**Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series.*

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Kristen DeRemer
Peace Corps volunteer

WORLD NEWS

Bush imposes steel tariff, the Hubble Space Telescope to undergo major repairs

• Under a three-year plan to aid the U.S. steel industry, President Bush will impose tariffs of 8-30 percent on several types of imported steel. White House officials said the tariff-and-quota plan is a three-year deal that can be amended if the steel industry's financial crises worsen or improves.

• On Tuesday, allied Afghan commanders sent troops to bolster U.S.-led coalition forces battling al-Qaida and Taliban fighters. Pro-U.S. Afghans reported con-

tinued exchanges, although less intense than in recent days during which eight Americans were killed. Bombers blasted al-Qaida's mountain strongholds and minesweepers led the way on the ground for allied troops to press on toward Shah-e-Kot.

• The Hubble Space Telescope will undergo a repair job today that NASA officials claim will amount to a heart transplant, complete with all the risks and potential rewards of such major sur-

gery.

• Rep. Gary Condit headed into election night Tuesday as an underdog after a campaign overshadowed by a missing Washington intern. Virtually ignored by his fellow Democrats and unable to shake the scrutiny of his relationship with intern Chandra Levy, Condit had to invest his own money in his campaign.

• New evidence shows the FBI may have been warned of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Six years before suicide

hijackers attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the FBI was alerted that Middle Eastern pilots were training at U.S. flight schools and at least one had proposed dive-bombing a jetliner into a federal building, according to documents and interviews with Filipino and U.S. authorities. The information came from police interrogations of Abdul Hakim Murad and a computer seized from Ramzi Yousef.

PERSPECTIVES

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Editorial

Information for sale

Getting information on this campus is usually a difficult task.

As part of our job as a newspaper, we routinely ask various divisions and departments for information. Since we routinely get stonewalled by certain divisions, notably the President's office and finance and administration, we use the state's freedom of information law which requires public bodies, like this public university, to release the information.

In late January, The Post made four separate requests for what should be public information under the Freedom of Information Act. After the initial five-day deadline had passed, an attorney in the Board of Trustees office asked for a 10-day extension, which is allowed under the act.

Right on the statutorily imposed deadline, OU complied, partially, and sent along the bills, which totaled \$400.84 for its efforts.

Among the requests, The Post asked to see all expenditures for the Katke-Cousins and Sharf golf courses since January 2000. Even before its construction two years ago, the Sharf course was at the center of campus discussion because some felt it was a wasteful use of land and natural resources. OU insisted it was a good way to increase donor support.

Trying to discover how profitable each course is to the university, The Post asked for the relevant records. We were informed that the request, which generated a three page response and took a little more than four hours to complete, would cost \$176.90 – \$73 of that went towards paying someone to write a program needed to get the information from the Banner system. The fact that an entire program needed to be written is puzzling to us since anyone competent in databases should have been able to access the information in a manner of minutes, not hours.

We think the bill for this public information is excessive. Most of the charges we've been handed have been.

The Post is the only newspaper of record for OU. It is the only news source for hundreds of non-subscribing faculty and staff and the 16,000 subscribing students. It publishes the good news along with the bad news.

State law allows charges to be waived if the information used "can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public."

We can't think of anything more beneficial to the general public of the OU community than giving the newspaper, without charge, the records it needs.



The continued proliferation of the "Bobble-Head" doll:
The Gary Russi Bobble-Head.

Letters to the Editor

Detroit may not be as safe as it seems

Dear Editor,

With regard to the articles in the Feb. 6 issue which portrayed Detroit as a safe and diverse place to seek entertainment, I feel that the authors omitted some important aspects of Detroit's nightlife.

Dangerous back-alley walks to venues, unsecured parking and scads of bums following you to your vehicle upon leaving are three major problems with going to Detroit.

I am no stranger to seeing shows and other events in the city, yet there is not a single time I go down there that I do not worry even a little bit.

For example, I recently went to the Masonic Temple for the first time. The drive through the Cass Corridor, which is unavoidable, was quite possibly one of THE worst areas I have ever seen, dotted with prostitutes and drug-addicts. It makes the projects in Chicago seem like Shangri-La.

Try getting decent parking for the State Theater. Typically I have to park three blocks behind it and am followed by seedy people to the front door. Often these people demand that you give them money or cigarettes. It makes a person wonder "what would happen if I didn't?"

A friend of mine on a separate occasion had his car vandalized and burglarized in this very same parking lot.

If you go to the Majestic Cafe, trust me, and DO NOT PARK ON A SIDE STREET. In my personal experience, a very intimidating and insistent bum followed me from the front door without my being aware of it,

and screamed that he had been "watching my car for me" and that it was my obligation to pay him. I paid him to leave me alone.

Are these the sorts of situations that your paper is advocating for their readers to unwittingly put themselves into? At least a mention of caution is due, in my opinion.

John Nagalski
junior, English

Fee debate continues

Dear Editor,

I usually don't take the time to respond to comments made by people who completely missed my point, but after reading a letter to the editor about a reader's friend who had to leave school due to financial problems (Jan. 30), I felt I had to try and present a clearer description over my disgust at the Rec Center fee.

As for Kenton Lewis' letter (Jan. 30), I thank him for pointing out to this pre-law/political science major the fact that we pay for services in this country like welfare and social security. As such a major, I would like to point out to a member of the OUSC that social security is a service that we will all, hopefully, be able to use in old age. I will gladly pay for a program that will be of benefit to me later in life.

While I don't believe I am destined for welfare, the taxes I pay that go to welfare are hopefully benefiting a single mother

struggling to put food on her table and clothes on her children. When I pay the Rec Center fee, I'm being charged for a luxury item that I am already fortunate enough to afford on my own terms rather than for a service that will benefit someone who is struggling to get through life rather than struggling to get good abs.

I was under the impression that OUSC spent more time contemplating the financial well-being of their fellow students rather than the pockets of OU. When students have to drop out of a school that touts itself as being a "Top 10 College Best Buy in U.S. News and World Report," there is something wrong.

Extra fees, especially ones that go for unnecessary things, only make it harder for students. While I have the good fortune to be able to complain about this fee out of principle, for many students, \$75 is money that could be put to very good use elsewhere. In some cases, \$75 could be an entire semester's worth of textbooks.

I hope I didn't offend anyone who is involved with the Rec Center. I know it's a great facility, but it's one many students never use, for various and valid reasons. When I read stories about students who can't afford to go to school, it disgusts me that the university has the audacity to have such a frivolous fee added to the already increasing tuition.

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OTHER VIEWS

Taking attendance a waste of time in most classes

All the tools needed to pass most classes include the specified books and a good syllabus. For the most part, attending the class is optional.

I'm taking a class right now where the professor insists on taking attendance every day. It wouldn't be as big of a deal to me if I didn't feel as if going to the class was a waste of time.

After purchasing the two required texts (which cost about \$120), I realized that the professor's notes are all that is needed to pass the class. Even more frustrating, transcripts of the



Cara Plowman

Editor in Chief

lecture notes are on reserve in Kresge Library, which makes attending the class entirely unnecessary.

If a class has more than 50 students, calling roll consumes a good portion of each session. Inevitably, students cannot keep quiet while the professor shouts out the names, and some people always walk in late, which makes the whole production take even longer.

To avoid this, some professors now send around sign-up sheets or (gasp) have assigned seating.

In one of the classes I'm taking right now, the professor sends around a sign-up sheet. This method of attendance taking is the easiest to scam in two ways. For one, students can simply sign their name and sneak out the back door, or they can have a friend forge a signature, which is pretty much fool proof (who has enough time to check the validity of every signature every day?).

So, not only is taking attendance more work for the professor, it doesn't even work.

All of this is done to ensure that students are going to class? Or is there another reason?

I can understand the validity of taking attendance in a class that depends on student-professor interaction and discussion. But when it is a 100-level, general education class, attendance should not be required.

I took a class last semester where attendance was also required.

The annoying part was the fact that I didn't need to go to the class to pass.

The class met three times a week for a little over an hour in the early afternoon. I never went to this class and managed to squeeze out a 3.8. For all those who are skeptical, I will tell you that the class was out of my major and was a subject that I was not very familiar with.

I also bought all of the books (4 in all) for that class and barely used any of them.

But that's a different story.

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Quote of the Week

The secret in education lies in respecting the student.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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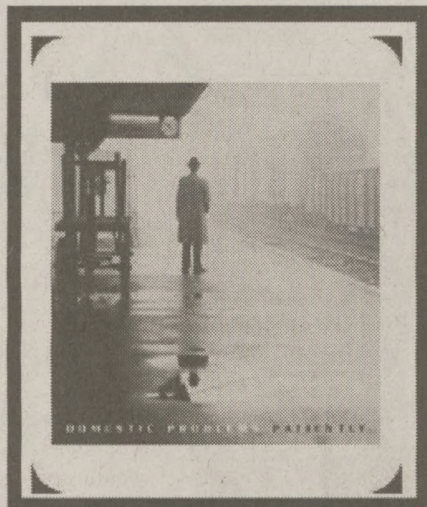
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who organized King's visit to OU. Johnson and King were classmates at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. Jean Ann Miller, Director Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, has served on the banquet committee along with Dr. Kevin Early, associate professor of sociology. "Dr. Early is the originator of the Keeper of the Dream Banquet. It was his initiative. I've served on the committee for 10 years, but it's Dr. Early's dream that's come true. "What all of us have done together has not only impacted OU but also the community. That was the original idea, to invite the surrounding communities and the Oakland University community to

honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. together." The crowd of more than 600 were entertained with a video about past banquets, which was followed by a song by Danielle Smith, junior, musical theater, who sang "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." When Smith's father was in the seventh grad in Toledo, Ohio, he sang for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I was very nervous. I was thinking of my father, and I was truly honored. I probably won't stop smiling for about two weeks," Smith said. Ann Ruppenthal, Media Relations Assistant said the banquet was created to raise scholarship funds. "The award recognizes students who

have demonstrated strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and in promoting interracial understanding," Ruppenthal said. Four students received \$5,000 scholarships: Ashli Bobo, junior, journalism, received the Champion Enterprises, Inc. Keeper of the Dream Award. Rhonda Hanna, sophomore, English, received the William Beaumont Hospitals Keeper of the Dream Award. Joi C. Olden, junior, theater, received the OU Alumni Association Keeper of the Dream Award. Diana Pochmara, junior, elementary education, received the Bank One

Keeper of the Dream Award. The Special Recognition award was given to Erin Liebner, who will graduate with an English degree in May. Award winner Pochmara said the whole evening was overwhelming because of the prestige of King's father and meeting King. "He didn't seem like he was above me. He made it really easy and I liked it because he is so laid back," Pochmara said. King's speech focused on community involvement and OU's efforts to continue the traditions of his father. "If we work collectively, we can create a better community and world," King said. "It can only happen when a few

good women and men come together. "In my household, we learned the love ethic: to love ourselves, our family, our community and God. That's the kind of love we have to embrace in America if we're going to move forward," King said. "I think one ought to pay attention to what King said regarding ones own views of racism and what is in their hearts," said Gary Russi, President OU. "That message is pretty profound and I think it is a great message for all people." King ended his speech with a story of a man who tried to rid the world of racism and ends up just trying to rid the racism in his own heart.

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laboration with graduate and undergraduate students. Nearly all are published and co-partners. We were able to establish a strong group with hormone research. We were host to conferences, a strong point at OU drawing international experts," he said. Moudgil's other interests include drama, theater, poetry writing and sports. He also writes one-act plays and is concerned with social and political issues. His wife teaches physiology and anatomy at Oakland Community College. His daughter is a computer engineer, married and lives in Los Angeles. His son is a business school graduate and is involved in helping children in Ann Arbor. Now as provost, Moudgil remarked, "I've had the great opportunity at being a professor, researcher and now an administrator. I can value this with appreciation. I can appreciate what professors do in the classroom. "I share the vision OU has articulated: I like to contribute to our goal of a distinctive, undergraduate experience. I'm working with colleagues to get resources and fine-tune experiences." The President's Colloquium is open to the public. For more information, call 248.370.4648.

STUDENT

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"I've never been hip. I'm from Iowa," Bartoli said. When it comes to clothes, she now thinks comfort first. She has more sweaters and jeans than ever before. Her own children have mixed reactions to her returning to college. Her daughter Elizabeth, 11, thinks it is great. "She feels I will understand her better," said Bartoli. "My littlest one, Patrick, 7, hates it. I used to lie down and snuggle with him at night. Now I read his books to him and stay in his room and study. I can't risk lying down and falling asleep," she said.

Bartoli said her husband has been more emotionally than physically supportive. He works long hours and his job occasionally requires travel. "He has been great," she said. "He wants to help, but it's not always possible with his job." Bartoli is only taking two classes at a time. She said it is all she can handle with the other demands in her life. She also said her children play sports, and need help with their homework. She also volunteers at their schools. When Bartoli returned from Belgium in August 2000, her priorities included

registering her children in schools and finding a home. By December, she was ready to return to college. The process of becoming a student at OU was not a smooth one. She applied for admission on the Internet. "That was a disaster," said Bartoli. She said she received a note from the university. She thought everything was okay. "I knew I needed to do the drop/add thing. When I turned in the add slip, I found out I wasn't officially admitted yet. I went to classes for almost a month before I was admitted," she said. "It

wasn't the right way to start school." She feels a welcome kit or information packet that contained a listing of student services would have been helpful. She attended OU for more than a year before she happened to see a sign in the Oakland Center about where to get a school I.D. Through it all, Bartoli said she has enjoyed being back on a campus and looks forward to her new career in psychology while cherishing the richness of time with her family.

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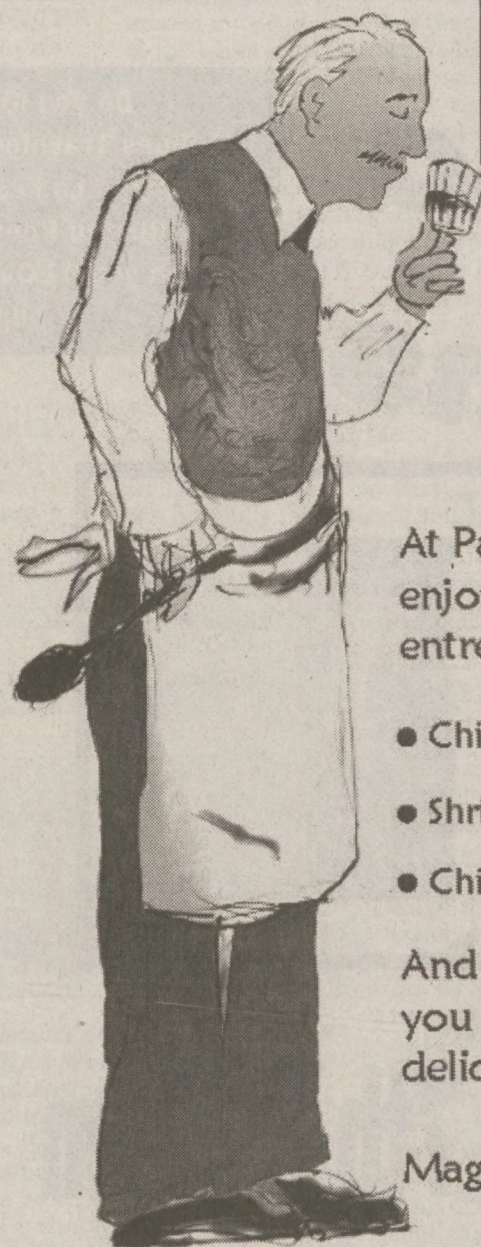
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'We are the champions'



VICTORIOUS: Oksana Strelets (above) celebrates after a first place finish and school record breaking time in the 50y freestyle. Diver Devon Cunningham (right) flies through the air.

Women swimmers win 2002 NIC Championship,
men finish third to close regular season

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

The announcement reverberated off the walls of the OU Aquatics Center Saturday night: OU women's swimming and diving, 2002 National Independent Conference Champions.

Queen's "We are the Champions" blared from the speakers as the women ran underneath the arms of the men's team and across the bulkhead before taking their place on the first place platform. Smiles were plastered across faces and tears fell, but most of all, the team wore a look of pride after finally accomplishing its season goal.

After just four years in the conference, the women did what they set out to do, and the men weren't far behind, with a third place finish.

Following OU's lead of 746 points, Northern Arizona University came in second with 715 and Florida Atlantic University finished third with 667.5 points. Defending champion University of Cincinnati finished in sixth place with 186 points.

On the men's side, defending champion

Southern Methodist University won for the second year in a row with 923 points, followed by the University of Hawaii with 567 and OU's 558.

The men and women also broke a combined 10 school records and set some NCAA "B" standards for possible invitations to the NCAA Division I Championship at the end of March.

Four of the five relay teams on the women's side broke school records. The first place 200y freestyle relay team of Oksana Strelets, Tamara Swaby, Christina Mocerri and Danielle Ward (1:33.28) and the first place 400y freestyle relay team of Strelets, Holly Miller, Swaby and Ward (3:24.19) made NCAA "B" standards as well as broke the school record.

Second place 800y freestyle relay team of Ward, Strelets, Karoline Freytag and Swaby (7:29.18) and 200y medley relay team of Tara Berringer, Shelley Aurit, Tanya Korniyenko and Swaby (1:45.39) also broke school records.

Individually for the women, Korniyenko broke three school records. Her third place finish in the 200y individual medley



(2:05.13) broke the record, and her first place finish in the 200y butterfly (2:02.20) and 3rd place finish in the 100y butterfly (55.83) made "B" standards as well as broke school records.

Strelets made a "B" standard in the 50y freestyle (22.99) and 100y freestyle (50.80).

NIC continues on B2

Tournament road lined with Jaguars, Eagles

By Brendan Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive year, the OU women's basketball team earned its way into the Mid-Con conference tournament championship game.

After defeating seventh-seeded IUPUI in its quarterfinal match-up, OU defeated sixth-seeded Oral Roberts in the semi-finals to gain the right to play Valparaiso for the Mid-Con's sole automatic bid to the NCAA national tournament.

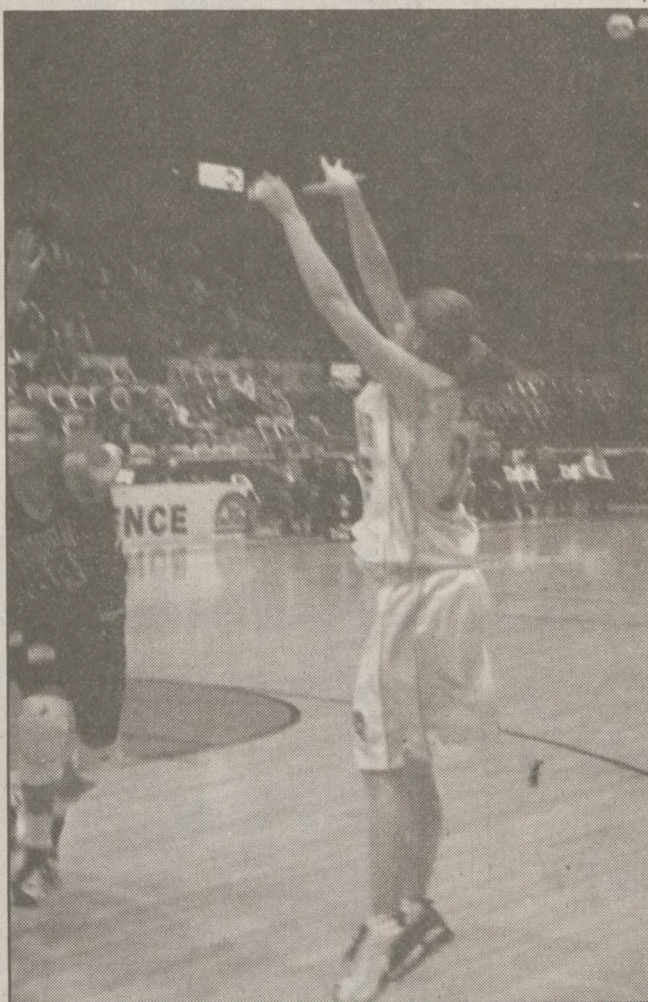
IUPUI, who beat OU by a 30-point margin in the most recent of its two victories over the Grizzlies this year, was OU's first victim of the tournament as OU defeated the Jaguars, 63-53.

"I'm really proud of our team," coach Beckie Francis said. "I thought after losing to IUPUI twice this season, we showed some guts. IUPUI never gives up, so we were very happy to get that win."

Senior forward Sarah Judd sparked the Grizzlies, recording 20 points, nine rebounds, six blocks, five assists and four steals. Junior guard Katie Wolfe led all scorers with 21 points and also contributed seven assists.

Freshman forward Amanda Bacha grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds and was a major part of OU's ability to keep the team's rebounding total even with IUPUI's at 37 apiece.

Amber Holle (13) and Amy Frey (12) led the Jaguars in scoring. OU was able, however, to contain Tiffany Kyser, holding her to only six points and six rebounds, well off her career averages.



The Grizzlies continued to blaze the trail to the championship with a 74-71 defeat of Oral Roberts on Monday in the semi-finals. After losing to the Golden Eagles in last year's championship, OU took advantage of the opportunity to extract revenge.

"It was nice to get Oral Roberts after they took away our dream in the conference championship game last year,"

BOMBS AWAY: Senior guard Lori Kipp fires a jump shot in OU's game against IUPUI. The Jaguars were but one step in OU's run through the Mid-Con tournament, ending with OU's first ever NCAA basketball bid.

Brendan Stevens/
The Oakland Post

Francis said. "We're just excited about being in the championship game."

Judd led OU's charge, scoring 30 points, including a perfect 10 for 10 shooting from the free-throw line. She complemented her scoring barrage with five assists and three blocks. Wolfe matched her point total from the previous round with 21 and also grabbed seven rebounds.

Junior guard Romica Clint

paced the Grizzlies with ten rebounds and was also the third OU scorer in double figures with 18.

"Ro(mica) has been doing that game, after game, after game," said Francis. "She had ten rebounds and she's only 5-foot-4. She gave us a great effort today."

"She was on a different level today," Wolfe said. "I've never seen her so focused for a game before. She's a great player."

Opponents have not overlooked Clint's effort and consistent performance either.

"She doesn't get as much publicity as she should," said senior Oral Roberts guard Krista Ragan. "She's kind of overshadowed a bit. She does all of the team's dirty work."

Judd and Wolfe were named to the all-conference first team at the conclusion of the regular season. Judd was also named Mid-Con player of the year by the media, but finished a slightly disappointing second in the coaches voting to Ragan, although not to the stoic Judd.

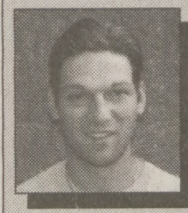
"It would have been fitting for her to get player of the year," Francis said. "She's a very modest person. She's not big into awards. She's in this thing to win it."

"I think she just comes to play every day," said Wolfe. "She doesn't care about awards, she just loves to play the game."

"It doesn't really matter," Judd said. "If anything, my teammates were more mad than I was."

With the wins, the Golden Grizzlies moved on to play top-seeded Valparaiso in the championship game Tuesday night.

SPORTS COLUMN



Chad Mack
Asst. Sports Editor

What a long
strange trip
it's been

It was supposed to be everything that we hoped for.

OU was finally eligible for the end of the season Mid-Con tournament.

I was here when the OU played its first official season in Division I. OU won the Mid-Con regular season title, but was ineligible for post season play.

The next season the Grizzlies finished 8-8 in the conference, but the highlight of the year came at the beginning of the season. U-M came to the cave and felt the wrath of the Grizzlies and OU had its first major victory in Division I basketball. What a night that was. It is a moment that will be burned in to my memory forever. You see for me, I have a special bond with this team that goes beyond the court. As the sports director at WXOU and as a writer for The Post my life has somewhat mirrored the success and disappointment of the basketball team. Coach Kampe and the seniors talked all season about how everything has pointed to this season. It's funny, but everything in my career as a broadcast-writer has also pointed to this season.

For OU to finish with a 17-13 record on the year was great. Watching them win every home game but one just added to the excitement that has been building the past three years. I know this team. I have talked to every player and every coach. You couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with.

This being the first season the Grizzlies were able to compete in the tournament, all signs pointed to a good showing for the home team. My job was to announce the game on the radio, and I fully expected that the Grizzlies would be able to make it to the championship game.

Just to add to the hype, I figured that OU would compete with Valpo for the championship. Everything seemed to point to a battle of the two best teams in the conference. During the regular season the Grizzlies beat IUPUI twice, although last time they played it took overtime for the Grizzlies to get the win.

It is hard to beat a team three times in a season, but this Grizzly team was supposed to be money. The five seniors plus sophomore Mike Helms seemed poised to go where no OU basketball team had gone before; the NCAA tournament. I was excited to go.

Words can't describe the disappointment you could see in the eyes of the players after the loss to the Jaguars in the first round of the tournament. As I called the game, my heart sunk in my chest. It was hard, but I still had a job to do. That is the mentality I have learned from this school and its athletics. Even after the decision had been made and it became apparent that OU would lose, every single player on the court still gave it 100 percent.

Those are the kinds of players that Kampe makes. Even though the season didn't end the way I had hoped for, it was still exciting from the opening tip to Helms' final shot that made the score 90-84.

As the players said in post-game interviews, this loss doesn't represent everything that this team has accomplished. As cliché as it may sound, I'm sure that next year will be even better for the Golden Grizzlies.

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NIC

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Her first place time in the 50y free also broke the school record.

Ward made two "B" standards, in the 100y and 200y freestyle (50.82 and 1:50.90, respectively), and Aurit made a "B" standard in the 200y breast-stroke (2:17.67).

On the men's side, the 400y freestyle relay team of Chris Sullivan, Dave Hartzel, Tim Johnson and Sean Broadbent (2:57.88) broke a school record and made the "B" standard.

Individually, Sullivan was the lone record breaker with his first place finish in the 50y freestyle (19.97), which made a "B" standard. Johnson also made the "B" standard in the 200y freestyle (1:38.50), along with Hartzel in the same event (1:38.51) and Broadbent in the 100y freestyle (44.87).

"We all feel very good at this moment," head coach Pete Hovland said. "We're exhausted, emotionally and physically, but we're very excited about our performances this weekend. It's been a journey, and to get to this point in a meet of this stature at this time, we have to feel very good about ourselves."

The coaching staff recognized the team for its performances, but also said that the meet could not have played out the way it did without the team effort and leadership of the seniors and captains.

"I thought the team handled itself very maturely throughout the course of the meet," assistant coach Jon Teal said. "There weren't the nerves that we saw last year. The seniors and captains did a really good job of keeping things in perspective for everyone."

"They did a lot of leading by example. No matter how they swam after, they gave themselves a minute and then got right back up and started cheering. The one thing that really developed throughout the meet was a team goal. Controlling nervousness was something we've been working on all year, and it was nice to see that come to fruition at the end of the year."

In return, the swimmers recognized the coaching staff for hard work throughout the season.

"The girls presented me with a nice book with all of their pictures, and they all wrote me a personal note inside," Hovland said. "It's one of the most touching experiences I've had in all my years of coaching. They were very gracious and very appreciative, and that I think is more rewarding than how fast they go."

Hovland also won NIC Women's Coach of the Year.

From this point on, some swimmers hope to be invited to the NCAA Division I Championship, and everyone with a "B" qualifying standard has a chance. According to Hovland, Strelets has the best chance of going to the meet on the women's side, and will know by Thursday.

On the men's side, Sullivan and the 200y freestyle relay team will travel Saturday to the last chance meet in Bloomington, Indiana to swim for slightly faster times in hopes of being invited to the NCAA Championship. The men won't find out who will be invited until next Thursday.

The NIC was the closing of the regular season for the swimmers, and although Hovland and Teal agree that this was the best way to end it, both said that they're already looking at what will happen next year.

"We're going to lose a lot of people, and it's a very competitive environment," Hovland said. "Whether we can fill in the holes or not depends on recruiting, but it's going to be hard to replace this group. We have a nucleus, but on the men's side particularly, we lose a lot. Tamara will be real tough to replace on the girls' side."

For now, the coaches are just trying to enjoy the feeling of victory and not worry too much about the future. According to Hovland, the excitement a team feels after a big win is just catching up to them, as the three-day meet took a lot out of the staff and team, physically and emotionally.

"I think it's going to take awhile for it to set in, but I was really happy for both teams," Teal said. "I thought that we came together and had some great performances and some great learning experiences as well."

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Grizzlies sing
tournament blues

One and done

By Chad Mack
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

On a cold windy evening in Ft. Wayne, IN, the OU men's basketball team finally got its chance to make some waves in the Mid-Con tournament. All of the stars were in alignment and the scene was set for the Grizzlies to prove to the conference that they belong.

After a three-year absence from the end of the season finale OU was invited to take part in the tournament that it so desperately sought to play in.

Head coach Greg Kampe intimated all season that this was what the team was playing for all along, this tournament would once and for all prove that the hard work they put in the last four years would lead to this.

Unfortunately, IUPUI never got the memo and the Jaguars stood up to the best punches the Grizzlies could throw and beat them in a thrilling, heartbreaking, backbreaking match that ended with IUPUI advancing to the next round and OU going home after one game.

Kampe was visibly disappointed after the game.

"I don't have a lot to say," said Kampe. "It's a disappointing loss, but it's a great year. We're just happy to participate in the tournament finally. I am very, very proud of this university and the way the kids fought during this transition (from Division II to Division I) and what they've done."

To the Jaguars' credit, they played an outstanding game, shooting 61.5 percent from the

floor in the first half. They followed that up with a 52.4 shooting percentage in the second half.

The Jaguars had four players score in double figures including a game high 23-point performance from Charles Price. Price hurt the Grizzlies all game long shooting 8 for 12 from the field and making seven of nine from the charity stripe.

OU had five players in double figures, coincidentally only five players scored in the game for the Grizzlies. Mike Helms and Jason Rozycki each had 20 points and Brad Buddenborg added 19 more.

The Jaguars shot 19 more free throws than the Grizzlies, though none of the players said it affected the outcome.

"We had opportunities, we got back into the game," said senior Buddenborg. "The officials didn't take us back out of it. We just needed that one more play."

Despite the heavy hearts of the players, they were still able to accentuate the positives of a winning record this season.

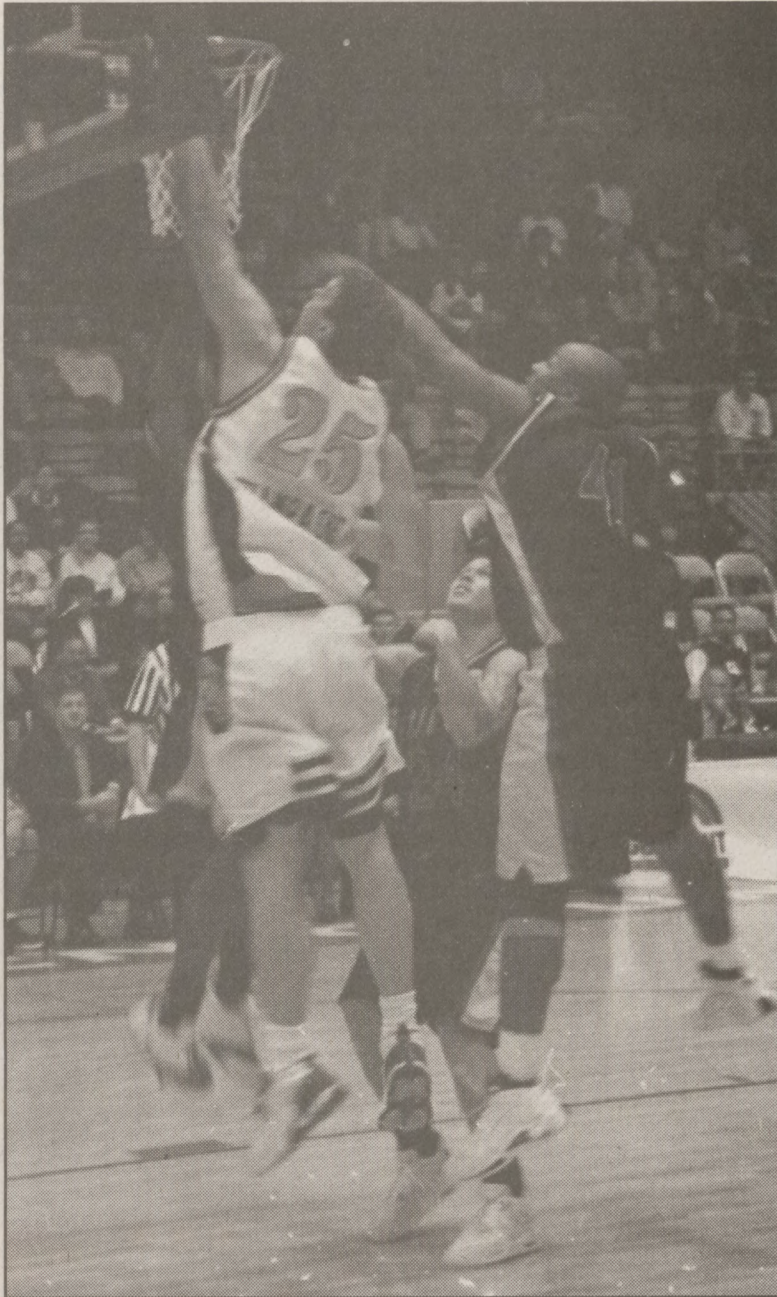
"As far as this game is concerned, we've been waiting four years to play this game," said senior Rozycki. "It might be one of the more important games that we've played while we've been here."

"I'm gonna look back on my career, and playing with these seniors is something I'm pretty proud of. This could have been something to look back on and be happy about because we made a run in this tournament. But it definitely doesn't take away from anything we've done at Oakland."

OU's bench was outscored 17-0



Brendan Stevens/The Oakland Post
DUNK CONTEST: (Above) Mike Helms takes the simple road for two points against IUPUI. (Right) Dan Champagne follows suit with an easy put-back of his own.



Jaguars finished the half on a 27-11 run and led at the break 48-38.

The second half started with the Grizzlies coming out strong and desperately trying to get back into the game. The Grizzlies began the final stanza on a 9-2 run and cut the deficit to three. And with 15 minutes to play, the score was 52-51. OU was down by a single point with the ball.

Adrian Martin had an opportunity to give the Grizzlies the lead, but he was unable to convert the offensive rebound into second chance points for OU. The team learned what it

meant to play in the Mid-Con tournament.

"It was definitely a high intensity game," said Rozycki. "You don't see that intensity too much in the regular season, unless you're trying to win a championship at the end. As far as the seniors, we've played a lot of important games. I thought that we handled ourselves from the get-go. Things just didn't go our way tonight."

OU finished the season 17-13. Mychal Covington finished the game with 12 points, 12 assists and 5 rebounds. His 12 assists tied the Mid-Con record for most assists in a tournament game.

OU hockey club finishes sixth in ACHA

By Randy Dudek
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's men's club hockey team capped its successful 2001-02 season with an impressive showing at the American Collegiate Hockey Association's (ACHA) National Tournament. OU finished sixth out of the 130 teams registered in the ACHA Division II. OU compiled a 2-1 tournament record by disposing of Utah State

ACHA Scoreboard

Game #1
Miami-Ohio 5
OU 3

Game #2
OU 7
Utah State 3

Game #3
OU 7
SUNY Stony Brook 3

University by a 7-3 score, and getting past SUNY-Stony Brook 7-6.

OU's only defeat came at the hands of its first opponent, the ClubHawks from Miami-Ohio. Miami is the only team that OU has never beaten in competition. Junior forward Brandon Marineau described the matchup as, "probably the most important game of the tournament."

"We're the two most talented teams in our pool."

Miami jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead, and increased the lead to 3-0 before junior forward Eric Wojno picked up a rebound and stuffed it home to get OU on the scoreboard. Freshman forward Ryan Teasdale took the original shot and picked up the lone assist on the goal.

Miami added a power-play goal late in the second period to extend the lead to 4-1, but sophomore forward Ron Kolito wasn't about to count OU out of the game.

"With a little bit of hard work and some defense, we can get back in this game," Kolito said. "We aren't getting the bounces that (Miami is), but hopefully in the third period we'll get some luck going our way."

OU fought to within 4-3 early in the third period on the strength of two quick power-play goals. Freshman Marc Granger notched the first goal, with assists from Marineau and Kolito. Marineau then scored the other goal less than two minutes later as Kolito and

sophomore Jason Artymovich picked up the assists on that tally.

Miami scored a five-on-three power-play goal to regain control of the game back from OU, and the ClubHawks held off a late rally to claim a 5-3 victory. The entire game was a hard-hitting penalty filled affair with 19 penalties called between the two clubs.

Teasdale, senior Steve Jalaba and junior captain Karl Borgquist each made several big hits to help set the tone for the game in which OU out shot Miami, 32-21.

Down, but not out, OU's next opponent was the Aggies from Utah State University. Showing no lingering effects from the tough loss to Miami, OU drew blood two minutes into the game with Granger tallying his second power-play goal of the tournament. Kolito added his first tourney goal less than two minutes later to push the lead to 2-0.

USU sneaked a power-play goal past junior goaltender Shaun Zeldes to cut the OU lead in half, but sophomore forward Sean Trueblood responded with an even-strength goal, and Wojno added a power play goal to cap off a dominating first period in which OU out shot USU 21-5.

OU pushed the lead to 5-1 early in the second period as Marineau scored an unassisted shorthanded goal. USU responded in the next minute to end the second period with OU leading 5-2.

Trueblood and Marineau both added their second goals of the game in the third period, and OU coasted to a 7-3 victory over the Aggies. OU displayed both its offensive and defensive strengths holding USU to only 15 shots, while peppering USU's goalie with 35 shots.

Before OU's final game against SUNY-Stony Brook, senior forward Rob Wishaw summed up his feelings on his OU hockey career.

"It's a little emotional. It's my last game, and I know it doesn't mean much for the tournament, but it still means a lot to me, because three years has been lots of time, lots of effort, a lot of road trips. These guys have a lot to look forward to. A lot of better experiences and, hopefully, a stronger program," he said.

The game did not start off well for OU. Oakland had to twice battle back from one-goal against the Seawolves with Trueblood and junior forward Geoff Acree getting first period goals for OU, who escaped the first period in a 2-2 tie.

OU turned the offensive pressure on in the second period as Kolito scored twice late in the frame, and Borgquist and Marineau also netted even strength goals to help build the 6-3 lead as OU outshot USB 10-4 in the period.

The Seawolves used the third period as

FINAL MID-CONTINENT
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First stat represents the team's conference rank. The second is the overall rank.

GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

SARAH JUDD

Judd saved her best night for OU's biggest game, scoring a tournament record and career high 38 points in the Grizzlies' 52-40 romp over Valparaiso, clinching an NCAA tournament bid. Judd was named Mid-Con tournament MVP and also named to the all-tournament team.

-Randy Dudek

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Friday, March 8

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• The Phi Sigma Sigma is hosting OU's first ever male beauty pageant to see who gets the title of Mr. Phi Significant 2002. Free for OU students and \$3 for their guests. Ladies this is a must see at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, March 8 in 201 Dodge Hall.

• The band Domestic Problems is performing right here on campus. Don't miss this one! This event is free for OU students and starts at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 in the Pioneer Food Court, OC. Call 248.370.4295 for more information.

• Residence Hall Programming is giving another Friday Night Live session. 'Energy Boy' John Reep is performing at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8 in the Vandenberg Cafeteria.

• Get your dance shoes on for the Spring Swing 2002 hosted by the OU Swing Society. A beginners' class starts 7 p.m. followed by open dance at 8 p.m. The Rhythm Society Orchestra will be playing until midnight on Friday, March 15 in the Gold Rooms, OC.

• SPB's Rhythms Den has another treat in store. This time Robert B. Jones' music and stories promise a truly blues experience. Be there to hear at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

• The DIA's collection of American Folk Portraits and Landscapes from the 18th and 19th centuries will be on display right here at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery in 208 Wilson Hall until April 10.

• The Foreign Film Festival has the movie "Trainspotting" lined up next, which deals with heroin addicts in Scotland at the beginning of the '90s. This film should be on your list to see. The movie starts at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 in the Oakland and Heritage Rooms, OC.

Meteorologist shines

OU grad
finds her
niche at
Channel 7By Jennifer Decker
COPY EDITOR

Kim Adams has put the philosophy, "if all you accept are crumbs, that's all you will ever be given" into action. From it, she's had a windfall of forecasting Michigan weather and performing daredevil stunts as "Action Adams."

Adams, 31, an OU alumna, communication, has been an award-winning meteorologist at WXYZ Channel 7 Action News for the past four years.

"What other job do you get to skydive and do the weather and get paid for it," Adams asked.

Adams grew up in Mount Clemens watching Bill Bonds and Diana Lewis bring the news into her living room.

"The first time I walked into the station for an interview, there's Diana Lewis. I've watched her ever since I was a kid. I walked up to her and I stuck out my hand to shake her hand and she grabbed me and she gave me a big hug. She's like, 'girl, it's about time we get a woman in that weather center,'" Adams said.

"It's like, that's it. I have to come here. This is where I'm supposed to be. She takes care of me and she's certainly my mentor. Diana Lewis is a



HARD AT WORK: Kim Adams getting ready to confirm her forecast.

Jennifer Decker/The Oakland Post

very big inspiration to me. She still feels a story...you can tell it affects her. That's amazing to

go through the business for so long. She's a leader in the newsroom."

Lewis said Adams was the station's first female meteorologist and worth the wait as they didn't want the stereotypical 'weather girl.'

"My nickname for her is 'beautiful' because she truly is just that, beautiful

inside and out. She has an incredible spirit that is undeniable, but while you can't help

but be touched by her jovial personality and her beauty, Kim is a no-nonsense kind of woman with her agree that she is the consummate professional," Lewis said.

"On Kim's first day, she told me that she had also received an offer to work for one of our competitors, but she had always wanted to work with me and that I was the deciding factor," said Lewis. "I was speechless. Now I see 'Action Adams' climbing to the tops of bridges, jumping out of planes and doing stunts I would never have the courage to attempt. I am learning a thing or two about strength from her and am enjoying this opportunity to live a little vicariously at the same time."

There's a supportive and friendly environment at WXYZ. "As soon as Don Shane (a

sportscaster) comes in the entire studio lights up. He's such a big personality. Donnie will walk in and it's Guy (Gordon), Diana, Don and myself on the desk. During the commercials we just have the best time. You work so hard all day and being on the air is like recess, so we get to play."

Honored for her meteorology by the Associated Press and The Michigan Association of Broadcasters for storm coverage, Adams is most proud of an Emmy nomination.

The Action News weather team uses the Doppler 7 Radar, a form of technology Adams said is so accurate that "Jerry (Hodak, chief meteorologist) and I have tracked birds migrating. It picks up swarms of mosquitoes."

"You can be right 10 days in a

ADAMS continues on B7

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Kim Adams,
meteorologist
Channel 7

Mediocre cast hinders 'Soldiers'

By Brian Urreta
THE OAKLAND POST

Another one bites the dust. War films have played an intricate part in the history of Hollywood. In their heyday, war films reflected how the United States ultimately saw themselves, a one man wrecking crew of Americana sent out to save the world from tyranny. Cower in your hole Hitler because here comes John Wayne backed by the good ol' red, white, and blue.

Then something happened, something that changed the way the American public viewed themselves, and their country. Something that neither the United States, Hollywood, nor John Wayne could have ever imagined.

The Vietnam War. Ultimately, Hollywood shifted gears after the mixed influence of Vietnam. The undertone of war films went from, 'the USA will save the day' to 'why are we fighting.'

Since that time, the qualities of war films have soared, showing the gritty reality of the front line in films such as "Platoon," "Full Metal Jacket," and

"Apocalypse Now." But for every good film, there is a bad; the overly-patriotic, bring a Kleenex for your mother, mishaps like "Pearl Harbor." As mentioned previously, another one bites the dust.

"We Were Soldiers" is a true story based on a bloody three-day battle between the United States and North Vietnamese Army in the early beginnings of the Vietnam War in November,



PRANK CALLER: Mel Gibson stars in "We Were Soldiers."

Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

1965. Mel Gibson

("Braveheart") stars as Lt. Col. Hal Moore, a southern boy who loves Jesus, his country, and his family, a staple of any American.

Gibson (who might as well be playing Captain America) is backed by a

lackluster, mediocre cast of weak actors with the likes of Chris Klein ("American Pie"), Madeline Stowe ("12 Monkeys") Greg Kinnear ("As Good as It Gets"), and Barry Pepper

("Battlefield Earth").

Director Randall Wallace ("The Man in the Iron Mask") attempts to give his audience the feeling of what it was like for the outnumbered American soldiers who had no clue what they were fighting for.

Unfortunately, Wallace lacks creativity in his direction, and ruins what is an interesting piece of American history with what is ultimately, a pointless film.

Wallace attempts to display the grotesque realism of war under an array of mass artillery and gratuitous gore. He fails just under the fact that it's been done before. "Saving Private Ryan" is just a mere four years

old. Audiences still remember the blood splattering on the camera as soldiers walked around limbleless in confusion while under fire. Also, without giving it away, a well-known character is killed off in a fashion very similar to that of a very prominent scene in "Platoon." How are audiences expected to feel for the death of this character when they're too busy thinking about "Platoon?"

Unfortunately "We Were Soldiers," parallels more along the lines with "Pearl Harbor" than "Platoon." In countless scenes audiences are forced to listen to the patriotic ramblings of speeches that are supposed to inspire, but drag the film into an overkill. As with "Pearl Harbor," Wallace attempts to show the view from the other side of the enemy line but in the end just shows them as fiends who ultimately pay the price for crossing the American way. In one scene, it seems as if the Vietnamese general was going to look into the camera and say, "Drat those Americans have foiled me again, but I'll be back stronger than before. Mua-ha-ha-ha."

"We Were Soldiers" tells a solid tale, but the story was lost along the way during the production of the film. It's hard to care about those involved when their characters are underdeveloped and the script is choppy. The emotions of the humans' lives are lost among vanity. The vanity of the stars in the film, vanity for the director, and most annoying, vanity for the superiority of the U.S.

"We Were Soldiers" had its ambitions set on ranking among the elite of war cinema. Nonetheless its failure will be seen as its worth fades onto the dusty shelves of the local video store.

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Guest Columnist

Cloning, A.I.
over the edgeEver wonder what
scientists are up to?

I've been watching them for years now, especially recently.

I've watched them clone a sheep, a cow, then a pig, and now they're working on humans. I've watched them start with machines that look like toys and create devices that can monitor our feelings. Am I the only one that thinks we should leave the intricacies of creating new life to nature's plan? Am I the only one who thinks the machines are getting too damn smart for their own good? And am I the only one that thinks humanity should try to solve its own problems instead of getting clones and machines to solve them for us?

If I'm the only one, I'll wonder, "am I ahead of my time, or behind it?" But I don't think I'm the only one.

Science can be a wonderful thing. It brought us out of the obscurity of the Middle Ages. I know, it's still messed up, but at least we're not dying by the millions from the Bubonic Plague. We have a long line of scientists to thank, from Johannes Kepler to whoever won the Nobel Prize in biology last year.

But science, like all things, must practice moderation. Science gave us the lightbulb, but it also gave us the hydrogen bomb.

I'm not saying we should go back to cave drawings because people can use computers to help them coordinate their evil deeds. Because the truth is, we generally use technology for good. Jet planes reunite families, bring people to jobs, and take adventurous travelers to new places.

I think the folks at Advanced Cell Technologies, who recently created a human embryo from cloned cells and at the A.I. lab at MIT who design intelligent robots, have good intentions. Healing. Discovery.

But, we must realize that we have not conquered the darker side of our souls yet. The more things we invent, the more there is, for both good and evil. I think scientists aren't fully considering the moral issues raised by their work. Last year, when a laboratory invented a computer that could design and build moving robots a report gushed about the success and tacked its concerns: "disturbing implications," on at the end as an afterthought. As A.I. and human cloning plunge forward, too quickly for the public or the government to follow, it makes one wonder.

Scientists and engineers are in a class of their own. But I sincerely hope that they're thinking about what they're doing. Where will we be when and if a computer can think like a human? And who will be in control of this AI? The government? Private corporations? People like you and me? Or some updated version of Saddam Hussein or Osama bin Laden?

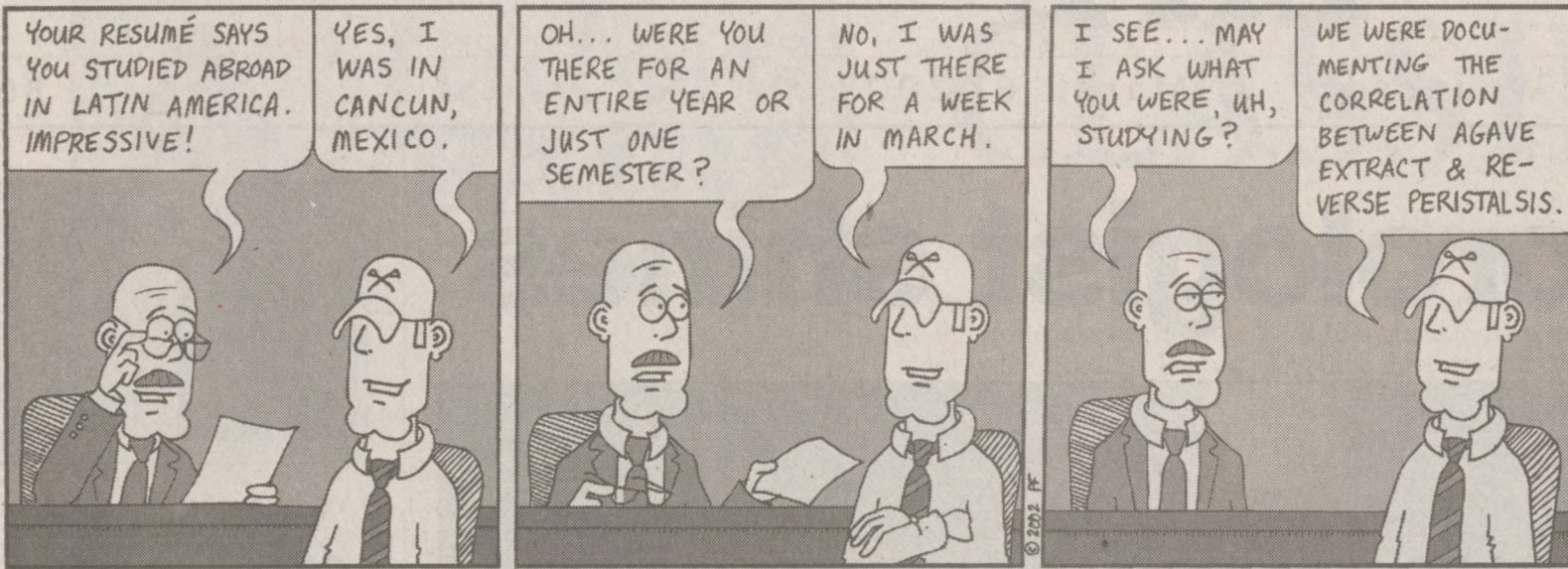
And what about clones? Are we ready to deal with that avalanche of issues? Do they have souls? Are they our slaves? What happens when we try to play God? And will the real God be pleased with us? Somehow, I doubt it. I think the jurisdiction of the First Commandment: "Have no other God before me," extends to us ourselves.

Maybe I'm the only one who has these doubts while everyone else plays in the happy house technology built. But maybe there's someone else out there that thinks like I do. Hey, if someday, angry clones and sentient robots enslave us all, at least we'll know we were right all along.

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Aries

Now is finally your chance to take care of unfinished business; don't miss your opportunity. Good will come if you keep an open mind.

Taurus

You may not feel like dealing with things this week, but most of your challenges are for your own good. Find opportunities in the current shift in your work life.

Gemini

Have patience with a work problem, as most of the circumstances are out of your control. You're pretty objective right now, so don't be afraid to make major changes in your life.

Cancer

Now is a great time to roll up your sleeves and take care of work that's been on the backburner. Being social helps you release pinned-up tensions.

Leo

You may not get exactly what you want this week, but you'll probably realize that you really didn't want it anyway. Watch for an opportunity to boost your career.

Virgo

Letting go of the past helps you in your love life. Don't allow your insecurities to prevent you from taking risks this week.

Libra

Your insight is strong this week, so don't be afraid to listen to your gut. Raw, previously untapped feelings of passion may come; take time to discover where they are coming from.

Scorpio

Taking on a new partner or relationship will make you stronger, not weaker. It's OK to develop a solid plan, but realize that that doesn't guarantee success.

Sagittarius

Don't allow indecision to get the best of you; chances are you know what to do. Challenges at home are based on old issues.

Capricorn

New challenges pop up at work, but they'll give you a chance to shine. Take advantages of opportunities to learn more.

Aquarius

This week certain things will seem to adapt to your needs, but don't take this for granted. This is a great time to enjoy your home, whether throwing a party or cooking for your family.

Pisces

Quite a few things may be out of your control right now, but you'll find a way to get what you want. Deal with family matters in a direct and unflinching way.

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HOCKEY

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chance to show that they too were capable of an offensive showing as they put 19 shots on OU sophomore goalie Ryan DeLiso. USB scored two early goals to cut the deficit to one, but OU was able to hang on until Teasdale rebuilt the two-goal lead with his goal midway through the period. USB pulled back within one near the end, but DeLiso made three game-saving stops in the last minute to preserve the 7-6 OU victory.

OU's tournament record of 2-1 was not good enough to place in the semifinals, but OU did claim the sixth spot in the ACHA Division II final standings. Coach Anthony Jalaba took a moment to both reflect on the passing season, as well as look ahead to next year.

"We are very happy with the way things went this season. We are only graduating two players' (Wishaw and Steve Jalaba) and will have a solid core of returning

players next season. With everybody getting another year of experience, along with a few more additions next season make the future of the team bright."

"I'm optimistic that we will have a strong season next year and, hopefully, qualify for the (ACHA) tournament again, where we would have a good chance of getting past pool play."

Derek Dickow contributed to this story.

ADAMS

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row. No one will remember, but they'll remember that one day you're wrong. That two minutes I spend on the air is a very small part of the day. The rest of the day I'm a scientist. If I get it wrong, the only person I have to blame is myself."

Hodak had nothing but praise for Adams.

"I find Kim Adams to be a very intelligent young woman with a desire to elevate the practice of meteorology," he said. "We work very well together as a forecast team. Her future is very bright."

A pre-law student her first two years at OU, Adams' heart wasn't in a career in the legal system. She admits she wouldn't be in the media without her time at OU and credited Gene Fogel, special lecturer in communication, and Bill Gallagher, now at Fox 2 News for being her best professors.

"I took a broadcasting class with Gene Fogel and that was the changing point. He asked me to come to WJR for an internship," she said.

Adams appreciated OU's small class sizes, but remembered the hissing geese blocking the sidewalk on the way to classes at Varner Hall.

"How do you explain to your professor, I'm late because the geese wouldn't let me by," she said.

The first time she did news and weather was for OU's campus radio station, then WOUX.

"I put so much time and effort into it. You'd think I was Barbara Walters of OU," said Adams. "You'd think there were five million people listening to me. I'd try to scoop the TV stations."

Adams graduated from OU summa cum laude (seventh overall) and was academically ranked third in the College of Arts and Sciences. She received her master's degree in communication

from Wayne State, studied atmospheric science at the USDA Graduate School in Washington and meteorology at Ohio State.

She graduated from Mount Clemens High School.

"Growing-up, we had very little money, but we didn't know we were poor," she said. "We wanted for nothing. We went on vacations. We went in a rusted-out Pinto, but we went. It didn't matter. We were kids."

She admitted getting more than she bargained for from her favorite WXYZ moment and said, "I was on assignment on a naval ship to do my weather live two years ago. The officer that showed me around the ship is now my husband. I did my weather from the ship, and he was nice enough to hold my monitor."

Adams said that it's important to stay connected to a story.

"Otherwise, you can't really convey to your viewers what it's really like," she said. "If you don't feel it, why should they. Your job is to make them care about what you're saying."

Once, when working for a CBS affiliate in Columbus, Ohio, Adams was sent to Florida to cover a tornado that went through a trailer park killing 31 people. "It was an older community, lots of senior citizens. They were bumped and bruised. A lot of them were looking for their pets and that was tough. I didn't want to do my job. I wanted to go help them find their cats," she said.

When it comes to delivering her forecast at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays on Action News, she said, "I have the best job in the house."

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The 19th Annual Women's Studies Film Festival and Seminar Presents:



Saturday, March 9, 2002, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

American movie comedies of the thirties and forties featured a distinctive, and distinctively American character: the intelligent, independent and very articulate woman. She might be a sexy trickster and con-artist, like Barbara Stanwyck in *Ball of Fire* or *The Lady Eve*, a marriageable young woman pursuing a potential husband, like Katherine Hepburn in *Bringing Up Baby*, or a career woman, usually a reporter, like Rosalind Russell in *The Front Page*. All these characters, however, share the habit of talking, moving, and (presumably) thinking fast.

Maria Di Battista, professor of English and Film Studies at Princeton University, has written the critically acclaimed book *Fast-Talking Dames*, to re-introduce these wonderful female characters to a new generation of American film-goers. Dr. Di Battista will be our guest speaker at this year's Women's Studies Film Festival and Seminar, which will also feature a screening of *His Girl Friday*.

Admission is \$7.00 for students and senior citizens, \$10.00 for all others. Admission includes lunch and refreshments. Vegetarian options are available. Tickets will also be available at the door, but lunch will be available only to those who register by Friday, Feb. 22.

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9:30: Sign-in, coffee and doughnuts
10:00: Feature film, *His Girl Friday* (92 minutes)
11:30: Panel discussion
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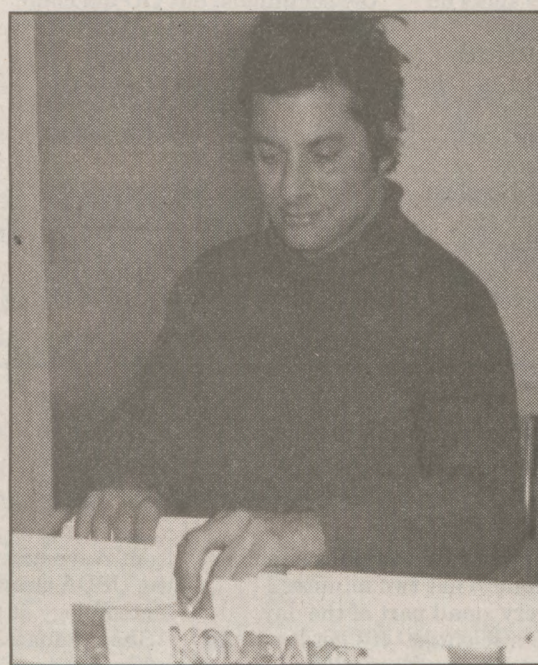
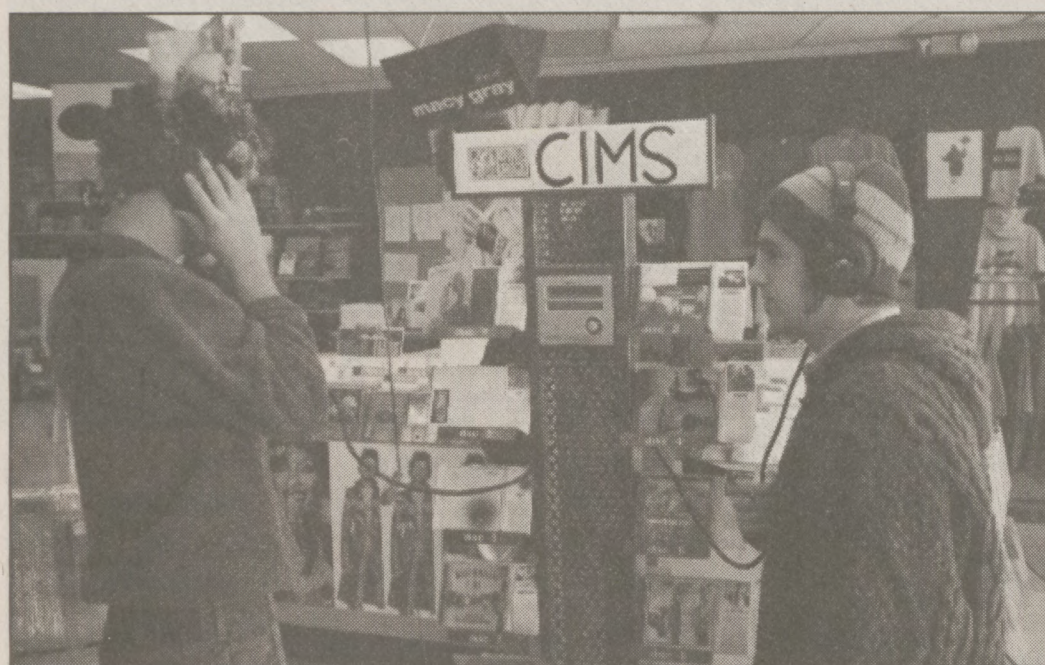
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SMALL STORE, BIG QUALITY: (Left) Noris Kadum of Warren and Sean Nasrey of Royal Oak sample sounds at Record Time in Ferndale. (Center) The jazz vinyl shines at Flipside Records in Clawson. (Right) Store owner Michael Segall eyes some vinyl at Neptune Records in Royal Oak.

Patrick Labadie/The Oakland Post

Independent's day



DO IT YOURSELF: Customers browse through CDs at East Alley Records in downtown Rochester. The store carries a wide variety imports focusing on Brit-pop, punk rock and industrial. Like other smaller record stores it must maintain a highly specialized niche and a loyal customer base in order to survive.

Photo courtesy of Bill Paskins

Small record stores operate outside mainstream, offer eclectic selections

By Patrick Labadie
LIFE EDITOR

The role of independent record stores is becoming more and more important in the chain-dominated American music scene.

Smaller stores must maintain a highly specialized niche in order to survive in the face of chain record stores. By offering releases that are not available at chains and by maintaining a small but loyal customer base, these smaller stores have thrived.

Independent record stores value their customers on a much more personal level than chains.

"We tend to get new music in at the first sign of interest, whereas the chains wait for a sound to become mainstream before they begin to carry it," said Bill Paskins, owner of East Alley Records in Rochester.

The store which has been open more than a year now has carved out a solid

niche with its focus on import recordings.

"We specialize in Brit-pop, indie rock, industrial and punk rock," said Paskins of Shelby Township. "We basically carry anything that's a little outside of the mainstream. People tend to come to our store looking for harder to find music."

Paskins believes a personal level of service is essential to indie record stores.

"I might spend an hour researching one song for a customer," he said. "I know that I'm not going to make a lot of money off of that one sale, but I guarantee you that that person will come back."

"Larger stores have lost sight of that approach. And I think that's wrong. They look at the short term. 'What am I going to get out of this one transaction?' The person that comes in my store and spends \$10 is just as important as the one that spends \$100," he said.

In addition, East Alley has other features that help make it a unique place to experience music.

"One of the things that people seem to really like is the lounge area," said Paskins. "We have a room set up just for people to hang out. We've got tables and chairs and lots of listening stations."

"The one thing that (my customers) all seem to have in common is that they are all really into music and tend to come to our store in order to find out about new stuff. That's what makes this all worthwhile. When someone comes in and buys something from a band that they've never heard of before."

Neptune Records in Royal Oak focuses on many hard to find releases, including many imports.

"We really don't get a lot of walk-ins," said Michael Segall, owner of Neptune. "We have people that will wait to buy something here rather than at a chain in order to help support us."

Segall says Neptune caters to anyone "interested in music that is a little bit outside of the mainstream, things that people would have a harder time seeking out."

"We really have two main specialties," said Segall. "One is left field electronica, non dancefloor stuff, and the other is

avant garde rock.

"Here we really focus on attention to detail," he said. "For example, if there's some minimal German electronica out there, we make sure we carry it."

In addition to its copious amounts of cutting edge new releases, Neptune sports an impressive selection of vinyl and used CDs. Neptune provides a refuge for those who seek more eclectic sounds in their music.

"Neptune is best for quirky electronic music and indie releases," said Chris Pottinger, 20, of Detroit. "Every time I set foot in the store they are playing something that sounds so interesting you have to ask them what it is. The staff knows their stuff too. That's important in a good record store."

Another store that tries to stay on the cutting edge of new music is Record Time in Ferndale.

After opening more than 19 years ago, the store has built a clientele on its massive selection of electronic music.

"Our biggest reputation has been in dance music," said manager Lavell Williams of Roseville. "That's how people have come to hear about us. The owner

has been a part of the scene since the beginning."

World-renowned for dance music, it carries a plethora of genres as well.

"We carry a wide variety of things," said Williams. "We try to do a little bit of everything, but that's getting harder and harder as time goes by."

The store features solid selections of indie rock and hip-hop among others. Also, there are several listening stations in the back where customers can sample CDs or vinyl before they purchase.

Another independent store that maintains a strong reputation in the area is Flipside Records in Clawson.

In business for more than 20 years, the store boasts not only a fine selection new music and vinyl, but a remarkable used CD selection.

"We cater to everybody," said manager Todd Fundaro.

The used CDs are the store's strength. "We are fair with the buyback," said Fundaro. "We pay well for used CDs."

The store's used discs range from \$1-6, with numerous deals depending on the amount purchased, making it one of the best record shops around.

RECORD STORE OVERVIEW

Neptune Records

Specializes in hard to find electronic releases and indie rock. The store is located on Main St. just south of 11 Mile in Royal Oak. Store hours are Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. noon-6 p.m. For more information contact 248.586.0519. Also check out its website at www.neptunerecords.com.

ROYAL OAK

Record Time

A focus on dance, with a bit of everything thrown in. Locations are on 9 mile just west of Woodward in Ferndale and on Gratiot just north of I-696 in Roseville. Store hours are Mon.-Thur. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Contact the store at 248.336.8463 or 810.775.1550.

FERNDALE

East Alley Records

With an emphasis on all things indie, the store is located at 336B Main St. just south of University Drive in downtown Rochester (store entrance in the rear). Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. Contact the store at 248.656.5003. Visit its website at www.eastalleyrecords.com

ROCHESTER

Flipside Records

The store's rep is built on its extensive selection of vinyl and used CDs. It's located on 14 mile just east of Main St. in Clawson. Store hours are Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. Contact the store at 248.585.4090. Its website can be found at www.shopflipside.com

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