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•Casino Night

Blackjack, roulette and dice are just a few of the games students can play at SPB's annual Casino Night beginning at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb 12 in the Gold Rooms. Activities also include Psychic Night beginning at 8:30 p.m. and a Hypnotist at midnight. Anyone with questions can call SPB at (248) 370-4295.

•Poetry Reading Today

The 1998 National Poetry Series Winner, Joan Murray, will be reading her work at 4 p.m. today in the Oakland Room of the OC. Murray has had many works published, including "Queen of the Mist: the Forgotten Heroine of Niagara", and has received numerous awards including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. Anyone with questions can contact Susan E. Hawkins at (248) 370-2258.

•Valentine Plant Sale

Meadow Brook Estate Greenhouse volunteers will be selling Valentine's Day flowers from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday in the OC. Flowers will include Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths. Proceeds will benefit the greenhouse.

•Straight Talk

Be part of WKBD UPN 50's Straight Talk studio audience at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16th at the WKBD studio. The talk show is hosted by Amyre Makupson, and the topic is "Civil Rights: Advancing a New Agenda for the Millennium". Anyone with questions can call (248) 355-7089.

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OUSC discusses commencement change

Mitchell hears students' cry for help, offers assistance

By Lisa Remsing
OF THE OAKLAND POST

"Take a stand for your graduation location." Chances are you've either seen this slogan on flyers, or heard it from the many students, staff and faculty who are fighting to move Spring commencement ceremonies from the O-Rena to the outdoor Baldwin Pavilion on east campus.

The commencement controversy was brought before Student Congress at their meeting on Monday. OU students Carrie Goclan, senior, human resource development and Rick Durso, senior, education, were asking for cooperation from OUSC and

to hear input on the issue. "Congress is the voice of 14,000 students, and we need their help," said Durso.

In the past week, Goclan and Durso have collected more than 1,000 signatures on their own, with more than 150 petitions still circulating campus with professors, students, and student organizations. The modest goal is to collect 3,000 signatures, which is roughly 20% of OU's population.

The main concerns that bother students, faculty and staff are the limited space in the O-Rena and possible parking problems. According to Goclan, the Baldwin Pavilion holds more than double the people than the O-Rena.

"We are fighting two different battles," said Goclan, "They say timing, we say location," she said. OU officials wanted to move graduation to May to eliminate the six-week time lapse between final exams and commencement ceremonies, which have been held in June. According to Goclan, if graduation is held at the pavilion, it will be on June 3rd, if held in the O-Rena, graduation will be on May 6th. The reason, students are told, that graduation would not be held until later in the Pavilion is because the building would not be open until then.

Another concern of faculty members is that with an earlier commencement, grades may not be turned in on time, which would

effect those students graduating with honors.

"This is another example of Administration's inability to listen to the student voice," said Kevin Early, Associate Professor of Sociology. "I don't know a single faculty member who is in favor of the change," he said. Early said at the Congress meeting that this is just a chance for OU President Gary Russi to showcase the new building. He also noted that many high schools use the Baldwin Pavilion for their own graduation before June.

Congress members brought up one negative of moving graduation back to the

GRAD continues on A5

OUSC addresses hot topics

By Jenn Madjarev
OF THE OAKLAND POST

OU's Student Congress meeting on Monday was packed with two hours of reports, appointments, business and discussion topics.

The meeting opened with OUSC President Nick Mitchell addressing the legislative body with the printouts of the meeting guidelines. Following last week's unruly meeting, Mitchell was asked by members of the body to present a formal write-up since there have been repeated confusions and disruptions during past congress meetings.

With the upcoming student election approaching, the elections committee has been hard at work preparing for the elections, which are being held Tuesday, March 21-Thursday, March 23. Oakland County Clerk, William "Doc" Caddell, will be overseeing the election's

process during the three-day voting period. "I'm excited about doing this for Student Congress. It's good to see everyone getting involved. This is a great learning experience, and the rewards are great," said Caddell.

An election committee will run the election machines. No students will be able to touch the ballots. A computer will automatically count the ballots. Caddell said that the system is very simple and efficient.

Student Congress overrode President Mitchell's previous veto with a unanimous vote to fund three tables at the Keeper of the Dream Awards banquet.

Each table holds 10 people. As of Monday, 15 students have signed up for a spot at the banquet. The leftover seats will be offered to students who are interested in attending the event. The debate over the bill arose because Mitchell suggested

CONGRESS continues on A5

Congress to replace stolen book money

By Brent Chismark
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Student Congress President Nick Mitchell expects checks to be in the mail in four to six weeks for 30 OU students who lost money in the January theft of the Congress' Bookswap cash box. They have money entitled to them due to the sale of their books.

A bill that Mitchell hopes to be passed at next Monday's Student Congress meeting will finalize the method of repayment.

According to language in the Bill, of the \$1300 total owed to the students, \$800 will be taken from the excess money allocated to fund the bookswap itself, and the remaining \$500 will be taken from Congress' general fund.

According to Mitchell, OUSC is contacting the affected students and individually keeping them abreast of developments.

Police investigation is ongoing, according to Lt. Mel Gilroy of the OUPD. Gilroy emphasized that a case like this one is lengthy, and with no solid leads.

To prevent a third occurrence, Mitchell promised to sit down with the President and Vice President-elects for next year and discuss the history of the problem and security procedures he has learned.

Vice President Rob Filer admitted the lack of policy knowledge on the part of the OUSC. "We should have been

BOOKS continues on A5

Bowling for Bucks



Photo courtesy of Paul Franklin

COLLEGE BOWL: Teams competed for a spot at regional competitions at Kent State University in Ohio

By Lisa Remsing
OF THE OAKLAND POST

"Is that your final answer?" For four Anibal residents, their final answer is taking them to Regional College Bowl competition at Kent State University in Ohio on February 18th.

OU's Annual College Bowl competition was held on January 29th in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. Teams were made up of OU students, including teams from WXOU and Golden Key National Honor Society.

Six teams of four to five people went head to head in the all day battle competing for the number one spot. The winning team from Anibal House included students Zach Eyzem, David Cotter, Dan Ritter, and Eric VanHouw. The winners will leave for their all

expenses paid trip to Kent State on February 18th, and as a team won \$400. The second place team was from WXOU and was awarded with \$200.

If OU's team wins at Regional competition, they will win the ability to represent the Region at Nationals, which are held at Bentley College near Boston. If OU wins at the National level, each team member will receive a significant scholarship and a trip to international competition.

According to Paul Franklin, Coordinator of Campus Programs, the competition is run as a "Round Robin" style, where each of the six teams played each other. Each team played at least seven games, and the winning team played 10 games. A double elimination round narrowed down the competitors.

Franklin said that there were double the teams this year than there were in years past. In November, OU held a College Bowl Exhibition in the Fireside Lounge, used posters and word of mouth to gain more attention and awareness of College Bowl activities.

"We were very fortunate this year with cooperation from U-M and Wayne State University who helped us out by lending equipment," said Franklin. "EDS has made contributions to OU to support College Bowl also. This is the third year and their donation allows us to offer a prize and to send winners to Regionals," he said.

Anyone with questions about College Bowl can call Paul Franklin in the Center for Student Activities at (248) 370-2400.

Senate hearing tomorrow

By Brent Chismark
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The end of student voice at OU could be fast approaching. The University Senate, who passed amendments to its constitution January 20th that will eliminate student voice and representation from Deans and Administrative Professionals, will hold a public hearing from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Lake Michigan Room of the OC.

The amendments were passed by a bare quorum, only 30 of 54 members in attendance. The current Senate, whose composition will be changed by the amendments if passed, has only 54 seats of 63 filled.

Student Congress President Nick Mitchell, who is currently the lone student voice on the Senate, believes the amendments "send out a bad vibe to the OU community." His vice president, Rob Filer, quotes

President Lincoln: "A house divided can not stand."

The amendments are an effort to "increase communication" between faculty members and the OU administration. According to the NCA, a petition to pursue this action was signed by 180 faculty members last year.

Senate member and former interim Provost Keith Kleckner, was surprised that the attending faculty passed the amendments. "The

Faculty seems to want cooperation with administrators," he said. Kleckner believes there have always been some faculty in favor of separating from others, but "never such an overwhelming number."

Students will still be eligible to serve on Senate committees, though their voting seats on the Senate will disappear.

Proposals to change the Senate to a faculty only body

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your packet.

Attention Seniors

On-campus interviewing continues at the Placement & Career
Services Office. The following employers will be visiting campus the
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Schenk Turner, ASK Healthcare, and Freeclubsite.com. To learn
details about how to participate, contact 370-3250.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **February 17th.** Are you losing a lot of weight? Are you intensely
dissatisfied with your body? Are you fasting and exercising exco-
sively? Do you binge and purge? Do you know anyone who does?
Are you interested in learning about body image problems and eat-
ing disorders? **Sign up to participate or just come in to the**
Eating Disorders Screening Program sponsored by the
Counseling Center at 10 AM or 1 PM. For more information
and registration please contact the Counseling Center at
370-3465.

• **February 17th, 6 PM** at Varner Recital Hall, "Driving While
Black," a discussion of racial profiling. Free admission.

• **February 19th** is the next **Campus Recreation Family FREE**
Day. Other scheduled dates are **March 11 and April 8, 2000.**

• **February 22, 2000** come hear **OU's poets** read their work and
lose your mind for awhile: Rebecca Emlinger Roberts, Joseph
Sheltraw, Maureen Dunphy, and Jeff Vande Zande. Join them at
3:30 PM in 129-130 Oakland Center.

• **March 31 - Michigan Collegiate Job Fair** will be held at the
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• Couch stolen

On February 2nd it was reported that an unknown male driving a Black GMC Jimmy was allegedly seen stealing a couch from the second floor lounge of E. Vandenberg Hall. A witness reported the incident to an RA who then called police. The couch is blue and estimated at \$200 - \$400.

• Book Bandit Bagged

On February 4th, a female student reported that her school bag was stolen out of the Fireside Lounge. The bag contained a Philosophy textbook worth \$70 and a cell phone worth \$120. A witness reported that while the victim left her bag unattended, a man walked by, picked it up, and left the building driving off in a blue Pontiac. The incident was reported to Textbook Outlet staff and when the alleged thief tried to sell the book back 30 minutes later, OUPD drove over with the witness, who identified the man as he left the store. The man ran into the neighboring Fantastic Sams, and hid in a bathroom stall, police said. Police arrested the 21-year-old non-student from Clarkston and also found a book-bag that had been stolen out of the Oakland Center on January 19th.

• Car Break-Ins

Four cars parked behind Varner Hall were broken into and robbed on Saturday. One victim reported that when she returned to her parked car she found money missing from her wallet that she left on the dashboard. She also found two book bags that were not hers in the back of her pick-up which she took to a lost and found. The book bags belonged to two other students whose cars had been broken into that same night. One other student reported that his car, parked in the same lot, was broken into and that \$25 worth of school supplies were found missing.

Dying over a meal

OU battles disorders

By Candice Ide
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Take a look at the men and women around you. Chances are you'll see someone who is not satisfied with their body image. According to some estimates that at least five percent of young women and one percent of young men (more than five million Americans) have an eating disorder.

To combat this problem, OU is holding its Second Eating Disorder Screening Day program at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Counseling Center located in the Graham Health Center.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the free program.

Bela Chopp, the Counseling Center clinical director, said OU holds the sessions on campus because of the high prevalence of eating disorders among young women and college students. "College students are more vulnerable because of the huge life transitions that they experience, such as gaining responsibility, the dating scene, and greater responsibilities in school," said Chopp.

The Screening Day program, which is held every other year at OU, is a nationwide event designed to provide information about the signs, symptoms, and treatment of eating disorders.

The three-part program includes a counselor who will speak about symptoms, the reasons for development and treatment, a video and the participants will take a screening questionnaire, answering questions about eating habits.

"The questionnaire will allow the participants to discover whether or not they are at risk for eating disorders, or if they possess some of the characteristics of eating disorders," said Chopp.

Attendees will meet individually with a counselor for 10 minutes to discuss the results.

During the discussion, if the counselor feels that any participant shows signs or symptoms of having an eating disorder, then he/she will suggest that that participant seek a more thorough evaluation.

The three major types of eating disorders- anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating disorder.

Patricia Santucci, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor at the Loyola Medical Center, said that some of the individual factors that contribute to eating disorders are high self expectations/perfectionism, extreme need for approval, depression and anxiety.

If you have any other questions about eating disorders and their causes, you can call the Counseling Center in the Graham Health Center at (248) 370-3465.

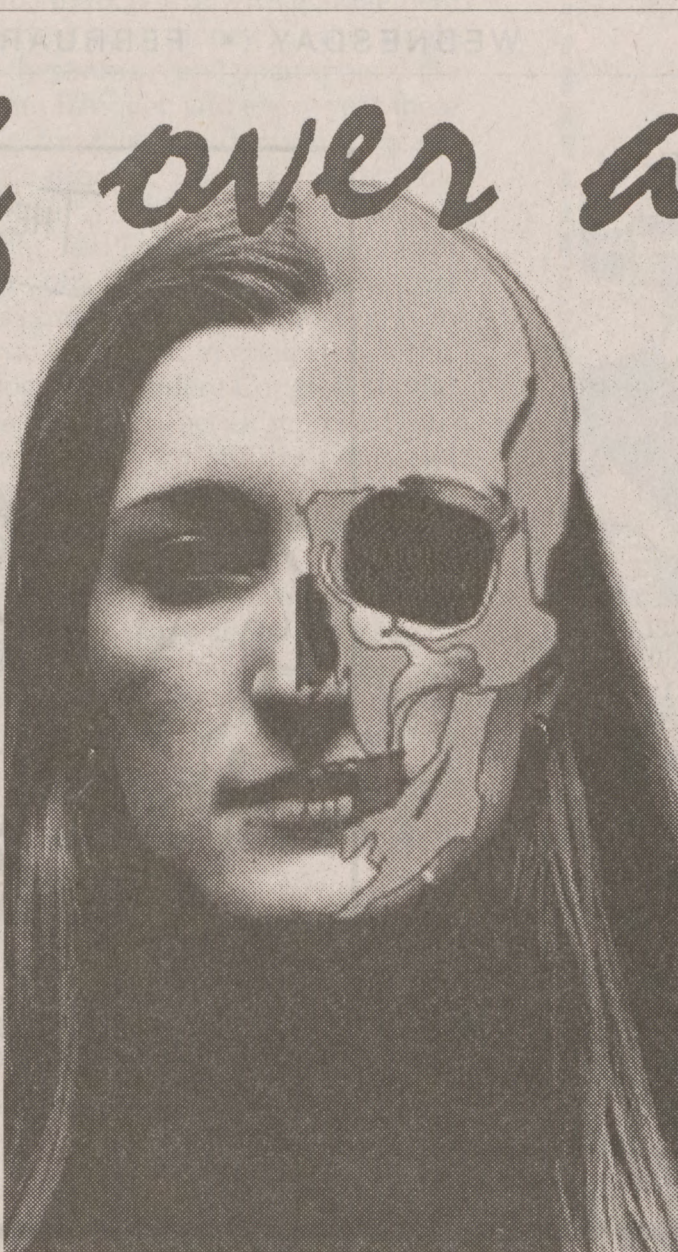


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DEADLY BEAUTY: Millions of women and men risk their lives trying to lose weight.

ANOREXIA NERVOSA is characterized by extreme weight loss, body image disturbance and an intense fear of becoming fat.

BULIMIA NERVOSA is characterized by secretive binge eating episodes followed by self-induced vomiting, fasting, excessive exercising or the use of laxatives or diuretics.

BINGE EATING DISORDER is characterized by recurrent episodes of binge eating but without the purging behaviors seen in bulimia nervosa.

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WARNING!

Recipe for disaster

Many people who struggle with eating disorders began dieting with the intention of losing weight and improving their physical appearance.

A change in diet sometimes causes changes in brain chemistry and individuals become increasingly obsessed with body image and continue to not eat enough of the foods that contain the proper nutrition to maintain a healthy weight.

Eating disorders can also be attributed to social and psychological issues.

One cause is the emphasis American culture places on thinness. Women are becoming more concerned about their weight at younger ages. Fifty percent of all fourth grade girls (age 9) have been on at least one diet in their lives and the number jumps to nearly 90 percent by age 17.

Stress, low self-esteem and difficulty adjusting to change contribute to the development of eating disorders.

It is important to be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of someone with a problem.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

- Sudden and severe changes in weight.
- Mood swings or moodiness.
- Fatigue
- The belief to achieve self perfection.
- Self-denial to self indulgence.
- Depression

These are just a few of the indicators of eating disorders. If you think you or someone you know may have a problem, call your doctor or the Graham Health Center for more information.

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**Thursday,
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Noon-1 p.m.
Gold Rooms A & B

**Friday,
February 11**

Friday Night Live: Comedians Michael, Jr. and Retta
7:00 p.m.
Gold Rooms, OC

**Monday,
February 14**

Male/Female Conference
6-8 p.m.
Rms 126, 127 OC
"The Dating and Mating Game 2000"
8 p.m.
Hamlin Hall Lounge



New Latin Club brings culture

By SunShine Joy Collins
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

A voice of diversity, embracing all through words and action. The strength of Oakland University. Leaders for today. The newly formed Latino Student Organization has a vision of these things and will promote an understanding and appreciation for the Latino culture at OU.

The formation of the new organization began in the Fall 1999 semester. It is now official and open to all members of Oakland University. There are no requirements to be part of the club, other wise known

as, ¡Fuerza!, meaning strength. There are currently only ten members but all are encouraged to stop in at a weekly meeting and become part of the university-based community.

"In any educational environment, groups that promote cultural awareness are important. Not only do they help to encourage social interaction and offer better understanding of different beliefs," said OU Student Outreach Coordinator Catarina Barajas.

According to Barajas, ¡Fuerza! plans to offer many new and exciting events and activities to OU.

Members will have the opportunity to participate in several different committees including, Executive, Academic, Social, Public Relations, and Hispanic Celebration. There has not been a Latino-based student organization since 1995, however, approximately 100 undergraduate students in fall 1999 have identified as Hispanic at OU.

"I am very excited about the formation of ¡Fuerza! The time has come for a student organization that represents not only a voice for its members, but a link for the Latino community at OU," said, Barajas.

LATIN continues on A5

Mitchell refuses to endorse 'table' Bill

I've decided to go against the wishes and opinions of my staff and friends and bring up an issue that has created quite a buzz around the table at our Student Congress meetings. My intent is not to create a controversy or draw attention to myself or Student Congress, but rather to get student feedback to help me make solid decisions in regards to managing 24 percent of your student activities fee money.

As most of you should already be aware, the Keeper of The Dream Awards



NICK MITCHELL

Banquet is set for Wednesday, Feb. 23 in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. The Keeper of The Dream Award is given annually to students who are "keeping the dream" at OU, i.e. students who are intent on improving race-relations around campus. The award

is very prestigious and this year eight lucky students will receive scholarships of \$5,000 each. It is an extremely wonderful event and holds a dear place in the OU community.

It has always been a somewhat common practice that Student Congress purchase one table for the event, costing \$750 (the table seats ten and the cost is \$75 each). I was told by a couple individuals that Congress had purchased two tables one year, but it was never verified. But nonetheless, I had always intended on purchasing a table to show our support for

the event and give something back to those individuals who make a difference at OU. When a Legislator proposed a Bill which would allocate money for two tables, I thought it was a little much, but I wasn't completely against the idea. But when somebody amended the Bill to purchase three tables, I had to speak up. I just can't justify spending \$2,250 on an awards banquet. Generally, members would occupy the seats purchased by Student Congress, and it wasn't rare to have a few open seats the night of the event. This year,

roughly 15 members signed up to attend the event, which leaves another 15 spots open (3 tables X 10 spots each = 30 spots). The Legislature's plan is to fill the rest of these spots with students who want to go but can't afford it, and I agree with them to the extent that it would be very nice to give students that option, but theoretically I don't see eye to eye with the Legislature.

I don't see Student Congress' role to be that of giving away free tickets to events, but instead I would

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PERSPECTIVES

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SETTING IT straight

The Oakland Post is sorry for our super goof-up. Due to production problems, the SEHS story was not published in its entirety for the second week in a row. Please see A7 for the entire story.

"This time we mean it!"

EDITOR'S view

OU suffers communication breakdown

Within the past two weeks many of the news stories surrounding OU have one common, reoccurring theme - communication breakdown.

It's becoming more and more apparent that there is a serious communication problem among students, faculty and OU administrators.

NCA REPORT

Highlighted in the 1996 NCA report, the evaluators noted "communication barriers" between OU administration and faculty. The NCA evaluation team stressed the need for improvements in this particular area. The lack of communication has developed into a major change with OU's Senate. The report found that reorganization and newly initiated internal communication strategies have improved the situation. The evaluators recognized that growth and rapid change at the university make effective communication an ongoing challenge.

SENATE CHANGES

Due to the growing communication conflict between administrators and faculty members, many faculty on the University Senate want that body to become one for faculty only. According to the NCA report, a petition was circulated among faculty, with more than 180 signatures, requesting the formation of a Faculty Senate. Faculty members cited several administrative decisions in which they had either very little or no faculty input at all. The change over to a Faculty Senate is part of an effort to "increase communication."

PETITIONING FOR CHANGE

Another recent story which is gaining student support by the hundreds is the issue over the commencement ceremony location. This crusade is being led by two OU students who are determined to be heard and be recognized.

I personally commend these two for their boldness and their perseverance and their determination to uphold their cause. It disturbs me that in order for students to be heard by OU administration they have to go to these extremes.

SAFB Chair, Adam Kochenderfer said, "It's extremely important that students voice their opinions early on so we don't have another golf course or Pepsi scenario. If students only begin to voice their concerns one month before the event, those concerns will NEVER be taken seriously!" Boy isn't that the truth.

Before I was involved at The Oakland Post, I never really paid much attention to campus issues. But since I've taken the position of Editor In Chief, I'm right in the midst of campus issues. And the one problem that has always stood out in my mind is the need for communication. It's amazing to me that an institution such as OU has to suffer because everybody's talking, but nobody's listening.

Jenn Madjarev

LETTERS TO THE editor

Russell supports Faculty Senate, student committee involvement

Dear Editor,

An article and Letter to the Editor in the February 2 Oakland Post concerning the proposed amendments to the University Senate constitution that would eliminate the three student seats warrant a response.

A year ago the faculty approved Senate constitutional amendments that would revise Senate membership retaining one student seat, one AP seat, and the Provost seat. The faculty proposed to retain these three seats to promote communications between the Senate and the bodies that represent students (University Congress), APs (AP Assembly) and the academic administration (Dean's Council). Before the amendments could be effective they had to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The Board has now informed the faculty that they will only approve amendments if these three non-faculty seats are eliminated.

The Board apparently believes that the mechanism by which the University President receives advice from faculty should be totally distinct from how he receives advice from students, APs, and academic administrators.

The proposed Faculty Senate in no way eliminates the opportunity for students to

express their "needs", opinions, and advice. The University Congress will continue to provide students with direct communication with the President.

When the faculty last year proposed the revised Senate membership, they simultaneously called for a new body consisting of the presidents of the Senate, Congress, and Assembly to meet regularly with the Provost to assure the three constitutional bodies were consulted on all matters of mutual concern.

Faculty supporters of the amendments have continually stressed their desire to retain the current committee structure and open meeting format for the Senate.

The Senate allows non-senators to speak during the discussion of any topic and welcomes comments from all students. The senate committees, where proposals for Senate actions are studied and developed, have seats for multiple student representatives.

If students could be found to fill all student committee seats, the students would have a much stronger voice in the Senate issues than is possible with three voting members.

Joel W. Russell
Faculty Senator

Senior 'outraged' over stolen cash

Dear Editor,

Words cannot express the outrage I felt when I read last week's edition (1/26) of the Oakland Post. I am referring to the missing funds from the Student Congress Bookswap. It seems that our student representatives have found yet another way to cost the students their hard earned tuition and fee dollars.

Several things upset me about the missing funds. First and foremost, Congress failed to learn from last year's mistake. Yes, you heard me correctly, last year's money was also stolen. Second, if Congress has a safe to secure valuables, then why was \$1,300 being carried around in a cash box? Why weren't these funds, upon receipt, deposited into their university account or placed into the safe? There only should have been enough money in the cash box to make change for students purchasing textbooks. Third, why are so many keys floating around to the congress office? This poses a serious security risk, as I'm sure they now realize. Finally, why is the money to repay the students who participated in the Bookswap being taken from the fund where our activity fee dollars go? This money should clearly be taken from the pocket of the legislator who blatantly violated policy by not securing the Bookswap funds?

However, perhaps the most sickening thing about this whole situation is that when our Congress debated what to do about replacing these funds, no decision could be made because the required number of legislators for a quorum dissipated. These are our elected representatives, who didn't even care enough to stick around at a meeting and decide how to act regarding this situation.

Student Congress has displayed an obvious lack of concern for our hard earned money and lack of interest in the issues surrounding this travesty. I strongly encourage Congress to reevaluate its purpose here on campus and ask if it really needs to continue its existence.

Joe Rozell
Senior, Public Administration

Is it just me or does something really suck about the Banner Computer System, or is it just an excuse made up by the faculty members? I've had my major status mysteriously go back to my previous major, my change of address lost, and I've had countless problems with the Financial Aid Department.

The food in the Oakland Center is good, but I think there should be more variety. Also, I don't understand why Taco Bell has to close so early.

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MITCHELL

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like to see Congress in it's truest form: student governance. We are your sole voice for student representation, whether it's with the Board of Trustees, the nasty Faculty Senate, or with the Administration. I just can't see that the average student around campus (this means you) would want us to spend this much money for the Keeper of The Dream. Again, I can't stress enough that I'm not against the event itself, but rather the amount of money Congress wants to give to it. If this is Congress' role, i.e. providing free tickets to events on campus, are we going to be willing to purchase and give 30 students seats at the next women's swim meet, men's basketball game, or Dan Quayle lecture? I really think that we need to look at the big picture here rather than an individual case.

As I've implied, the Student Congress Legislature voted unanimously to approve the allocation for three tables even after my objections. On Monday, Feb. 07, I presented a line-item veto against purchasing the third table. My veto was overturned by a unanimous decision, but I didn't veto this legislation because I thought it would actually reduce the number of tables from three to two. As Student Body President, I am chief spokesperson for the 14,000 plus students that attend this university. And as

chief spokesperson, I think it is of wrong judgement to spend this much of your money on this single event. Every year there are several open spots at the Keeper of The Dream Banquet, and every year there are spots available for those students who really want to go but can't afford it. I assure you that this year will be no different.

While I'm sure that had I just let this go and kept my peace I would not have received any of the grief or criticism that was presented to me last week, I can not sign this bill into legislation in good conscience. I believe that ideologically, Student Congress should be allocating it's resources to better represent students and continue the fight for student rights, not give out free tickets.

But while I have this ideological picture of Student Congress, I am open to the chance that I'm dead wrong. I would very much appreciate any feedback or comments that you may have about this issue or about Student Congress in general. Please feel free to contact me at (248)370-4292 or email me at nrmitch@oakland.edu. Better yet, write a letter to The Oakland Post and voice your opinion there. I think I'm speaking on behalf of a majority of the student body, and if I'm not, please prove me wrong.

LATIN

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Barajas encourages all students with a genuine interest in the Latino culture to take part in the organization and become an active member to not only

learn about the Latino culture but help make an impact on OU as a whole.

Meetings are held weekly from 12-1 p.m., Wednesdays in the Lake Ontario Room in the OC. For additional information contact Catarina Barajas at (248) 370-3367.

GRAD

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Pavilion. Their concern was for those seniors who have already spent money on invitations and announcements with the earlier date and O-Rena location printed on them.

Goclan and Durso asked OUSC for tables in the Oakland Center for students to sign petitions, and also asked Congress members to help staff the tables. They are also planning to make banners, continue posting flyers, and hope to organize a speaker's forum for next week. "We are going full force to fight this thing," said Durso.

Student Congress President Nick Mitchell is in full support of Goclan and Durso's efforts. "Nothing is set in stone, so don't let them tell you that. The best thing we can do is to continue collecting signatures. Just tell me how to help," said

Mitchell.

Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees, Bonifacio DeLaRosa, also attended the Student Congress meeting and expressed his opinions on the commencement issue. "I care about it because students care about it," said DeLaRosa.

Mitchell and Bonifacio plan on meeting with President Russi later this week concerning commencement ceremonies, and to get Russi's opinions on the matter.

Anyone with questions or support can email Carrie Goclan at clgoclan@oakland.edu or Rick Durso at rldurso@oakland.edu, or stop by the tables in the OC.

BOOKS

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more wary of the policies," he said.

Filer also dispelled the rumor that the cash box was in plain view in the office. He said the box was hidden under a pile of papers, so "someone would have to look for it...or know where it was" in order to steal it.

The Student Congress safe is located in Mitchell's office. The safe was not used because Mitchell's office is locked when he is not there. Mitchell explained that if he

closed the bookswap one day locking the cash box in his office, then the person opening it the next day would not have access to the cash box unless he gave them access.

"Storing the box in the Center for Student Activities office would be the best solution to this problem," he said.

Last year's theft of \$400 was covered by drawing money from other funds by then president Scott Andrews without Congress approval. Mitchell hopes to avoid doing the same by passing the bill.

SENATE

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have been periodically raised but gained widespread support last year when faculty input was bypassed on the development of a second golf course.

After tomorrow's hearing, the amendments will go on to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Under the amendments, the senate would consist of 50 senators, elected by and from members of each academic division, not including Deans and Administrative Professionals. Any new

divisions added in the future will add four seats.

The presiding officer of the Senate would be changed from the Provost to the Senate President, elected by the senate for a two-year term.

The Lake Michigan Room, where the hearing will be held, is in the basement of the OC.

The proposed senate amendments are readable at www.oakland.edu/senate/const99ro.html

opposed to those in Kentucky.

Kevin Early, Faculty Representative to Student Congress, said, "I think as students of OU, we have a golden opportunity to show compassion and to take our education and outreach to people less fortunate. Education is of no value to us unless it is properly disseminated. Sometimes we need to set a precedent, and this is our opportunity."

The Congress body voted and approved the additional funding for the project.

Last on the agenda was the discussion involving the commencement ceremony relocation issue. OU students Carrie Goclan and Rick Durso approached Student Congress for help in their efforts to challenge the administration's decision to move graduation ceremonies. "We need your help. We can't do it alone. So far we have petitions circulating around campus by students and faculty. We know that it's going to take more than signatures to get this problem solved," said Goclan.

Mitchell commended the two students for their hard work. "Just remember, nothing is set in stone. There can still be change. But keep up the struggle," said Mitchell.

Mitchell has arranged to meet with President Russi to further discuss the graduation ceremony issue.

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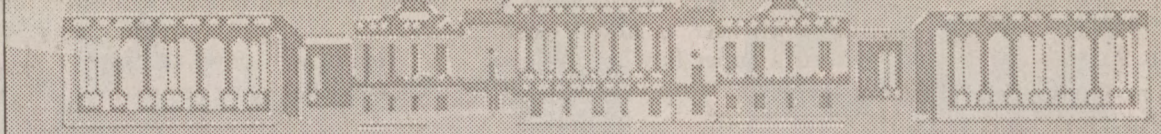
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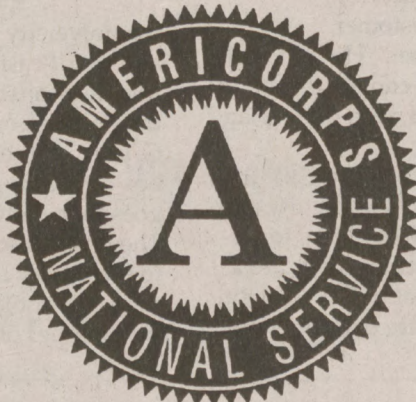
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For more information contact elections chair Carly Nelson at 370-4290.

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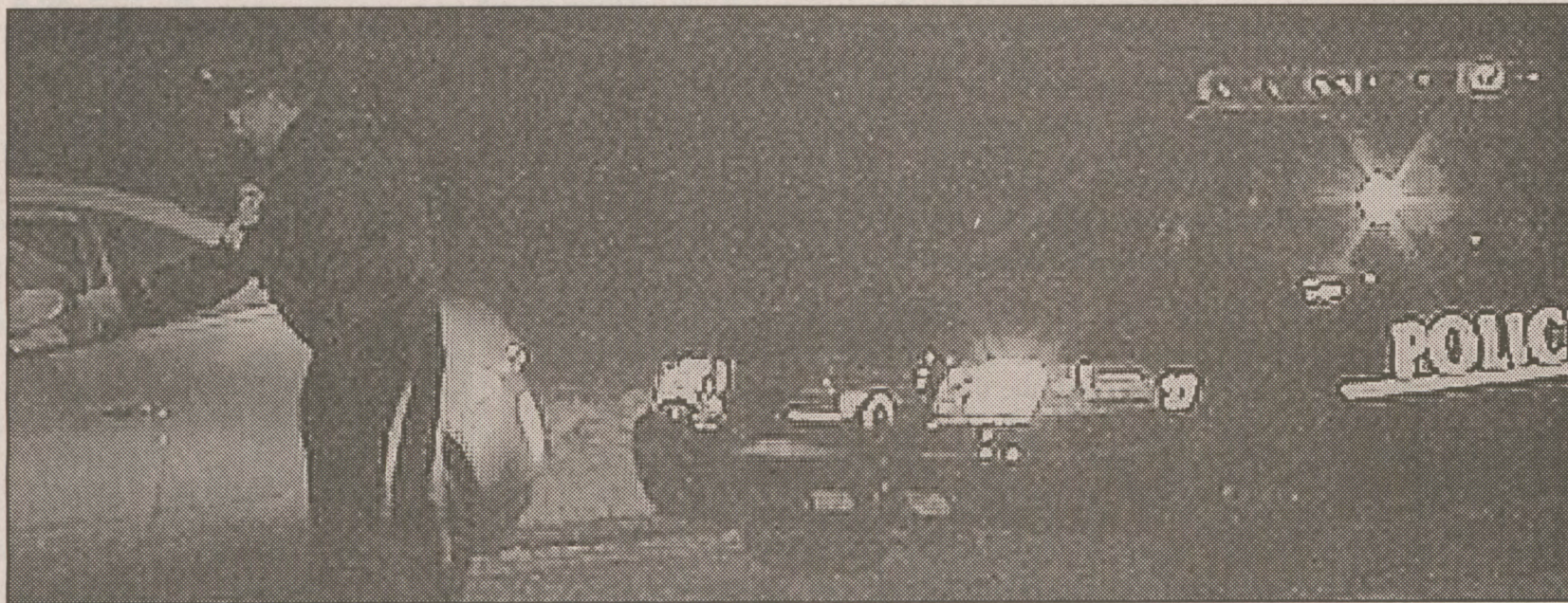
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Drunken driving results in higher penalties, stiffer fines

By Jessica Jefferson
OF THE OAKLAND POST

In the aftermath of Super Bowl Sunday, an event which results in increased drunken driving violations, most didn't take the time to realize the repercussions of what "just a few drinks" at a social event such as Super Bowl Sunday could cause.

During the recent holiday season, teens as well as adults were warned with billboard advertisements and commercials regarding drinking and driving. Many business owners and public awareness groups alike held campaigns encouraging people to drink responsibly on Christmas and New Years Eve.

But, when asked if they considered the new drunken driving laws enacted in October, 1999 in Michigan when they reached for that third beer as Eddie George scored a Super Bowl touchdown, most people responded that, "it

wasn't the biggest thing on their mind at that moment." "Unfortunately, it could be a much more vivid moment if you are pulled over for suspicion of drunk driving," says Steve Mellado of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

He estimates that 17 people were issued alcohol related violations in the county on Super Bowl Sunday. "We as law enforcers are making it tougher and tougher to drive away from and officer after being pulled over for this type of suspicion."

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by an officer, drivers are asked a series of field questions, such as saying the ABCs in order to give the officer a reasonable idea of whether the driver is capable of being on the road safely. He or she may then ask the driver to take a Preliminary Breath test, or PBI, in order to determine the breath alcohol content (BAC). Due to the new Implied

Consent Law, if the driver refuses to take this test, the result is an automatic issuance of a civil infraction citation carrying a fine of \$100 plus court costs, as well as the driver's license being confiscated on scene, an automatic suspension of the license for a minimum of six months, and six points being added to their record. The Implied Consent Law basically states that by signing a license to operate a vehicle, the driver is giving his or her consent to be tested for BAC if stopped by an officer for suspicion of drunk driving.

Regardless of whether the driver takes the test, if the officer has reasonable information to believe that they are intoxicated to the point of impairment, the individual is taken in to partake in a chemical test which determines whether or not their blood alcohol level exceeds the Michigan State

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OU Credit Union offers special rates

By Mike Hoban
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Oakland University students, faculty, staff and their families can take advantage of the great rates and personalized service at the OU Branch of the MSU Federal Credit Union.

The credit union has been a part of OU since the university became independent in 1957. The OU branch office, built in 1971, is located just off campus at 3265 Five Points Drive, on the opposite side of Squire Road near Walton.

When the OU Credit Union was compared to Bank One and T&C Federal Credit Union, both near campus, all three had the same basic services: checking and savings accounts, loans, IRAs, CDs, money markets, financial counseling, ATM/24-hour banking and bank-by-phone service. OU Credit Union had better rates on share and checking accounts than the other two. Bank One had more service fees, including a charge for ATM use. An OU

Credit Union member can use the ATMs on campus at no charge.

According to OU Credit Union Vice-President John Savio the advantage they offer over a bank is low cost loans, higher interest on savings and IRAs, discount auto insurance (including AAA), and car purchasing services with no fees. The best advantage, said Savio, is "the individual personalized customer service. You're not a customer, you're a member." He also said that when you contact the credit union, you will get a person, and not a machine.

The majority of the credit union membership are OU faculty and staff, but they would like to service more students. They are a strong supporter of OU student activities, and are partners with

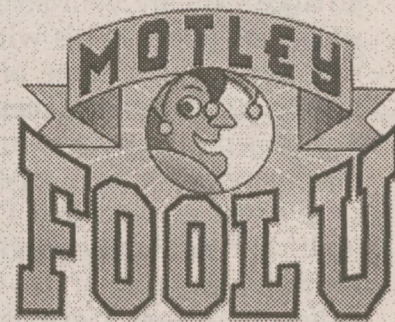


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the university with the Spirit-card and Spirit-cash services. In addition, they offer spirit-checks with the OU logo or the Golden Grizzly on them, and for every box of checks sold, a donation goes to the athletic department. They have also donated \$50,000 to the library for automated research scholarships, donate to the "Keeper of the Dream" pro-

gram for scholarships, and donate to the women's athletic department with money and gifts to support their scholarships.

Vice-President Savio personally supports the university, is a Presidents Club member, belongs to Oakland 100, and the Hoop Group supporting men's and women's basketball.



Roth and Taxes

Q: Do Roth IRA accounts have to be opened prior to tax filing deadlines (April 15 or the extended date), or can they be opened at any time since the funds are taxable? Also, can you open an account with a small amount of money and then add to it monthly? — D.S., via the Internet

A: There's a hard cap on Roth IRA contributions. For 1999, the latest that a contribution can be made is April 15, 2000 (actually April 17, since the 15th falls on a Saturday). No extensions are allowed to make IRA contributions (and we mean NO extensions!). So the tax filing deadline is the drop-dead date — regardless of whether or not you file an extension for your tax return. In other words, you can file your regular taxes late (though we don't advise that), but your Roth deadline won't change.

What's the difference between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA? You get no tax deduction for the tax year in which you contribute to a Roth IRA, as you do with a traditional IRA. However, when you withdraw the money, it isn't taxed. That's right — you get off scot-free with the booty. So paying the piper now before contributing to the Roth IRA may work out to be better for you than paying him later on your investment profits.

The earliest that you could have made contributions for your 2000 Roth IRA was Jan. 1, 2000. Yes, we know we're being strict this week, but we're feeling a backlash to all that holiday hoopla.

As you point out, since there are no immediate tax benefits accruing to the Roth IRA contribution, it might seem immaterial when the contribution is made. But from a couple of stand-points, it really is. First, there's that sticking point of the \$2,000 contribution limitation each year. Anything more than that and you get hit with a penalty. So you must keep track of where you are from year to year. If you decide to contribute to both 1999 and 2000 Roth IRAs between Jan. 1 and April 15, you better know which money's going where!

Remember that with a Roth IRA you can withdraw your "principal" early. That is, you can take out any contributions that you've made, as distinct from the earnings that the money has generated. If you decide to do this, then you'll want to know when (and how much) your original contribution was. So, again, keep good records.

Can you open an account with a small amount of money to start and then add to it monthly? Absolutely. Just check on minimum amounts needed to open an account at your discount broker and whether there are any other requirements for making deposits. Also, if you're going to do this, be sure that you aren't being charged a fee each time you make a deposit. For that matter, we recommend parking your IRA money with a discount broker who isn't going to charge you any maintenance fees, period.





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SEHS building in planning stages

By The Oakland Post Staff

Editor's Note: The following story was run incompletely in our last issue. Here is the story reprinted in its entirety.

Hard hats and construction trailers might continue to dot OU's landscape well into the future with the approval in mid-December by the Governor and state legislature for OU to begin the planning process for the proposed \$31.5 million School of Education and Human Services classroom/office building.

Authorization to begin planning, at OU's expense, was one of 43 college and university projects authorized around the state late last year.

The Governor and the legislature did not give approval to two other campus priority projects—the proposed \$16.8 million renovation of Varner Hall and the proposed \$9.9 million renovation of

Dodge Hall.

Among the state's schools, only two construction projects, one at U-M Ann Arbor and the other at Mott Community College in Flint, were approved this year.

OU officials made the education building its top priority in its request to the state in response to a 10 percent growth in enrollment in SEHS between 1994-7. SEHS, currently housed in O'Dowd Hall, has run out of space to run its programs and labs in Counseling and other areas.

Rochelle Black, OU's director of government relations said, "The legislature and the governor worked diligently together to develop a system to fund building projects for state universities and colleges. We appreciate their commitment to providing the funds necessary for us to accommodate our growth and support our school of education with this new building."

According to a letter to Engler from the university dated Jan. 6, OU has

grown 17 percent since 1995. Also outlined in the letter was the "phenomenal increase in undergraduate (82 percent) and graduate (43 percent) enrollment in the SEHS [program]."

"We anticipate that [SEHS] will continue to grow," said Black. "They've outgrown the facility already."

The new facility will be close to 110,000 square feet and will provide specialized and general purpose classrooms and computer labs as well as faculty and staff offices. It will be divided into five departments.

The Counseling section will offer Doctoral and Master of Arts degrees. This will include work in the professional counseling of youths, adults and groups.

Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership will be a section offering programs in teaching and leadership including an Education Specialist degree and a Master of Education degree.

The Human Development and Child

Studies section will offer a special education program (undergraduate) and will house doctoral and master degree programs for those studying early childhood, and special education dealing with learning disabilities, the emotionally impaired child and autistic children.

A Human Resource Development curriculum will include a master's degree as well as a Bachelor of Science degree for careers in service-action related to training, development, human problems, support services and social changes.

Courses and degrees in Reading and Language Arts will also be available in the SEHS building.

No decisions have been made about the location of the building since the budget approval. The primary designer and contractors for the project will be decided by April 6 at the Board of Trustee's meeting. As of today, plans for occupancy is set for Fall 2002.

Drunken Driving

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If it does, the driver is arrested and, according to new laws, their driving license is automatically seized for a minimum of ninety days. They also face the probability of facing a forfeiture of their own vehicle if the judge deems it necessary—even on a first offense. It is at this time when the real fines and consequences come into play.

PENALTIES FOR DRIVING DRUNK

For the first offense of legal-aged drinkers, several factors are considered,

such as the driver's BAC, and also in the visible signs of impairment. If the driver's BAC level is at or exceeds the legal limit, the arresting officer will charge the accused with what is called an UBAC/OUIL, which is Operating with an Unlawful Bodily Alcohol Content (UBAC) and Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL). These are the two charges that incur the most severe of penalties.

A lesser charge befitting this type of crime is called Operating While Impaired (OWI), and is generally used as a bargaining chip by the driver's attorney, since the penalties on this type of conviction are not as severe.

For underage drinking, Michigan has instituted a Zero Tolerance policy which states that any minor whose blood alcohol level is at or exceeds 0.02 is automatically arrested on a drunk driving charge. The actual penalty would be decided by looking at the history of criminal offensive behavior by the individual.

RESULTS FROM THE NEW LAWS

With all of these new laws being implemented, has there been a great change in the rate of drunken driving violations?

Judge Brian MacKenzie of the 52nd-1st District Court, who is known for his crack-down on drunken drivers, states that because the laws are so new there hasn't

been a drastic drop yet. "People aren't expecting to get caught. The ramifications just aren't recognized yet."

Lawmakers are in an ongoing process of reform with regard to drunken driving. President George Clinton has already implemented new legislature that gives states incentives to lower their BAC level requirements such as grants and funding for special projects. Local lawmakers are also involved in the reform. Judge MacKenzie said that he and others are currently working on several projects that they would like to see launched next year.

"I would like to see the BAC level dropped to .08 for OUIL, and .05 for OWI."



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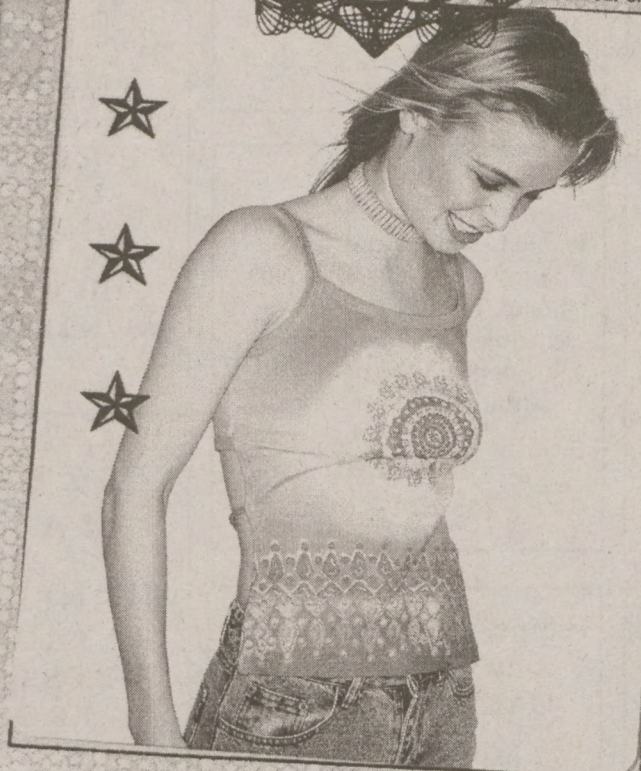
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FEB. 12 - at Western Illinois, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FEB. 10 - at Southern Utah, 7:15 p.m.

FEB. 12 - at Western Illinois, 12 noon

TENNIS

FEB. 11 - at Dayton, 6 p.m.

FEB. 12 - vs. Wright State (at Dayton), 10 a.m.

MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

FEB. 11 - CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 7 p.m.

FEB. 12 - at Muskegon, 8 p.m.

The sports department would like to apologize for last week's error in the Player of the Week. Georgi Kinsela was pictured incorrectly.

Double overtime thriller

Intense emotions surround double overtime victory

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Exciting is not a strong enough word to describe the thrilling 83-77 double overtime victory by OU's women's basketball team against Valparaiso last Wednesday.

The Grizzlies started out the game playing sluggish, and it looked like Valparaiso was going to get an easy win as the Crusaders jumped out to a 15-6 early lead.

It didn't help that Sarah Judd got into early foul trouble, and had to sit with little more than five minutes left in the first half. After a time out, the team re-grouped and cut its deficit to 28-22 at the half.

Head coach Becky Francis said, "At halftime I felt that the team was frustrated. It was just a frustrating game, and I was upset because we just turned it over, and we just cut it to within six too. But I had to get my composure, and go in and tell them, as ugly as that was, I can't believe it, we're still only down six. I said just put that behind you. We shot 26% from the floor, and we don't

shoot like that, and I knew that wouldn't keep going on so I just said relax, our shots are gonna fall because we're taking good shots."

Francis was right as the team cut its deficit to two points in the first two minutes of the second half. The rest of the way was a dog fight for the Grizzlies, as Judd came alive, scoring 21 of her 25 points.

Down 61-58 with 11 seconds left in the game, OU took a 20-second time out to set up a three point attempt. After a series of screens, Judd popped out on the wing and nailed a three pointer to send the game to its first overtime.

Francis said, "I want to give the players credit, they are doing that so well now, they know that Judd is the go-to, and she can take a game over, and I know a lot of coaches always worry about how they are going to defend her."

The extra five minutes featured a major setback for the home team, as Judd fouled out with a little less than three minutes to go. The players held their composure however, and found themselves tied at 68 at the

end of the first overtime.

Katie Wolfe, who turned up her own intensity, said, "After Sarah fouled out, I just thought I needed to step up, and I just got really into it, and something came over me, and I just said that I had to play good and step up and that's what I did."

Wolfe scored seven points in the second overtime on her way to 25 on 8-14 shooting for the game.

Other OU players who did well were Beth Zeone with 20 points, and Romica Clint with six points and eight assists. Another unheard of stat was that the Grizzlies hit 28 of 30 free throws for the game.

The win catapulted the Grizzlies to third-place in the Mid-Con and boosted the overall record to 11-9.

Judd said, "I think this win was bigger than the Youngstown win because we had to come out and beat them again after we beat them once."

INJURY UPDATE- Becky Barok re-broke her left foot during a celebration on the bench.

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

If someone were to say, "The final score was 12-5," one would probably think that that they were referring to baseball. Well, not this time.

OU's Men's Club Ice Hockey team, the Black Bears, defeated Washtenaw Community College by that score on Saturday night, boosting its overall record to 14-9.

The Black Bears came out flat as the team gave the puck away in its own zone a few times, and eventually paid the price, as Washtenaw took an early 1-0 lead.

OU turned it around however, and scored its first goal on the power play shortly there after, and pretty much coasted the rest of the way.

Assistant coach Tom Ricketts said, "Given the fact that the last time we played the final score was 17-5, for a player it's hard to get up for a game

like this, knowing that you're gonna play a weaker team, so we came out a little flat, but we overcame that."

Head Coach Anthony Jalaba added, "We turned it around real quick after that first goal. We played very well offensively and got a lot of shots on goal, especially in the first period. We had more shots on goal in the first period than I think we've had in any single period this season."

The second period featured more of the same, as there were five goals scored, all by the Black Bears.

Team captain Scott Schnedler said, "We're probably way above where I thought we would be in the beginning of the season. In the beginning everything was going rough, and nobody really knew anybody or played really high levels of hockey, but we have come together as a team really well and everything's going good."

Going into the third period up 9-1, the Black Bears looked confident and

relaxed. Being relaxed worked against the team however, as Washtenaw scored four goals to the Black Bears' three in the final period.

Jalaba said, "We basically just wanted to come out of the third period healthy, and we didn't want any stuff occurring after the whistle, so we basically just wanted to dump the puck in and let the other team put on the pressure, which is what we did, but they did get a few goals there at the end. That is something that happens unfortunately with a big lead, and guys sometimes let up a little bit, which is what happened. I think this was a good tune up game for the big game against Central on Friday, We will be ready."

The game on Friday against Central Michigan will feature Red Wings National Anthem singer, Karen Newman singing the Star Spangled Banner before the game. Game time is at 7:30 p.m.

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Black Bears
slash WCC in
12-5 victory

Attitudes, tattoos and drugs in professional athletics

Special treatment for professional athletes is getting out of hand. Athletes are more than football and basketball players, they are celebrities -- celebrities who receive extra attention in all aspects of life.

Dennis Rodman, ex-Pistons' "Bad Boy," has just signed with the Dallas Mavericks after being let go last April from the L.A. Lakers.

Rodman will be paid \$12,195 per game for a total of more than \$465,000 for the remainder of the season. \$465,000 for a couple months of work. If you can call it work for Rodman.

Maverick's team owner Mark Cuban has given Rodman permission to arrive to games later than other players and to ride a station-

ary bike instead of attending practice if he wants.

Cuban has also allowed Rodman to live in his own 4,000 square foot guest house. League rules require that

Rodman be charged the \$3,000 going rate for a home.

This special treatment goes to Rodman who does have impressive career achievements. Not only for points, but also for fouls, ejections, tattoos and hair colors. Rodman has scored 6,649 points, 11,783 rebounds. In that time he has had 2,802 personal fouls, 211 technicals, 20 ejections and 11 suspensions.

Rodman has been a symbol of non-conformity for years



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now, and Cuban says that he wants "Dennis to be Dennis" and is encouraging his erratic behavior.

A separate issue in the world of professional sports is drug use. In the

Olympics, marijuana use results in the loss of any medals won. However, the NBA isn't that strict with athletes who are role models to millions of children around the world.

During one fall training camp 12 of 430 players on the opening day roster tested positive for marijuana use. These players were warned months in advance of the test and are not held responsible the way that Olympic athletes are.

Athletes in the NBA who test positive for marijuana use once must attend a league after-care program. A second offense will cost the player \$15,000, and a third offense will result in a five game suspension. Players can not be dismissed from the league for marijuana use.

However, the league is stricter when it comes to harder drugs. Any athlete who tests positive for cocaine, heroine, amphetamines or LSD will be banished from the league for at least three years.

Professional athletes are given treatment that most individuals would not find morally correct. Drunk driving charges are dismissed and appealed for athletes. The average person would pay fines and lose driving

privileges.

If society is going to hold athletes to such a high celebrity standing, then athletes and leagues need to assure the public that they are worthy role models.

Children all over the world look up to athletes and want to be "Just like Mike." If these role models can't stand up to that pressure on their own, then the league needs to set strict guidelines and keep the athletes in check. No longer should they receive all the breaks and free rides.

They need to be held accountable for their mistakes, just like the rest of us.

Kelli Petrove is a senior Journalism major and Sports Editor at THE OAKLAND POST.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

JUMP SHOT: Freshman guard Romica Clint jumps up to get a shot off against Valparaiso on Wednesday.

Crusaders dominate 'O'rena

By Becky Barok
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Despite a five point lead at halftime, OU's men's basketball team fell to the Valparaiso Crusaders for the fourth straight time, 65-62 Thursday night at the 'O'rena.

OU fell to 7-16 overall, and 5-4 in the conference.

The Grizzlies took care of the ball, and controlled the boards well in the first half. OU committed only five turnovers to Valparaiso's ten, and the rebounds were in favor of the Grizzlies, 21-18.

Sebastien Bellin led all rebounders with eight in the first half, but OU's lead and good play was left behind in the first period.

A confrontation between the teams and chaotic scramble in the last minute of the first half set the stage for what was to come in the poorly disciplined second half.

The Crusaders came out of the locker room fired up and went on a 16-2 run to start the second half.

Head Coach Greg Kampe

said, "I can't believe the way we played to start the second half. It was as bad of basketball that I've ever seen a team play that I've coached. I don't have a lot of praise to say about my team, I think we stunk, I'm disappointed and embarrassed. People saw that on T.V."

"I'm extremely angry with my team. We should have won this basketball game. I'm tired of losing to them by three points or two points," Kampe said.

The Grizzlies tried to add some speed to the lineup against the much larger Crusaders and gain some points from the foul line.

OU did not shoot one free-throw in the first half, but the Grizzlies did manage to go to the line 14 times, converting 12 of them in the second half.

"We had a chance of doing something special here in front of a big crowd, and we just threw it away. And I'll tell you what, we played 23 times, and 22 times we walked off the court this year, and I've been extremely proud of them, but tonight I don't even want to look at them. I'm sure they don't want to look

at me. We played scared...no one wants to shoot the ball," Kampe said.

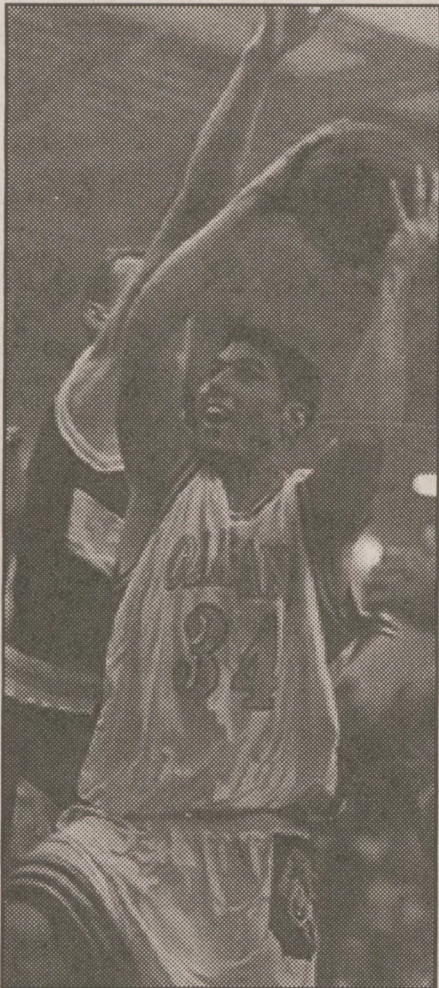
There was a slight momentum swing as Brad Buddenborg threw down a dunk, that left three Crusaders on the floor, drawing a foul in the process, but it just wasn't enough.

As the game came down to crunch time, the Grizzlies couldn't convert a three-pointer that would have sent the game in overtime.

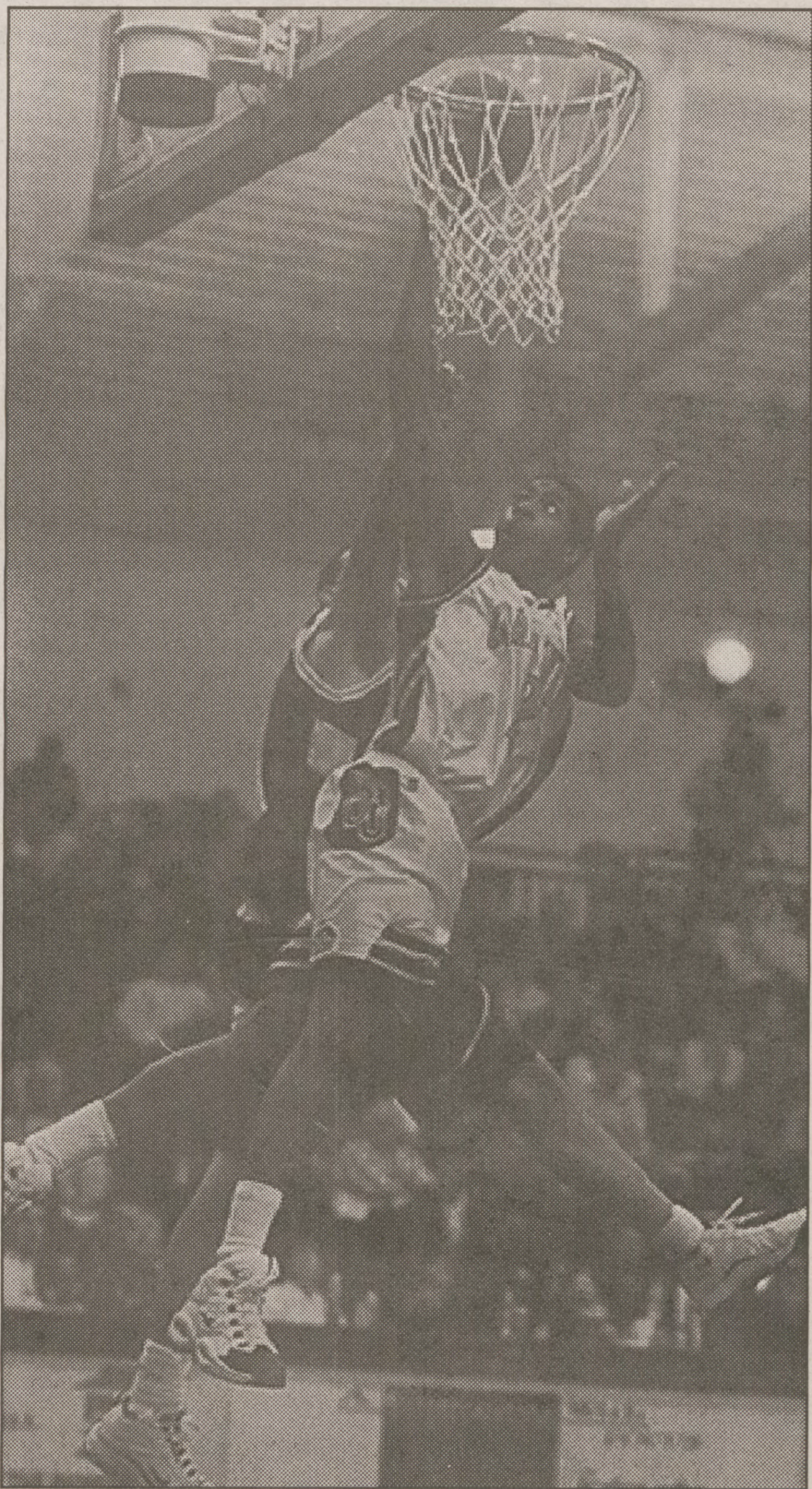
After the game, Jason Rozycki said, "It's definitely been a tough year on us all with Dan (Champagne) getting hurt, and we gotta get through it and hopefully it will make us better."

Rozycki, who had 17 points in the first meeting with Valpo lead the team along with Buddenborg with 14 points apiece Thursday night.

The men's next home game will be on Feb. 17 against IUPUI. Tip-off will be at 7:35 p.m.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
AIMING HIGH: Sophomore guard Brad Buddenborg tries to close gap against Valpo.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
DEDICATION: Sophomore guard Mychal Covington reaches behind himself to put one in the basket against Valparaiso on Thursday.

on campus SKIING

By Nathan Borsheim
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

For everyone interested in cross country skiing, look no further than the Rec center. The Rec center has 10-15 pairs of skis, poles and boots available to students and their guests.

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Most other rental areas charge \$15-\$17 for an eight- to nine-hour day, and require that renters stay on location. Besides renting at the Rec center, Independence Oaks County Park and Kensington Park offer cross country skiing.

So far this season, students haven't taken advantage of the Rec centers skis. To use the equipment, go to the basement of the Rec center and inquire at the information desk.

Weekend meets put men and women ahead

By Lisa Cali
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The men's swim team won its last two dual meets this weekend against Ohio University and Cleveland State University, while the women beat Cleveland State and St. Bonaventure University and lost to Ohio University.

At Friday's meet against Ohio, the winning score for the men was 120-105, but the women trailed behind Ohio, 91-149.

Men's Head coach Pete Hovland was happy to see some swimmers who had been in the shadows rise to the top over the weekend.

"Pat Foley, Colin Dolcetti and Jim Kanak all swam very well and look like they will step up and perform well at the conference meet," Hovland said.

Foley, who returned after being out for a year and a half, placed fourth in the 100y and 500y freestyle against CSU. Dolcetti placed third in the 100y

breaststroke and fifth in the 200y individual medley. Kanak placed second in the 100y breaststroke and fourth in the 100y butterfly.

In the meet against Ohio University, Dave Hartzel, Yoav Ritter and Nick Sosnowski stole the top three spots in the 200y freestyle. In the 100y butterfly Ritter, Dolcetti, Kanak and Wesley Brown took the top four spots.

"We finished the dual meet season with two victories, but now the focus is shifting to the NIC Championship. It takes talent and depth to win a championship, and the newcomers are adding that depth," Hovland said.

The women are still one dual meet away from completely shifting their focus to the NIC Championship, but it is a big goal for them, too.

"We want to challenge the kids and try to win the NIC," Head Women's coach Scott Teeters said.

The women had a great challenge on Friday against Ohio, which now has a dual meet record of 11-1. Despite the

loss to Ohio, the women swam well and were recuperated enough by Saturday to beat Cleveland State 150-69 and St. Bonaventure 143-100.

Diver Kazi Murr placed first in the 3m diving and second in the 1m diving at CSU. At the Ohio meet, she reciprocated those places to get first in the 1m and second in the 3m.

The 200y freestyle relay team of Yvonne Lynn, Tamara Swaby, Katie Walker and Danielle Ward placed first at both meets. Ward also won the 1000y freestyle at both meets.

The women swim against Eastern Michigan University on Feb. 11. The EMU match-up is a huge rivalry for the team, partly because Teeters coached there for two years.

The big goal for both teams, the NIC Championship Meet, will be held Feb. 24-26 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Mid-Continent Conference

Standings

Women's Basketball

	Conference	Overall
Western Illinois	8-3	14-8
Youngstown State	7-3	14-7
Oakland	6-3	11-9
Valparaiso	6-4	12-8
Oral Roberts	6-4	10-11
Southern Utah	5-6	10-11
IUPUI	5-6	10-11
UMKC	3-7	8-13
Chicago State	0-10	0-21

Men's Basketball

Youngstown State	7-3	10-11
Oral Roberts	6-3	10-11
Southern Utah	7-4	11-10
UMKC	6-4	11-10
Oakland	5-4	7-16
Chicago State	6-5	9-12
Valparaiso	5-5	11-11
Western Illinois	2-9	7-17
IUPUI	1-8	3-17

Player of the Week

- ❖ Club Ice Hockey
The Black Bears
- ❖ Forward
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- ❖ Troy High School,
Troy, MI
- ❖ Junior



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Wishaw had a hat trick and two assists during the Saturday night game against Wash t e n a w Community College. The Black Bears defeated WCC 12-5 on home ice at the Onyx Rochester Ice Arena. The Black Bears play at home on Friday against Central Michigan University.

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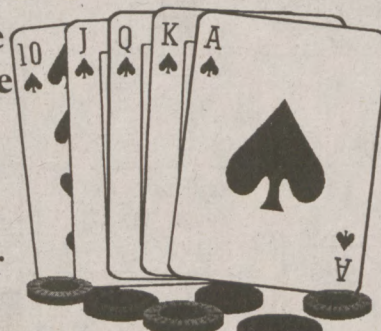
Saturday @ 8:00pm

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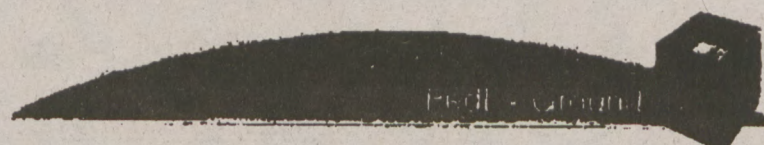
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THE CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

"What's Happening" This Week!

If you want to find out "what's happening" on OU's
Campus, this is the weekly column to read. This column is
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Office, 49 Oakland Center. Our phone number is 2400, on
campus, or (248) 370-2400, off campus.

CSA Office hours are:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday
8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday

"Funtastic" Survival Tips for Spring Break 2000

Tuesday, February 15
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Al Roker



The Student Life Lecture Board is pleased to announce that Al Roker,
of NBC's today Show will be it's first speaker of 2000. Roker will be
visiting Oakland University on March 21, the first full day of spring.
His lecture will be at 3:00 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets for
lecture will be available at the CSA Service Window. For OU
Students, tickets will be free, OU Faculty, Staff and OU Alumni
Association members, \$5.00 each and guests and the general public
will be \$7.00. Tickets will be available on Monday, February 14.

Every weekday morning, millions of Americans tune-in to Al Roker for
the first laugh of the day as well as the weather report. With warmth
and friendliness he is welcomed into America's households. According
to the NY Post, Al Roker "is the best-known and best-loved
weatherman in the world".

In his speeches, Mr. Roker talks candidly with his trademark humor
and with, about network television, and shares personal stories from his
family life. His up-lifting message will encourage you to strive for
excellence and will inspire you to live your life to the best of human
potential.

Weekly Games Tournaments in Bumpers Game Room

Bumpers Game Room will sponsor weekly tournaments Monday
- Thursday evenings. Participants can begin to sign up to one
week before the tournament begins and up to one hour before the
tournament begins. Entry fees are only \$2.00 per person. The
tournament begins at 6:30 p.m.

The tournament schedule is as follows:

Monday: Backgammon and Euchre (Backgammon on
February 14 and Euchre on February 21).
Tuesday: Billiards: Eight Ball
Wednesday: Billiards: Nine Ball
Thursday: Chess and Video Games (Chess on February 10
and Video Games on February 17).

Current Video Games Challenges:

On Golden Tee: (Get a "Hole in One" and win a free hour of
table time for Billiards!

➤ On Blitz: Have the most wins (from January 27 through
February 16) and win 4000 points toward prizes.

---CSA SERVICE WINDOW---

Sign up for CSA and Student Organization Events:

- Tickets for the March 9 Cornel West Lecture
beginning February 14
- Tickets for the March 21 Al Roker Lecture
beginning February 14

Sign up and tickets for SPB Events:

- Sign up for SPB's February 12 Trip to Hell (and
Back)
- Tickets for the February 13 performance of *Lord of
the Dance*

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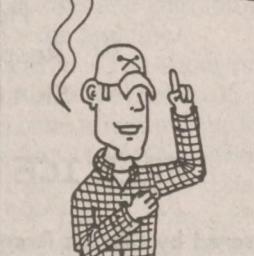


LEX

BLAKE, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN THIS WEEK? YOU'VE BEEN GONE EVERY NIGHT!

WELL, LEX, I DECIDED TO GET A JOB.

COLLEGE IS EXPENSIVE, SO LIKE ANY SELF-RESPECTING STUDENT WOULD DO, I SOUGHT EMPLOYMENT.



by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)



Damon's Signs of the Times

February 9 - February 16

ARIES (March 21-April 20) - Use your intuition to make decisions this week. Your emotions can run pretty high, so make sure you don't lash out at the ones you love. Things should become more stable soon.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) - You have to work pretty hard to get things in your life to move forward; take your challenges as a learning experience and make the best of it. Work on communicating clearly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Use discipline when speaking your mind or you could get into more trouble than it's worth. Work-related problems can conflict with your relationships if you do not watch your stress level.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - You can move mountains this week. This is a good time to take care of messy, complicated business. Watch your temper, though, as your intensity can easily turn into needless aggression.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - An associate or companion may have some insights into a current problem. Travel during the mid-week provides an emotional release - or an emotional high.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - An aggressive partner can help you get out of the house and on the town. Even mundane conversations have a great deal of power now; listen carefully for opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) - Work on clearing out the delusions about a romantic relationship; things will be better off in the end. Positive energy can be found by healthy self-expression and candor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Your possessiveness can stifle your romantic or creative life; remember that letting things go is the only way they can grow. Try to be careful about how you say things this week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - How you feel inside may be conflicting with how you are acting now; work on balancing the two by using self-honesty. Close family initiate change in your life, probably positive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Creative expression will help fill any void you have in your life. Thinking things out clearly and objectively will help you in a situation in which you have no control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - Time spent at home replenishes your energy; though you may have to fight to get downtime into your schedule, it is well worth it. Insights come from the strangest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Use your current versatility and energy well; try not to spread yourself out too thin. Emotional matters are touchy this week, so try to stay as objective as possible.

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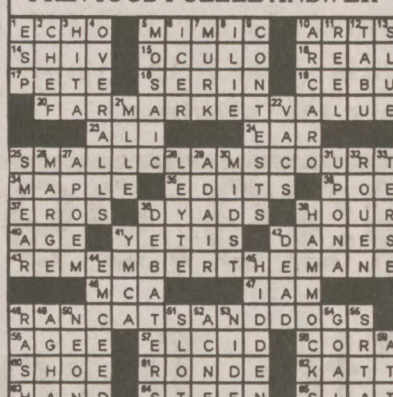
- 1 1988 Clint Eastwood film
- 5 Dumbfound
- 10 Old English bard
- 14 Licentious one
- 15 Critic, at times
- 16 Nuts or crackers
- 17 Source of impatience
- 20 Friends of Gauguin, e.g.
- 21 Phycologist's study
- 22 Button on a camcorder
- 23 Where toads sit?
- 24 Worrisome view

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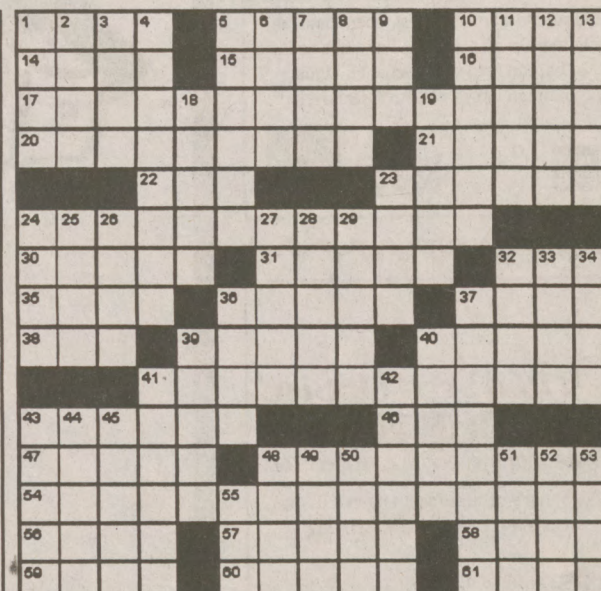
- 30 Brother of Romulus
- 31 Pursuer of Pleiades
- 32 Center of a busy metropolis
- 35 Nights spent in anticipation
- 36 Order to the computer
- 37 It may follow night
- 38 Lose or draw starter
- 39 Part company
- 40 Open pleasure boat
- 41 Bumper thumper
- 43 Acclivity
- 46 Like Hemingway's man of

- the sea
- 47 Fragmented rock
- 48 Kept company
- 54 Patient one's proverb
- 56 It makes a male bachelor a female bachelor
- 57 Shake on it
- 58 First person to identify Batman
- 59 Woodland ruminant
- 60 Renders aloud
- 61 Periods of note

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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"TIME TO RHYME" by Gayle Dean

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| 9 Commit a faux pas | 26 Eclipse, to some | 42 Orders about |
| 10 Slopes course | 27 Military acronym | 43 Felt the strain? |
| 11 Michael Crichton book | 28 Chauffeur's instruction | 44 It may be wiped clean |
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WEB girl

Web Girl is the coolest web-surfer at THE OAKLAND POST. Check out this space every week as she takes you on a trip through cyberspace, exploring the strangest, funniest and most interesting websites on the Internet. Take it away Web Girl...

They say the way to a man's (and woman's) heart is through their stomach, so why not whip up one of the 10 romantic meals taken from www.epicurious.com. Whether it's breakfast in bed or a cocktail party, their special Valentine's Day segment will provide you with a recipe for love.

If you're strapped for cash, you can still entertain your sweetie for FREE online. Send a virtual bouquet with www.virtualflowers.com or an e-smooch with www.thekiss.com. Send customized candy hearts at www.epicurious.com. Or, declare your love by dedicating a URL (website) to your significant other at www.aristotle.net/valentines/.

Are you a putz when it comes to romancing? Raise your romantic-skill factor by taking a peek of The RoMANtic's Guide at www.TheRomantic.com. Here you'll find "1000s" of creative pointers from how to be romantic on the phone, at work, with flowers, etc. to gift ideas. Or try www.valentinesforever.com.

Those who are single and dreading the 14th can find sympathy at the Anti-Valentines page at members.aol.com/twarden2/antivalentine/antival.html, the Protest Valentine's Day page at tribune-review.com/music/poems.html, or another Anti-Valentine's Day page at www.netreach.net/~trishy/vday.html. Be aware that some of these sites may be explicit!



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