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Construction is forcing commuters to maneuver to enter campus.

Road work slows drive

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

When you leave home in the morning, get into your car, roll down the windows and start your drive to school, make sure you're also thinking of alternative ways to get onto campus grounds.

The City of Auburn Hills started road construction on Sept. 15 at the intersection of University Drive and Squirrel Road.

The center section of the intersection of University Drive and Squirrel Road is scheduled for repaving from Monday, Sept. 20 to Friday, Sept. 24.

"There are many projects that go on in the city," Ron Melchert, deputy director of public services for Auburn Hills, said regarding the timing of the project. "This is the way we managed to get the scope of the work ... that's the way it fell in."

"Our contractor's great," he said.

"He pours it the same day he breaks. It will hopefully be done this week."

For those students, faculty or staff who travel eastbound on University Drive and wish to enter OU's main entrance, traffic will have to:

1. Turn right onto southbound Squirrel Road.
2. Make a U-turn onto northbound Squirrel Road.
3. Turn right onto University Drive.

From Sept. 15-17, the southwest corner of the intersection was broken up and repaved. The two right lanes of eastbound University Drive and southbound Squirrel Road were closed, but traffic progressed through the other lanes.

Melchert said that the city might need to do more repair work in the area next year.

"We've got some work there and we ran out of funds this year," he said.

Contention marks Fest

By TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

Controversial issues and a low number of attendees marked the first Freedom Festival held Thursday night by the College Republicans. It was held to raise awareness among the OU community about issues that the Republican Party will focus on in the upcoming election.

OUPD was at the event, at the request of the College Republicans, in case individuals attempted disruptive behavior, said David Lauber, chairman of the OU College Republicans.

Robert Spencer, an author who was invited to discuss the roots of terrorism, caused a stir when he made one thing clear: American troops need to stay overseas fighting terrorists.

Democratic presidential candidate, John Kerry, said he would bring American troops home, and although Spencer said that would be ideal, he said it would ignore the problems created in the Middle East.



Tara Fugate/The Oakland Post
Robert Spencer (above) spoke at Freedom Fest last Thursday.

Kerry wants to return to an idealistic time and embodies a wish to go back to the world that was, said Spencer. "Voting for John Kerry, is voting for Sept. 10."

"When you talk about fighting terrorism, you have to recognize your own hypocrisy," said Joe Culik, a political science senior. "The U.S. goes and uses cluster bombs, weapons of mass destruction,

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Despite how it may appear, Fall is here



Elizabeth Gorecki/The Oakland Post

Abnormally high temperatures have forced students to keep cool. Ironically enough, fall began at 12:30 today.

Stricter screening desired

By LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

OUSC heard complaints during their Monday meeting from two students who attended last week's Freedom Festival hosted by the College Republicans.

Nora Mohammad, junior, said

she was "very disappointed" in the address by keynote speaker Robert Spencer, a terrorism expert.

Mohammad said Spencer was both biased and slanderous in the comments he made regarding Muslims.

"It worries me that people will think that's the only way of

thinking," she said.

Mohammad said in the future she wants to ensure speaking guests are properly screened before coming to campus.

David Lauber, chairman of the OU College Republicans, said via e-mail that they do not necessarily agree with the majority of Spencer's remarks and are sorry

they offended some students.

"We do not endorse hate speech or intolerance, and would hope that the same rules would apply to other student groups, activities or speakers that offend other students," he said.

In other OUSC business:

•Applications for the OUSC Student of the Month Parking

Spot are due Friday, Sept. 24. Applications are available in the OUSC office and online.

•OUSC listened to complaints from students regarding the new printing policies on campus.

•Discussion on bill 05-10 was tabled.

•Brittani Hobbs was approved to the Student Program Board

(SPB) Executive Board.

•Congress approved new members to the Disciplinary Committee and the Steering Committee.

•Congress approved SPB guidelines.

•OUSC will meet next Monday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room.

Diversity still an issue at OU

By BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Diversity issues are still a high priority at OU.

At the Sept. 15 working session of the board of trustees (BOT), Director of the Office of University Diversity and Compliance (UDC) Joi M. Cunningham gave a special interim report on diversity initiatives.

Historically, OU has used traditional methods to attract diverse applicants for open positions, and this has yielded modest results.

In response, the BOT chal-

lenged UDC to think outside the box earlier this year, in an effort to attract a more diverse pool of candidates.

A series of meetings with OU graduates and corporate officials has led UDC to come up with a series of initiatives that can be separated into two distinct categories: those aimed at increasing diversity in recruitment and hiring and those that promote diversity and foster recognition of the importance of diversity.

One of the initiatives that will be taken is a pilot recruitment program, with

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Kerry lead dwindles in Michigan

By STEVEN THOMMA
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

WASHINGTON — President Bush is cutting into John Kerry's base, leading or drawing virtually even with the Massachusetts senator in six of seven swing states that Democrat Al Gore won four years ago, according to a new Knight Ridder-MSNBC poll and two other single-state polls.

In Iowa, Bush led Kerry by 48-42 percent; in Minnesota, by 46-44; in New Mexico, by 47-43; in Oregon, by 47-43; and in Wisconsin by 46-44.

Kerry held a razor-thin lead of 45-44 percent in Pennsylvania. In Michigan, he led by 47-41, his strongest state among the seven.

Those results emerged from a series of polls for Knight Ridder and MSNBC done by Mason-Dixon Research and Polling. In addition, Mason-Dixon surveyed Minnesota for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Minnesota Public Radio, and polled New Mexico for the Santa Fe New Mexican and KOB Television.

While Bush held a slim lead in most of these key battleground states, each state poll was close enough to be considered a statistical tie. Mason-Dixon surveyed between 624 and 629 likely voters in each state from Sept. 11 to Sept. 16; the polls had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

All polls are but snapshots in

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President George Bush flanked by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist met with a bi-partisan group of leaders from Capitol Hill to discuss the creation of a National Intelligence Director.

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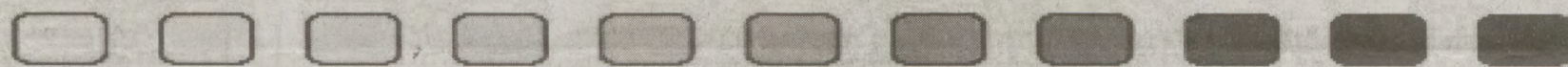
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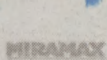
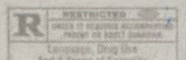
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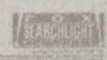
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Cavities overload

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
THE OAKLAND POST

It's 2:27 and you rush out of class in South Foundation Hall with 10 minutes before your next class in Pawley Hall. And you're hungry. The fastest thing to do is pop a dollar into one of many vending machines you'll find on the way and grab a quick snack.

No wonder Kurt Doolin, dentist at Aesthetic and Implant Dentistry in Rochester, found a trend of cavity filled mouths for college students who come home on spring or summer break.

"It is not unusual to find several cavities in a young adult patient who visits me after one or two semesters of college," he said in a news release.

What is a cavity? It is a hole in a tooth caused by decay.

Doolin suggested an increase in con-

sumption of soda pop, erratic schedules and the end of a regular meal schedule as major contributing factors.

The end of a regular, well-balanced meal schedule typically provided at home by mom is replaced by sugary treats, salty snacks and other foods that do not offer high nutritional content, he said.

Mom used to be around to make sure her kids were eating their fruits and vegetables and not drinking too much soda.

But in college, the menus of fast food and vending machines become an everyday habit. It's easier to grab a can of Pepsi than a bottle of orange juice.

Eight a.m. classes, a monotone professor or lack of sleep are all reasons students frequent soda pop and candy vending machines. They are readily available on almost every floor of every building on campus.

Soda and candy are full of sugar and

caffeine that perk students up for a little while, but in the long run have been proven to destroy teeth.

According to a study in the British Dental Journal, there is a strong association between carbonated drinks and tooth erosion.

Tooth erosion is the wearing away of teeth by exposure to acidic substances, such as those in sodas. Tooth decay, on the other hand, is when sugar reacts with plaque, bacteria in the mouth, to produce acid.

Late nights of studying or partying, followed by early morning classes can make for a quite erratic schedule.

College students' changing sleep habits often disrupt regular hygiene patterns. Students may only brush their teeth once a day, when before it was twice.

Also, making time for a regular six-month check-up with the dentist is not something on the priority list of college students.

According to an article posted on The University Daily online, Jeff Hancock, D.D.S. said college students who avoid regular dental checkups put themselves at an increased risk of disease.

According to the article, he said students who wait as long as several years between dental visits are at a higher risk for cavities and more serious oral dis-



Freshman Scott Lambka drinks soda about once or twice a day. He said he's had one cavity "long before" he started college.

eases, such as Peritonitis, erosion of bone, and Gingivitis, which can lead to the rotting and falling out of teeth.

"They just don't realize how nasty their teeth can be," he said, according to the article. "At a young age it can really get you in trouble in the long run."

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Out of 100 OU students surveyed:
68% said they have had at least one cavity
27% said they have had at least one cavity since starting college
33% said they do not drink soda
83% said they have a hectic schedule
8% said they do not visit the dentist every six months
2% said they brush their teeth only once a day
82% said they eat junk food
Please note: this is not a scientific survey.

Witnesses: practicing what they preach

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

If you pass through the Foundation Halls and the Oakland Center, you've probably been met with the smiling faces of Mel, Gwendolyn or Gabe Jenkins at a stand in front of South Foundation Hall.

The Jenkins family, and other ministers of the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall on Walton Boulevard across from Meadowbrook, have been setting up a table at OU for the past three years.

The name Jehovah's Witnesses, said Mel, is derived from the Bible; the verse states "you are my witness is the utterance of Jehovah."

The Bible calls Able a faithful witness and Christ is also referred to as a witness, Mel said.

Jehovah's Witnesses advocate what "Jesus advocated when he walked here," Mel said, and that is "God's kingdom, the same kingdom that Jesus preached," so that no humans rule over other humans but "God through Jesus Christ would rule."

Regardless of religion, ethnicity or race, the Bible talks of Christians loving their brothers and sisters, Mel said, quoting John Ch. 13, Verse 35.

"Practicing what you preach" is important, he said, and Jehovah's Witnesses preach an "outstanding quality of love."

The identifying mark among true Christians is that they would have love among themselves," Mel said.

"It would be unChristian of a Christian to take up arms against another person," he said, disrespectful of religion or ethnicity.

"We would not engage in any warfare that would result in killing another person," he said. This is because the Bible commands Christians to "love thy neighbor," Mel said, and any human being is considered a neighbor.

In times of war, Mel said,

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Senior John Vidricksen (far right) is a Jehovah's Witness and a good friend of Gabe Jenkins (far left.) For a little humor, he came up from behind Minister Charles Braswell (middle) and put his fingers up to his mouth signaling to Gabe not to say anything. He then pointed at a book and said that he had recently read it, after which he introduced himself to Braswell. According to Gwen, Witnesses refer to each other as "brothers and sisters" and feel that they are a worldwide spiritual family.

Flying, crawling bugs "visit" dorms

BY LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's dorm students don't have to worry too much about unwanted insect visitors, said Eleanor Reynolds, director of university housing and food services.

There have been some problems with ants and flies in the dorms, but Reynolds said

that is expected during move-in time at the dorms.

"Every single door is open, every single window is open," she said. "Bugs come to visit, too."

For the past couple of weeks, there have been ants and flies, she said. Last summer, there was a problem with ladybugs "and everyone had that."

The residence halls planned for more ladybugs this summer, but there hasn't been a problem.

Earlier this month, a student saw a bug in her room and went out and bought a bug bomb. Reynolds said the student didn't know how

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In Short

New Grizz Outlet

A new Grizz Outlet store recently opened in Vandenberg Hall.

The merchandise offered includes: sweatshirts, t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts and crew neck sweatshirts.

T-shirts start at \$5. The Grizz Outlet is located at 113 Vandenberg and is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-9 p.m.

OU Faculty Members Recognized

Three OU faculty members were recognized by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

They each recieved a 2004-2005 ASCAP award which is made to recognize the value of the composer's music, his or her continued activity as a distinguished composer and the composer's efforts.

The three professors are Daniel Manslanka, lecturer in music, theatre and dance, Terry Herald, lecturer in music, theatre and dance, and Lettie Alston, associate professor of music, theatre and dance.

Presidential Film Series

As part of the Celebrating Liberal Arts program, the presidential election process will be shown through the entertainment avenue.

"State of the Union" was shown on Sept. 15, "The Best Man" will be shown on Oct. 14 and "Primary Colors" will be shown Oct. 28.

OU's Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Beat the Dreaded Freshman 15 lecture @ 5 p.m. on OC's Lake Superior B.

Thursday, Sept. 23

The History of Chocolate @ 12 noon at Kresge Library's Student Lounge.

AA/Alanon meeting @ 12 noon in the Counseling Center's Conference Room of the Graham Health Center.

Friday, Sept. 24

OU I Love my Heart Day @12 noon at OC's Fireside Lounge.

Monday, Sept. 27

Hispanic Mini Fair @ 11 a.m. in OC's Gold Rooms.

OUSC meeting @ 4 p.m. in the OC's Oakland Room.

How To Handle Conflicts in Everyday Life lecture @ 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center's Pioneer Room.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi,
Campus News Editor

Police Beat

• BB guns are not allowed on campus, and four students learned this rule the hard way when their semi-automatic air gun was confiscated by OUPD Tuesday, Sept. 14. The young males were informed they could get their gun back when the owner was going to leave the campus with it.

• A man returned to his 2004 Lincoln

Town Car in the P-5 parking lot late Thursday, Sept. 16, to find it had been scratched by an unknown sharp object. The scratches were about six inches long. There are no suspects at this time.

• OUPD is seeking a warrant for the arrest of a man who fell asleep at the wheel of his car while in possession of illegal sub-

stances. An officer spotted the vehicle, idling on the shoulder of Library Drive, on Saturday morning. The man, who said he was "on his way to class," was taken into custody and released without further incident.

• Party goers, who got a little too loud for their neighbors' taste were surprised

Saturday, Sept. 18 when OUPD crashed their bash in the University Student Apartments. One girl in particular, lost her buzz after the dispatched officer asked for her ID. The girl had forgotten it, admitted she was merely 18-years-old and had had a couple beers. She agreed to a breathalyzer test and failed. She was issued an MIP.

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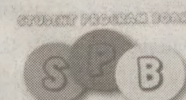
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City slogan approved

By RACHAEL BARNETT
THE OAKLAND POST

Port Huron has officially become the "Maritime Capital of the Great Lakes."

The city was granted a state trademark for the slogan in early September and can now use it in advertising and marketing.

The new slogan, which is exclusively theirs for the next 10 years, will promote tourism and economic development for the downtown area.

"It captures the essence — both the history and the future — of Port Huron," Tom Hutka, City Manager of Port Huron said. "We have had, and will continue to have, contact with the water. We have a history in shipping. We can capitalize on this."

Jim Clary, owner of Cap'n Jim's Gallery, is already seeing the effects of the new slogan.

"People are coming here for the attractions. Port Huron has one of the best views for ship watching," he said.

Port Huron is receiving criticism from other cities who claim they better fit the slogan. This is surprising to Hutka.

"They are narrowly defining 'maritime'. We are not looking at commercial freight. Our present and future is based on recreation boating and viewing," he said.

"Port Huron is the largest public marina in the state, and it has developed its reputation as the best full-service marina in Michigan. Freighters come closer

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Photo courtesy of the City of Port Huron
Port Huron's stunning waterways and annual events make it a year-round tourist attraction.

Global Glance

Dalai Lama to talk politics

The Dalai Lama is set to visit Mexico for five days beginning Oct. 3. Mexico's government says they will receive him as a religious leader, not a political leader of Tibet. Chinese officials have expressed concern about the visit and urged Mexico to shun the Dalai Lama, but Mexico says they will be working to expand political and economic relations with China.

Storm wreaks havoc in Haiti

Tropical Storm Jeanne marks yet another tragedy for the Caribbean in a year marked by uprising, interventions and deadly flooding. Haiti's death toll rose to more than 690 over the weekend. It is expected that tens of thousands of people are left homeless and 1000 people are still missing. Monday, the U.S. Embassy announced \$60,000 in immediate relief aid.

Bush addresses U.N.

President Bush spoke to the U.N. Tuesday defending his decision to invade Iraq. He also appealed to the U.N. to intensify the war on terror, help end the violence in Sudan and fight AIDS overseas. Bush also condemned the beheadings of U.S. hostages by Islamic militants. This comes after the Al-Zarqawi beheaded a second American, they claim on an Islamist Web site.

Woman ticketed for wearing burqa

An Italian woman was ticketed twice in the past week for wearing a burqa. The woman married an Arab man and converted to Islam. The dispute, which may eventually reach Italy's highest court, highlights the growing uneasiness in a Catholic region over its growing Muslim population. According to the latest data, between 700,000 - 1 million Muslims are living in the country of 57 million.

Global goof

No garden is safe

Cute, colorful little lawn gnomes are everywhere, but it seems they're getting a little tired of just standing in gardens. The gnomes have developed a little attitude and have decided to show America what they really think. The mooning lawn gnomes cost about \$20 each.



-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Pets parade for a cause

By ROXANNA RIVES
THE OAKLAND POST

Dust off those gym shoes and grab Rover's leash. It's time for the Michigan Humane Society's 2004 Mutt March, where walking canine companions can be beneficial to all.

This year, the Michigan Humane Society will benefit from participants in the Mutt March.

This is a walk or jog event for animal lovers of all ages.

When participants join the march, they can choose to walk up to five miles, enjoy refreshments and spend time with their family, friends and fellow canine companions.

Money raised will help homeless animals waiting for adoption at shelters throughout the state, by going toward food, shelter, adoption outings and medicine.

Prizes and tee shirts will be given to those who donate \$100 or more.

In addition, awards will be handed out to select participants in appreciation for their efforts.

The 2004 Mutt March will take place at two different locations this year.

On Sept. 18, the march is scheduled from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Maybury State Park in Northville.

The Orion Oaks County Park in Orion Twp. will be hosting the march from noon-3 p.m. Oct. 2.

The Humane Society is encouraging everyone to come out and support the animals.

Sororities, fraternities and large groups are welcome to participate.

If the five miles is too long of a distance, a shorter march is available.

The dogs that will be walking must have their shot records and pre-registration is required.

To participate, call the Michigan Humane Society at 1-866-MHUMANE or 248-799-7400 x 128.

"Holy Trilogy"



Return of the box-set

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

Monday night wasn't a long time ago. Southfield would never be mistaken for a galaxy. The corner of 12 mile and Telegraph isn't far, far away.

Nevertheless, "Star Wars" fans converged at the Media Play in Southfield for the release party of their "holy" trilogy — "A New Hope," "Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi."

"We wanted to show the die-hards how much we appreciate them," manager Dave Purrett said. "This is the least we can do for how long they've been waiting to see these movies on DVD."

More than 200 fans attended the party during its three-hour span in which Media Play provided food, games and the first movie in the trilogy, "A New Hope," playing on every television.

Fans could have waited and bought the trilogy sometime Tuesday for the same price, but they didn't see that as an option.

"I wouldn't be able to sleep knowing someone else had it and I didn't," Brian Krueger said.

The 28-year-old Southfield native is passionate about his "Star Wars", but admittedly

not on the level as others in attendance.

At least ten people were dressed up as their favorite character from the movies — none more authentic than Darth Vader.

"I've put over \$3000 into this costume and have been wearing it every chance I get for the past two years," 24-year-old Kris Bjornbak said. "It's a chance to be someone else for the day — someone who people fear or love. Power, it's actually all about the power."

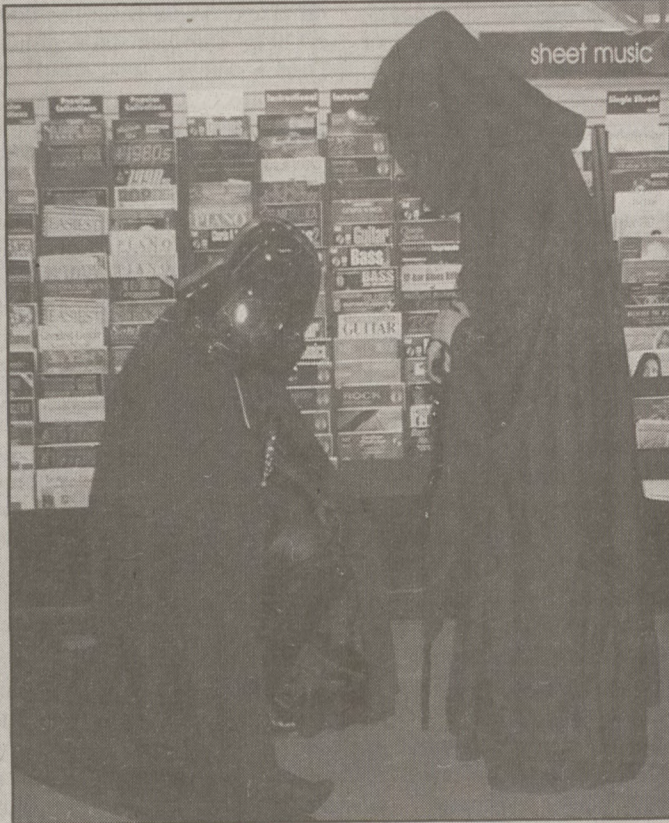
Other costumes included Stormtroopers, an X-wing pilot, a Jedi and the Emperor.

Fans spent a large part of the night arguing about changes made to the films for the new release. Director George Lucas wasn't the most popular guy in topics of conversation among attendees.

"I'll obviously buy the box set, but it's ridiculous," Mike Sheldon said. The 21-year-old Redford resident has three different versions of the trilogy and was a little irritated.

"I'm a purist, Van Gogh never went back and changed his paintings with every new invention. ... At least Greedo doesn't shoot first anymore."

The changes to the trilogy are mostly minor ones and the majority of the fans were just happy to see their favorite



Dustin Frucci/The Oakland Post

Top: "Star Wars" fans dress the part as they eagerly await the release of the DVD set.

Above: Darth Vader Bows to the Emperor after receiving his DVD.

How much do you know about "Star Wars"? Take the quiz on B3.

movies on DVD.

Steve Najor, Chapter Representative of a local fan club called R2-Detroit, put it in perspective. "I just couldn't wait," Najor said. "I don't care if Ewoks were digitally planted in all the movies, I would still be as excited as a kid on Christmas."

"Don't take it that far," someone yelled from the back.

City journeys back in time

By TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

The Nineteenth Century was alive and well this past weekend at Northville's 16th annual Victorian Festival.

"It was phenomenal. It keeps getting better every year," said Janet Bloom, the event and marketing coordinator of Northville.

The festivities kicked off with a Parade down Main Street, featuring this year's "Queen Victoria", Karen Howe and Chris Johnson, the city mayor.

Also making an appearance in the parade was Michigan Senator, Bruce Patterson.

"The parade is always a banner event. It's nice to see that level of participation from the community," said Bloom.

Members of the community and visitors

dressed up in costumes representing the era.

"The weather was perfect and we had great attendance," Bloom said.

Popular activities were the Kids Korner, stage acts, which included juggling, magicians and musical entertainment.

Carriage rides down Main Street, and antique and art shows were among the favored events.

Vintage baseball games, featuring the Eclipse Baseball Club of Northville, were also played over the weekend and were among the more popular activities.

This year it is estimated that 100,000 people came out to enjoy the festivities.

"[The Victorian Festival] is a great educational experience for the family. It keeps getting bigger every year," Bloom said.



Photo courtesy of the City of Northville

Families come out for the festival, which kicked off with an old-fashioned parade.

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MacNaughton Associates selected for the program. MacNaughton has experience in conducting similar initiatives, has worked successfully with the University on past searches and was the lowest responsible bidder, Cunningham said.

To start, the pilot program will affect only one faculty and one staff position, selected by Cunningham.

Also, a "Welcoming Committee" has been created to help grow a community atmosphere so that new staff and faculty, including women and minorities, feel a sense of belonging and value.

UDC will hold an annual reception, open to the entire campus community, in the Oakland Center to unify the staff and faculty throughout the campus and welcome the new members of the OU community.

This year's reception is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 3.

In the effort to increase awareness on campus, UDC will have a quarterly byline in the OU News, partnering with other departments, such as the Center for Multi-Cultural Initiatives, Disability Support Services, the SAFE Organization and students organizations.

Also, a committee of two faculty, two staff members and one student will select one staff member and one faculty member for two \$500 awards and a plaque as part of the Presidential Diversity Award, which will recognize contributions and accomplishments of faculty and staff in creating and promoting diversity on campus, Cunningham said.

To be nominated, an employee must submit a narrative on one of two topics: diversity in teaching research and serv-

ices, focusing on means to foster diversity in teaching, research and service to diverse communities or the creation of a diverse and inclusive work and learning environment, focusing on initiatives, programs and other means of promoting diversity on campus.

Another initiative geared toward recognizing the importance of diversity is the creation of Employee Resource Groups (ERG), which are modeled after a DaimlerChrysler initiative.

These groups are specifically designed to promote the interests of their distinct membership.

OU hopes to begin by starting four ERGs: women, African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino and Native American and Asian paired together for the final group.

Each group has an annual budget of \$2,000, funded by UDC.

Cunningham said certain requirements must be met for an ERG to be recognized.

Supporting the mission of the university, having a requisite number of current employees who meet regularly and preferably on a monthly basis, adhering to laws and university policies and maintaining financial responsibility.

Cunningham also said UDC will increase individual division procedures, such as diversity reports and meetings with vice presidents, to a quarterly basis rather than semi-annually.

Each vice president will also be required to have cultural sensitivity experience each year.

Cunningham also said she speaks bi-monthly at staff orientations and annually at faculty orientations regarding diversity at the university and the search process and solicits information regarding diversity initiatives.

She also said she meets with University Human Resources on a weekly basis to discuss recruitment of staff positions, where the position is underrepresented and means to increase the number of qualified applicants from the unrepresented population.

UDC also partners with UHR in conducting exit interviews, Cunningham said.

In other business:

•The office of Finance and Administration presented its annual energy report for the 2004 fiscal year.

That increase will rise to 17 percent due to elevated natural gas prices, the end of OU's electricity Retail Open Access supply contact with Quest Energy and a seven percent increase in the university's current Detroit Edison electrical rate.

The net increase is projected to cost OU an additional \$600,000 in the 2005 fiscal year.

•Out of 2,876 purchase orders for the 2004 fiscal year, 876 were between \$2,500 and \$10,000. Of those 876, the university purchasing office audited 22 percent and found all 192 purchase orders were in compliance.

The annual purchasing report also revealed total expenditures through minority and women-owned businesses was \$462,159, and \$25,718 was spent indirectly with minority vendors, Staples and Fisher Scientific.

Combined, that is three percent of the university's total purchases. Last year, those purchases totaled 3.6 percent of total purchases.

In the 2004 fiscal year, the purchasing department processed 392 purchase orders over \$10,000 or greater, of which 98 percent were bid out to a minority or women-owned business, up eight percent from last year.

To help streamline the purchasing process, the purchasing department is implementing a desktop on-line purchasing requisition process this year.

Benefits of the on-line process including allowing departments to track a requisition within the banner system, improving and streamlining processes, improving the requisition form and taking the first step toward on-line requisitions with signature authority.

•Associated Vice President for Finance and Administration Steve W. Roberts reported to the BOT that the university's general fund budget ended the 2004 fiscal year in the positive.

Roberts said actually, expenditures were \$467,181 below the revised budget amount, despite the more than \$2.4 million reduction due to the five percent state appropriation reduction.

He said the overall spending restraint, continuation of the university-wide hiring freeze and favorable variances in utilities and debt service, helped contribute to the positive year-end balance.

•At an estimated cost of no more than \$229,979, the telecommunication network infrastructure servicing John Dodge House, the Golf and Learning Center, Meadow Brook Hall and other east campus facilities will be replaced.

The current system, installed 20 years ago, uses 300 copper pairs buried underground. The new system will have a backbone infrastructure consisting of copper and fiber, which is estimated to take up the bulk of the funds, costing \$131,834.

The actual project will cost \$201,854, with SunTel receiving \$28,125 for managing the project.

•Two items came before the BOT that will be addressed at their formal session on Oct. 6.

The first was the recommendation

that Elmore Leonard be granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa, for his success as a writer.

Leonard has published nearly 40 novels since 1953, with all of his works written since 1985 appearing on the best seller list.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virindir Moudgil said "because of the cinematic qualities of his plots and characters, many of (Leonard's) books have been adapted for the screen."

Now living and working in Bloomfield Hills, Leonard occasionally works with OU creative writing students but spends the bulk of his time on his writing; he does all of his writing longhand because he does not own a computer.

It was also recommended that Dr. Kenneth R. Hightower be appointed Dean of the School of Health Sciences, while continuing his work as a professor of health sciences with tenure.

Hightower most recently worked as Interim Dean of the School of Health Sciences, previously serving as Acting Associate Dean of the same school.

During his years at OU, Hightower has been awarded more than \$1 million in grants and awards from a variety of sources.

He has authored 53 articles published in highly regarded scientific journals and has presented his work internationally.

"Administratively, Dr. Hightower has proved to be an inspiring leader who has strong support from each of the programs of the School (of Health Sciences)," Moudgil said.

An agreement has already been signed between Hightower and OU, but is waiting for approval from the BOT.

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in urban centers, then says 'we're fighting terrorism.'"

"I would never excuse the Sept. 11 attack," Culik said. "But if you look at the Arabic and Islamic problems, they all cite that the U.S. militarily and financially supports Israel, the state sponsored terrorism of Israel."

Another speaker, John Pappageorge, the state representative for Michigan who spent 30 years serving the U.S., spoke on the importance of a strong military.

"The world is safe and America is safe when the world's strongest democracy has the world's strongest military," Pappageorge said.

Culik attempted to ask Spencer his opinion on this issue but was cut off. "I wanted to ask him ... what is a bigger threat, American Christian imperialism based on the fundamentals of capitalism backed by the largest military in the world or Islamic fundamentalists, who have, whether their strategies are right or not, legitimate claims?" Culik said.

Pappageorge also addressed lack of support for the current Bush administration and feels

that in order for issues to be resolved, it is critical for the United States to keep a strong presence in the Middle East. "Long range plans need to be set," he said.

The American government, Pappageorge said, needs to win over the hearts of the locals. He believes it has been doing so by reconstructing roads, donating books and pumping money into the Iraqi economy.

Setting a definite date for troops to depart would show there is no commitment to these people, Pappageorge said.

"But how would we as Americans feel," Nora Mohammad, junior, said, "if an Iraqi military was in our backyards? Why is it okay for us to plant our military in their homes and then get upset when they try to get us out of there?"

"We must stay in Iraq until Iraq can self-govern. It could be two years; it could be 10 years and people will be paying the price," Pappageorge said. This mirrored the ideas of President George W. Bush, who is asking for four more years to make a difference in the war effort.

A recent CNN report said that Kerry plans to use the war against Bush. He will address the

issue at New York University and will be accompanied by five mothers of service members to criticize Bush's leadership in Iraq, CNN was told by Terry McAuliffe, Democratic National Committee Chairman.

"They're sick and tired of George W. Bush and his rosy scenarios," McAuliffe said according to the CNN report. "They want America to know the truth, because they're talking to their sons and daughters" who have said that Bush "is not telling the truth."

Religion was an encompassing topic, albeit Islamic or Christian. Bishop Keith A. Butler, of Word of Faith Ministries, spoke on social topics from a Christian perspective.

Butler defended the president's declaration of war, quoting the Bible, "A time for war, and a time for peace."

"If Bishop Keith Butler supports the president's supposed secular political act by quoting the Christian bible, is America then on the way to becoming a non-secular religious state," Mohammad said.

Butler also supported Bush's pro-life stance, arguing that a woman has the right to choose what she does with her body, but

not with someone else's. It is God who puts life into the body, he said, and the body and soul are created at conception.

Butler also said he supports freedom of religion and, like the president, feels that liberals have changed the term to "freedom from religion."

Small business was an issue addressed by Roger Deaton, owner of Cherokee Industries. Deaton highly supported Bush's tax cuts, which lowered the marriage tax, tax rates for small gains and which allowed rebates on taxes. "What Bush has done is help families like mine," Deaton said.

He also said that during Bush's four years, American families have been able to keep more of what they earn, which allows them to spend more, which in turn supports businesses and allows jobs to be created. "Bush kept the doors open for small business," Deaton said.

Colin Ford's speech focused on Tort Reform, a topic usually not brought into the spectrum of debate. However, at the Republican National Convention, it was one of the issues that the president highlighted in his plans for the next four years.

The trademark currently applies only to the state of Michigan. The city has applied to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for a national trademark, but received a rejection.

"It's really a technical issue

It would allow medical doctors the ability to practice medicine more freely while focusing on their patients, rather than the threat of being sued by insurance companies.

Spencer, who spoke last, also said that some Muslim radicals declare war on any nation that does not accept Sharia, an Islamic based government. He also said that they understand what they're doing on the basis of Islamic principles. "I don't want to deny that the problem exists," he said.

"How can Spencer, a non-Muslim, claim to present Islamic principles when he himself does not hold them? How can we trust he's being truthful? I personally felt he was promoting anti-Islamic views and using his self-endorsed authority to do so," Mohammad said.

Throughout his segment, Spencer referred back to the idea of replacing governments with Sharia, quoting translated English verses from the Quran, the holy book of Islam. "We have to be realistic about it (the problem) in both directions," he said.

"He quoted a human-made translation and he quoted out of context," Mohammad said. "It's

concerning originality. To be protected, you have to show that you have been using the slogan. After showing use, you can get approval and own it," Hutka said.

The city is still waiting for national approval.

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to Port Huron than any other city," Clary said. "We really do have the attractions that other cities don't. People come here to watch the ships and they are really close."

Hutka said Port Huron offers a beautiful waterfront view, fine dining, great nightclubs and bars and has hosted numerous events throughout the year, including the Mackinac Sailboat Race. On Sept. 24-25, the city will host the Miss

Michigan/Miss USA Pageant.

Hutka said most people don't realize that the city is only a 45-minute drive from the North metro area. It is 59 miles and one hour 13 minutes driving time from the OU campus, according to Yahoo maps.

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Out in the Workplace Panel Discussion	(9/28)

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Fall Career Fair

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Engineering, Technical, Nursing, Health, and Science Candidates

Friday, October 1, 2004

Business and Liberal Arts Candidates
11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
OC Banquet Rooms

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Wednesday, October 6, 2004
5 – 7 p.m., Banquet Room A, OC

Learn key networking techniques in an interactive session with OU alumni employer representative. Pre-registration and professional dress required. Register in eRecruiting@OU under the Events section. Questions? Call 248-370-3213.

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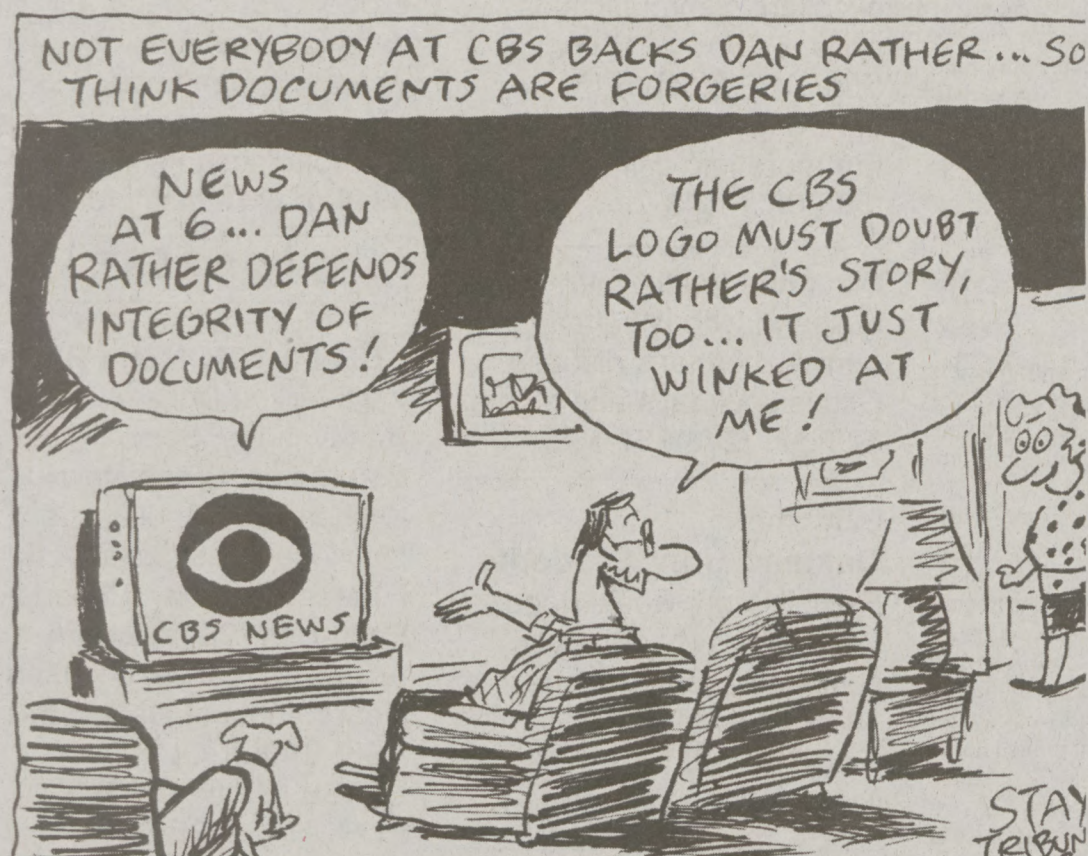
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Friday, October 8, 2004
11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., OC Oakland Room

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EDITORIAL

Public focusing on wrong issues

In one of the most negative elections in history, mud-slinging has gotten more than the candidates in trouble.

CBS recently put out a report questioning President George W. Bush's service in the National Guard. Documents provided for the story could not be authenticated, but CBS went with the story anyway and is now facing the heat.

Going beyond the media's desire to break the next big story, or the candidates' hopes of proving themselves more patriotic than their foe, there is a bigger issue.

While the nation, and to some extent the world, watch as stories of media failures unfold, real issues are being ignored by the general public.

The election should not be won by the man who earned the most medals in service, but by the person best equipped to lead the country for the next four years.

And that has less to do with each candidate's history than the media will let the public believe.

Rather than discuss the near certainty that Social Security will not be available when we, as students now, are in a posi-

tion to reap its benefits, we are watching intently to see how President Bush's war record stacks up against John Kerry's.

Honesty and integrity are important to a presidential candidates' hopes, but those character qualities should be judged on the actions of today, not those of decades past.

The degree to which either campaign focuses on insignificant issues is cheating the country out of what it needs most: a genuine look at national problems and what serious candidates plan to do about them.

Decisions about the war in Iraq, health care and Social Security have to be made in the next four years that will not only affect one presidential term, but shape the country for years to come.

Americans are truly being cheated as the media feeds into the candidates' desires to put attention on their personal lives rather than plans for the future.

Both sides recently agreed to three debates. Those should be very interesting.

It is hard to judge which candidate usually wins a debate. Most often, the public will wait until the following morning

when an "expert" analyzes the events of the previous night and breaks it all down into something the general public can comprehend.

The public has been brainwashed to ignore the important issues, focusing on candidates war or sexual records.

The media fuels this pattern, but the general public is the motor that continues to crave the sex and deception that have littered recent elections.

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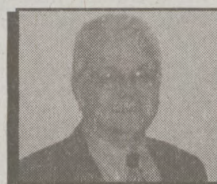
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Career Services office lends a helping hand



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Career Services is assisting students and alumni with their job search and employment success by offering Career Prep Month, a full month of career-related workshops and events scheduled now through Oct. 8, 2004. Through participating in these various events, students can learn how to effectively market themselves and network with employers, the most effective methods for applying for jobs online, how to prepare during their senior year to be successful in their future career, as well as how to improve their interview skills in a mock behavioral interview.

Included as part of Career Prep Month is a 2-day FALL CAREER FAIR on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2004 for OU students and alumni seeking full or part-time, internship or co-op employment opportunities. Students interested in engineering, technical, nursing, health and science related positions should attend the career fair on Thursday, Sept. 30 and all business and liberal arts candidates on Friday, Oct. 1, 2004. The career fair is free of charge and students are welcome to attend on one or both days. More information on the Career Fair as well as a detailed list of upcoming Career Prep Month events is available on the Career Services Web site at www.oakland.edu/careerservices.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) conducted a national survey and the results show that employers expect to hire 13.1 percent more new college graduates in 2004-05 than they hired in 2003-04. Although this overall hiring projection is positive, it is important to remember that the job market is competitive. Some suggestions for students and alumni to increase their chances of landing that desired job include:

* Make a positive first impression. First impressions have significant value so make yours count. Dress professionally and whether you're at a career fair or an interview, be prepared to communicate effectively and with confidence. Demonstrate your ability to talk in the language of your career field.

* Network. Talk with people you already know such as family members, friends, teachers or past co-workers who may work in the occupation you are seeking or may know of people that you can contact. Follow up with that networking contact

as soon as possible to schedule a time to meet with them for career exploration or to discuss possible employment opportunities.

* Have a direction and goals. Narrow your job choices and seek out employers you would like to work for well into the future. Career Services' online database, eRecruiting, consists of over 4000 employers who are registered with our office. We also provide links to employer Web sites and resources for researching companies on the web.

* Join a professional association or student organization. Organizations and associations related to your major are a great way to learn valuable information on your career interest area, the types of employment opportunities available, as well as provide you with an opportunity to network.

* Research employers and job opportunities. Research will help you understand what the employer is looking for in its employees, and this will allow you to "tweak" your resume and cover letter for each employer and job opportunity. It is also important to thoroughly research the employer before you go for an interview-this can set you apart from other candidates.

* Use all the resources available to you. In today's economy, it is important to use a variety of methods in your job search to increase the likelihood of landing the job you want. This includes: visiting Career Services, making an appointment with a coordinator to assist you, networking, applying for job opportunities through eRecruiting and other online job Web sites and perusing employer Web sites in your career interest area for job postings and/or contacting them to inquire whether they have job opportunities available.

Visit Career Services today in 275 West Vandenberg Hall. Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIS LETTER, WHICH WAS CUT OFF LAST WEEK, IS BEING RUN IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Kerry, Edwards will lead

Dear Editor,

Instead of a convention in New York, George Bush had a masquerade ball - a facade put on by extremists, pushing moderates out on stage to mask the special interest agenda that's governed America. Bush has misled America for four years, and now he's chosen to mislead us for four more nights.

President Bush stood by as college tuition has soared 35 percent. He broke his promise to increase the Pell Grant and he has cut other financial-aid programs, choosing instead to reward his wealthy friends through massive tax cuts. He inherited record surpluses, a balanced budget and steady job growth, and he squandered them away.

Under President Bush, young people have the highest unemployment rate in America - 12 percent, more than double the national average.

President Bush has also failed with his policies abroad, alienating our allies when we needed them the most. He misled the American people to sell the War in Iraq and irresponsibly sent young people overseas to fight for their country without a plan for their country without a plan for winning the peace.

Fortunately, John Kerry and John Edwards' plan to make America stronger at home and respected in the world offers a positive, alternative vision to get our country back on track again.

John Kerry and John Edwards

have a plan to expand opportunity in jobs, education and healthcare through an agenda that will benefit all Americans, not just the very wealthy. They will make it easier for students to afford college by offering a fully refundable College Opportunity Tax credit on up to \$4,000 of tuition for every year of college and offering aid to states that keep tuition down.

They will create good-paying jobs by cutting taxes for businesses that create jobs here in America instead of moving them overseas. Instead of deficit spending that forces us to mortgage our future away, John Kerry and John Edwards will make Washington live within a budget to prevent young Americans from having to pick up the tab later on.

John Kerry and John Edwards have pledged to free America from its dangerous dependence on Mideast oil by exploring and developing new energy sources and ensuring that resources such as coal and natural gas are used more efficiently and cleanly. Under their leadership, we will launch and lead a new era of alliances to better respond to the threat of terrorism, and we will modernize the world's most powerful military to meet new threats. We will deploy all that is in America's arsenal, using diplomacy, our intelligence system, our economic power and the appeal of our values and ideas to make America more secure and prevent a new generation of terrorists from emerging.

John Kerry and John Edwards will end the backdoor draft, keeping thousands of reservists overseas for months and years at a time, and they will honor our

veterans by providing adequate pay and increased benefits. They will also secure our homeland while at the same time, preserve the civil liberties we, as Americans, hold dear.

This November, young Americans face a clear choice over the direction of our country and the kind of leader we want at the helm. Over the past four years, President Bush and his administration have misled us. We have seen what they do when they have power. President Bush had his chance, and he has not led. John Kerry and John Edwards will.

Donald Stuckey
Political Science
Sophomore

Keep your promises

To the Editor:

Before going public with the initiative for systematic faculty (and in some cases student) evaluation of high-ranking Oakland administrators discussed in your front page Sept. 15 story, I sought to quietly negotiate about it for six months with top Oakland officials, including President Gary Russi and Provost Virinder Moudgil.

President Russi never responded to my messages. Virinder, although essentially rejecting my proposal out-of-hand (repeatedly insisting that Oakland has an excellent administration and that the current system in which administrators only evaluate each other is an excellent one), has been nonetheless cordial in tone in his replies and has even invited me to talk about it over lunch or

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coffee, a kind offer, which I have accepted.

Virinder's description of the current system for evaluating administrators is both shockingly accurate and shockingly inaccurate. He is shockingly accurate in reporting that only the board of trustees evaluates the president (remember how President Russi was hired by the board, without any consultation with the University community, any national search or any consideration of other candidates—see the Oakland Post's April 17, 1996 story, including bitter criticism of the

process by Prof. Shea Howell, who seems to defend the current system of non-faculty participation in your Sept. 15 story.) Virinder is also apparently shockingly accurate in reporting that only the president evaluates the provost (remember President Russi's arbitrary, unilateral recent firing of former provost Esposito, perhaps the most popular high-ranking administrator during my 28 years at Oakland).

But Virinder is shockingly inaccurate in stating that faculty are currently consulted when deans are reviewed. At least in the College of Arts & Sciences, by far the largest academic unit, faculty have been asked for input regarding the evaluation of deans

exactly once during my tenure, about ten years ago. At that time, a very high-ranking university official personally promised me and many other faculty that henceforth systematic faculty evaluation of high-ranking administrators would be incorporated into the review process. That was a fine idea, but it was never implemented. The official who truly went out of his way to promise such a program, adding that it would "include myself," was Gary Russi, then university provost. President Russi, keep your promise!

Robert Justin Goldstein
Professor of Political Science

BUGS

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to use it, and ended up setting the fire alarm off in her room.

Two OUPD officers inhaled fumes from the bug bomb, since they thought they were responding to a fire alarm, said Lt. Mel Gilroy of OUPD. The officers were not harmed in the incident.

If residents do notice bugs, an exterminator comes in weekly to take care of any reported insect problems.

Reynolds said she also checks

the list of reports, to make sure there aren't any major problems going on.

Junior Matt Snitgen is in his third year living in the residence halls. He said he hasn't noticed a big bug problem, but saw two cockroaches last year.

"I was pretty grossed out about it, but I killed them so it was cool," he said.

To report a bug problem in the Residence Halls, students should call (248) 370-2954,

ings are all uniform.

"We all receive the same spiritual food," said Mel.

"We call each other brother and sister," Gwendolyn said, "because we are a worldwide spiritual family."

When a Jehovah's Witness convention is held, Gwendolyn said Witnesses who attend from other countries "are welcome in our homes, and if we were to go to their countries, we would be welcome, as well."

"We do appreciate OU giving us permission to come here and set up our table. It's very kind and very generous of them to allow us to be here," Gwendolyn said.

STAND

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Witness Brothers and Sisters of different tribes, ethnicities and nations do "not kill each other (and they) do not kill anyone else."

Witnesses come from 235 different lands and their publications are published in 390 languages.

"We are respectful of others and their views," Mel said. "Wherever we live at, we love our country and we are law-abiding citizens ... we respect other people."

There are over 95,919 Jehovah's Witness congregations worldwide, and their teach-

RACE

Continued from A1

time. Election Day is six weeks away and voter sentiment may well shift. In the meantime, all swing states remain sufficiently close that the coming Bush-Kerry debates could be decisive, especially when combined with efforts by each side to turn out their voters.

Still, the new state polling — combined with a Knight Ridder-MSNBC survey announced Sunday of six swing states that Bush carried in 2000 — offers the most detailed look so far this year at 13 battleground states that probably will decide the presidential election. The 14th swing state — Florida — couldn't be surveyed accurately last week because of disruption from recent hurricanes.

Taken together, the surveys show that Bush appears to be holding his base in most of the six swing states he won in 2000 while making inroads in many of the swing states that Gore carried.

"As of now, George W. Bush clearly holds the upper hand in the Electoral College battle," said Brad Coker, who conducted the polls for

Mason-Dixon. "There is still plenty of time for John Kerry to turn things around, as Bush's margins are hardly insurmountable in most of the battleground states."

One key trend is that terrorism and national security topped voters' list of concerns in Republican swing states and came in first or a close second for voters in the Gore-2000 swing states. Throughout all these states, voters preferred Bush over Kerry to keep them safe from terrorist attack by roughly 3-1.

"The war on terror is my top priority," said Joe Arresto, 49, an account executive in Warren, Mich. "Bush has shown strong leadership, strong decision making. Yes, there are things that haven't gone according to plan, but I think Bush's decisiveness has been key."

Simple personal likability divides the two candidates, too.

Bush's supporters like him more than Kerry backers like their candidate. In the seven swing states that tilted to Gore four years ago, roughly 7 in 10 Bush supporters said they'd vote

for him simply because they like him, and only 1 in 10 said they'd back Bush because they dislike Kerry. By comparison, just 4 in 10 Kerry voters said they'd vote for him because they like him, while 3 in 10 said they'd do so because they dislike Bush.

Bush's opposition to gay marriage also may help explain his appeal. A majority of likely voters supported banning gay marriage in the five Gore-2000 states that were questioned about it last week: Iowa, Michigan, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Voters split over the war in Iraq.

A plurality or majority in four states — Michigan, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — said jobs were hard to find in their communities. In Iowa, only a small plurality said jobs were available.

What's more, a plurality of voters in three states — Michigan, Pennsylvania and Oregon — thought the country is on the wrong track. Voters in two others — Iowa and Wisconsin — split evenly.

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12:30-3:00 p.m.
Student Lounge, Kresge Library
AND
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Monday, September 27
Mini-Feria (Mini-Fair)
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Tuesday, September 28
Hispanic Traditions: Quinceañera & Piñatas
11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

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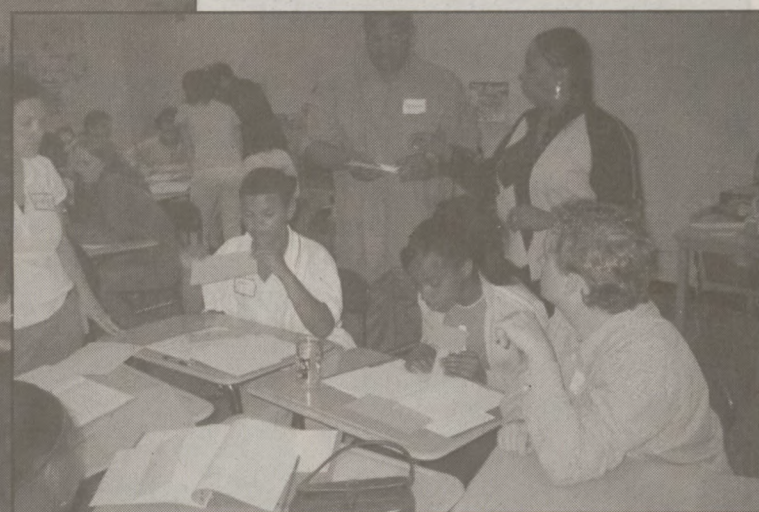
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The OU members of SIFE are very active in the Pontiac community and have under-taken several projects in cooperation with the School District of the City of Pontiac.

To learn more ...

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SIFE helps build future

Students in Free Enterprise teach Pontiac children the basics of business and help them find the motivation to stay in school

BY VIRGINIE PEROV
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Among 100 student organizations at OU, one is focusing on teaching disadvantaged children the practical skills and the motivation they will need to stay in school. This organization is SIFE: Students In Free Enterprise.

This fall, SIFE is starting a new project in collaboration with the School District of the City of Pontiac and OU GEAR UP, a program whose goal is to increase higher education attendance rates.

OU SIFE members will work with the students of Pontiac Central High School to start up a small business that will deliver a product or service to help ninth-graders to succeed academically as they start high school.

The product or service remains to be determined. "This is a very ambitious project," said Mark

Simon, associate professor of management and faculty advisor for SIFE. "The ninth grade is the class with the highest drop rates."

SIFE is comprised of college students whose goal is to teach the principles of free enterprise to children. It is part of an international network including 1,600 chapters in 40 different countries.

SIFE focuses its activities on children from 6th through 12th grades. The first program at OU started in 2001.

After organizing a high school camp, Simon realized the project fit within the criteria of SIFE.

"SIFE is unique in the way that it focuses on teaching disadvantaged children," Simon said.

This summer, OU SIFE led a program entitled

KIT: Kids Invent Toys. The program was conducted in collaboration with the School District of the City of Pontiac, GE and GEAR UP.

For four weeks, a handful of students from Jefferson/Whittier Middle School worked on building and selling their own toys.

Members of SIFE provided the help necessary for the children to create a mini business.

"The children had to work on their writing, technology as well as science skills to complete the project," Simon said.

The members of SIFE also taught the middle-schoolers how to use the scientific method to build their toys.

At the end of the program, the toys were pre-

sented to parents and teachers at Pontiac Central High School.

"I can make toys myself for cheaper," said James Simmons, one of the 6th and 7th graders who participated in the program.

Each year, chapters of SIFE compete nationally and regionally, based on eight criteria encompassing different business skills and earning five to 20 points.

In the past two years, OU SIFE has won 15 awards, bringing in over \$9,000 that was donated to the SIFE scholarship fund.

For the 2003-2004 school year, OU SIFE signed up 104 members/students coming from various disciplines.

This year OU earned the regional champion title and at the national competition this past May, OU finished in the top eight out of 860 U.S. based teams.

"SIFE is unique in the way that it focuses on teaching disadvantaged children."

Mark Simon

Dilly Deli is a doozy

One of the best delis in town is only four minutes away from campus

BY ANDREA MCNINCH
THE OAKLAND POST

It's 8 a.m. You have just arrived at work or school, and like clockwork you begin to mentally scroll through your restaurant Rolodex for the perfect spot to eat lunch.

In a society where chain restaurants have unfortunately taken over, we aren't left with too many choices, and this can cause unnecessary indecisiveness that, in the end, leads you back to the same restaurant you didn't want to eat at in the first place.

Whether this daily ritual is conducted with friends, co-workers, classmates or stag, finding the perfect spot for lunch seems to regularly consume the first four hours of our day.

If this sounds all too familiar, may I suggest trying the Dilly Deli?

Here is your chance to take a break from the typical, overly expensive sandwich joint and enjoy a satisfying lunch with quality food, friendly service and affordability.

The Dilly Deli has been delivering what manager Michelle Bowen likes to call, its "colorful customers" with delicious, delectable deli-style dishes for more than 14 years.

According to Bowen, the Dilly Deli has had its fair share of local sports celebrities over the years—Matt Millen (general manager of the Detroit Lions) and various players of both the Detroit Lions and Detroit Pistons have been known to order up some Dilly.

Inside, you will be surprised to find a rockin' '50s style theme that makes the short time we have for lunch an enjoyable change. And yes, for all you oldies fans, the music is bumpin'.

Their most popular sandwiches include the turkey supreme, Dilly delight or the Dagwood.

The turkey supreme is loaded with deli sliced turkey, coleslaw, Russian dressing and a piece of Swiss cheese on a freshly baked onion roll. The trick here is to request the dressing and slaw on the side, this way you get even more of Dilly's mouth-watering ingredients to slop on your mile high meat pile.

The Dilly delight sandwich has some of the same components as the supreme



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but the turkey is smoked, the dressing is ranch, the cheese is melted mozzarella, the vegetable is shredded lettuce and sliced tomatoes and again, it's on a freshly baked onion roll.

Dilly Deli has over 32 outstanding sandwiches to choose from, soup, chili, salads and side dishes that are all prepared on premise, fresh daily.

And believe it or not, all sandwiches are served with a crunchy deli pickle, no extra charge. And if there's something

you must have that's not listed on the menu, just ask and they'll be more than happy to accommodate your taste buds.

For all Atkins dieters, Bowen explained that some of her regulars order "just meat and cheese in a tall salad container with a couple of mayo packets on the side," and they make it without hesitation.

They even offer combo deals that I can afford. How about a whole sandwich, pickle, bag of chips and an unlim-

ited amount of fountain soda for only \$5.89 or any half of a sandwich, pickle and cup of soup for only \$3.99.

So the next time you find yourself wasting half a day trying to figure out where to go for an affordable, fulfilling, express lunch, the Dilly Deli is where it's at.

The Dilly Deli is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. and offers vegetarian selections.

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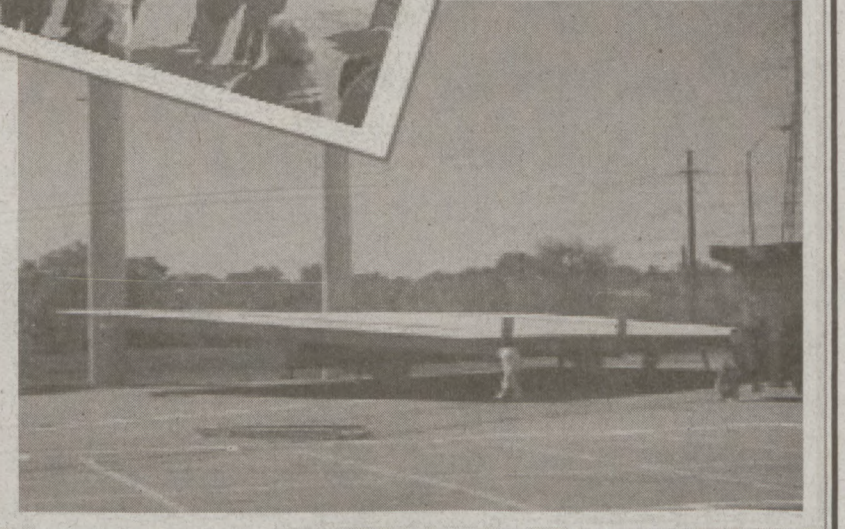


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'Resident Evil' loses the game

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

Opinion

Let me start by saying, I have played most of the Resident Evil video games, so I was familiar with the plot before I watched "Resident Evil: Apocalypse."

Anyone who hasn't played the games should rethink this one,

as it makes no effort to explain itself to you.

If you're a big fan of the games, you may appreciate that the sequel is more like the games than the original, but little else.

The movie starts by explaining how the T-Virus, seemingly contained in the Umbrella Corporation's laboratory, "The Hive," escaped into the general population of Raccoon City at the end of the first movie.

Alice (Milla Jovovich) awakes after 13 hours of work by Umbrella's scientists to find most of the city deserted.

To prevent the infection from spreading, Umbrella's surprisingly well-equipped militia has built a 30-foot steel wall around the entire city, complete with the corporate logo.

For a brief amount of time, they attempt to let people out, but at the first sighting of a zombie, the gates are locked, and everyone else is left to die.

This greatly upsets one of Umbrella's scientists, Dr. Ashford (Jared Harris), who's daughter Angela (Sophia Vavasseur) is still stuck inside. Using his technical savvy, Ashford is able to contact Alice and plead for her help in exchange for his help getting out of the city.

The original Resident Evil trilogy of games for the Sony Playstation was so popular it spawned numerous spin-offs, imitations, a prequel, an inevitable sequel due out this winter and two movies.

Paul Anderson, who has a history of taking other people's ideas and turning them into bad movies ("Alien vs. Predator", "Mortal Kombat"), penned the script for both Resident Evil movies.

"Apocalypse" combines the plots of the second (Overrun City) and third (Nemesis) games into one, resulting in paper thin, if not completely useless, extra characters.

In an attempt to satisfy the hardcore gamers, Anderson incorporated special agent Jill Valentine (Sienna Guillory) and Nemesis, (Matthew G. Taylor), Umbrella's super weapon, into the

plot, but only for a combined screen time of less than 20 minutes.

The film's climax is identical to the third game's ending, but for some reason Anderson felt it was necessary to keep going for another 15 minutes.

Perhaps he was trying to make a less-than-subtle and less-than-entertaining jab at corporate America, or perhaps he is hoping he can squeeze a third film out in a year or two.

Either way, it's hard not to be irritated by such useless meddling with the plot so late in the movie, just so it can fit into the current Hollywood trend of every movie having a twist at the end.

While the big budget "Apocalypse" may be one of the better game-to-film adaptations made to date, the sub-genre is not respectable enough for this to be a noteworthy accomplishment.

Movies like this must still be compared to those with similar plots, and unfortunately the "Resident Evil" movies are to Romero's Zombie classics, what the "Tomb Raider" movies are to the "Indiana Jones" trilogy.

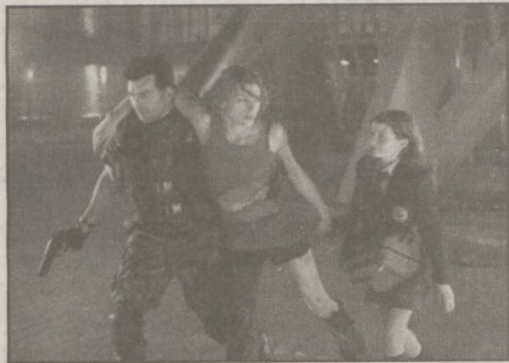


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Top left: Fehr, Jovovich and Vavasseur run.

Bottom left: Sienna Guillory fights Milla Jovovich.

Bottom right: The infected draw sets the film's scene.



'Paparazzi' fizzles

BY ANDREA WELT
THE OAKLAND POST

The lifestyle in Hollywood is enough to turn the strongest of households upside down, mostly due to the press interfering in it.

And that is exactly what happened to the once peaceful life of the Laramie's ... it turned completely upside down.

Six months ago, Bo Laramie (Cole Hauser of "The Chronicles of Riddick") was just a guy from Montana trying to make it in the movie business, all while supporting his wife Abby (Robin Tunney of "The In-Laws") and son Zach (Blake Michael Bryan of "Jurassic Park III").

Now, all after creating a money-making blockbuster, Laramie is the newest action star, and the paparazzi's newest target for controversy.

After a group of photographers caused a car accident that put his son into a coma, Laramie decides to hunt them down, one-by-one.

The odd thing about the murders of these paparazzi is that the audience doesn't seem to think "Oh, how horrible," but actually sympathizes with Laramie and understands his reaction.

It was an odd mixture of emotions to watch Laramie violently kill those men, but see him doing his day-to-day things only moments later as if nothing had

happened and still feel sorry for his situation.

The movie does make a broad generalization about photographers that seems a bit harsh. They are portrayed as being relentless and having no limits, even in times of extreme tragedy.

During the scene where the photographers have Laramie boxed in between two vans causing him to get into a car accident, they are still portrayed as only being after that money-shot.

This seems to be a one-sided point of view, as if the writers were trying to tell the world that paparazzi are evil.

The movie comes out as an extreme and ridiculous portrayal of paparazzi involved in attempted murder, rape, black mail, drugs, etc.

The real twist of the movie is that Bo gets away with everything, even though the lead detective of the case (Dennis



Photo courtesy of Century Fox

"Paparazzi" makes an exaggerated statement on paparazzi's activities.

Farina of "Law & Order") is hinting that he suspects him the whole time, and the last "bad" photographer standing gets stuck with the murder wrap.

Overall, it was a good action movie but because of the satire-based image of the paparazzi and the malicious persona

they were given, it took away from the quality of the movie.

For a fan of suspense, drama and action, it was disappointing to see what could have been a quality movie, overrun with a message that "paparazzi are the enemy."

'Sky Captain' soars

Creativity and unique cinematography give "Sky Captain and The World of Tomorrow" a real identity

BY BETH VANNOY
THE OAKLAND POST

As darkness falls upon the city of New York, the sky above is filled not with stars, but instead with a great mass of flying robots sent to interrupt the quiet night.

The world is not as it should be and as the title "Sky Captain and The World of Tomorrow" suggests, there is only one person to stop these calamities, Sky Captain.

The dynamic film, both written and directed by newcomer Kerry Conran, is a pleasure to watch due to its fulfilling story line and unique style.

With a star-studded cast and amazing scenes shot from New York City to Nepal, the settings seem almost too good to be true, and that's because they're not.

With no real sets or locations, the entire film was shot before a blue screen, and backgrounds were created later by combining film, photographs and computer animation. The results are impressive and convincing.

As several scientists have turned up missing, Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow), the fearless Gazette reporter, will stop at no lengths to get her story, all while wearing heels.

Narrowly escaping death, nothing seems to stand in her way, until she runs into her ex-boyfriend H. Joseph Sullivan (Jude Law), also known as "Sky Captain."

Set in the 1930s and projected in a

mutated Technicolor, the retro style makes one feel like they have been taken back in time, until those pesky robots appear.

With the ability to fly, dig underground and shoot lasers, these killing machines are not quite consistent with an era whose most impressive technological invention was the Hindenburg.

This combination of elements from the past, such as Morse code, and elements from the future, such as giant flying robots, creates an intriguing atmosphere where anything seems possible.

Having ended their relationship three years before, Perkins and Sullivan still have raw feelings toward each other, which often leads to competition.

As the characters team up, this playful attempt to out shine each other adds a lighthearted side to the film and some genuine comedy, with Sullivan even describing Perkins as looking like a wooly mammoth.

When the robots are found to be linked to a scientist who believes that mankind is destined for destruction, Sullivan and Perkins are joined by Dex (Giovanni Ribisi), a creative inventor, and Frankie Cook (Angelina Jolie), a one eyed

fighter pilot, in the attempt to stop the scientist and his evil plans.

Both Frankie and Dex help to develop the main characters by pushing them both physically and emotionally, and are nice additions to the story as a whole.

As the team pushes on toward the culmination of the mystery, the facts and scenes come together to produce a predictable but gratifying ending, with the attempt of the mad scientist, Totenkopf, to end the existence of mankind as a whole.

While the majority of the film moves towards this conclusion, a few scenes lack explanation, and some actions of the scientist seem to contradict his final plan.

This may be the result of the inconsistencies common to a mad scientist, or a lack of experience on the part of the director.

Overall, the film is a breath of fresh air in the latest wave of films that lack true creativity and distinctive cinematography, which "Sky Captain and The World of Tomorrow" possesses.

Also, with a rating of only PG, this film proves that even without crude humor and excessive swearing, a superior use of suspense and engaging characters can definitely be entertaining.



Photo courtesy of Paramount

Top: "Sky Captain" has reached the top of the box office immediately after its release.

Right: Paltrow and Law perform the role of a reporter and a "sky captain" destined to save the world.



Opinion

Star Wars Trivia

As the "Star Wars" Trilogy is released on DVD, here is a chance to test your knowledge of the already classic series

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

1- "Return of the Jedi" was released in what year?

- a. 1980
- b. 1983
- c. 1986
- d. 1987

2- What former horror film star played Grand Moff Tarkin?

- a. Alec Guinness
- b. Peter Cushing
- c. Sebastian Shaw
- d. David Prowse

3- Who directed "Empire Strikes Back?"

- a. George Lucas
- b. Leigh Brackett
- c. Irvin Kirshner
- d. Howard Schlagel

4- Of the original trilogy, which is the highest grossing film?

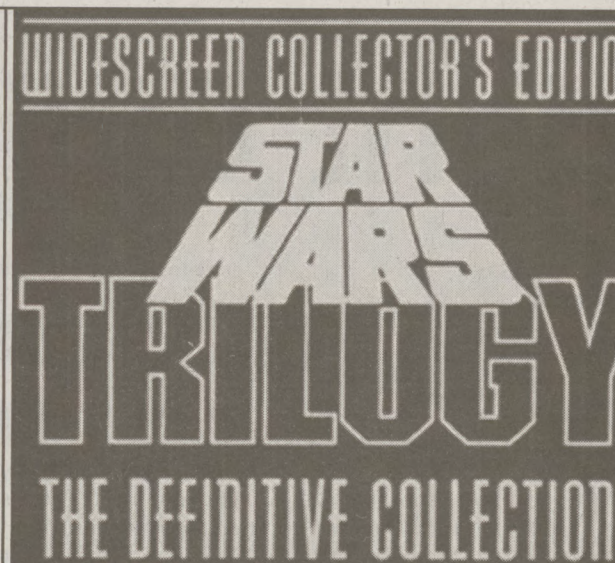
- a. "A New Hope"
- b. "Empire Strikes Back"
- c. "Return of the Jedi"

5- We all know the voice of Vader, but which actor was actually under the mask?

- a. Sebastian Shaw
- b. David Prowse
- c. Peter Cushing
- d. Peter Mayhew

6- During production of "Return of the Jedi" George Lucas wanted to keep it secret. What was the spy title of the third film in the trilogy?

- a. Rebellion Hero's
- b. Blue Harvest
- c. Forest Moon
- d. All's Well That Ends Well



7- Which actor did not read for the role of Han Solo?

- a. Nick Nolte
- b. Christopher Walken
- c. Kurt Russell
- d. Michael Douglas

8- What artist is behind a majority of the original trilogy movie posters?

- a. Drew Struzan
- b. Jeff Leach
- c. Corey Klienfelter
- d. Gary Lendel

Answers at the bottom of the page.

• To learn more about the DVD release, read "Holy Trilogy" on A5

HOROSCOPES

By LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday (Sept. 22). An issue that's been troubling you could come to the forefront this year. This is a good thing. Forgive and heal, and you'll progress to greater success.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6: The work you've been doing is being noticed by those in control and command. This may not show up in your paycheck for a while, but keep it up anyway. Your security is assured.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8: You're a creative person. Your favorite genre could be anything from flowers to poems or both. For the next four weeks, you'll be compelled to let your talent out. This is sometimes stressful, but fun.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7: You have more value than you thought in your home. It seems to be increasing, too, as you make the modifications you've planned. Keep it up, and you'll make yourself rich. And that ain't bad.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7: You're being called to action, but what are you supposed to do? If that isn't clear, don't panic. Follow a person you know well and trust.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6: You may have to do something that you think is below the status you've achieved. Let go of your ego, and do the job well. The money is just as green.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7: A loved one has a wound to talk about that's hard to heal. Just listening is a gift you can give. Don't try to solve the problem. The healing comes when your loved one does that.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5: The sun's coming into your sign, and it'll be here about four weeks. Don't race right off and do things yet. Keep working on your plan.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7: You'll want to allocate a little more time for spiritual inquiry over the next few weeks. Your own intuition is excellent, but the assignment now is to read books. Learn what you don't know you don't know.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6: You'll be able to tell, pretty soon, that the hardest part is over. You'll be acknowledged for taking a righteous stand. Critics will fold, and supporters show up where you never expected. There's even money coming in. Accept it all graciously.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8: Although you're about to take on new responsibilities, you'll still have time for valuable advice from a wise teacher. Schedule it.

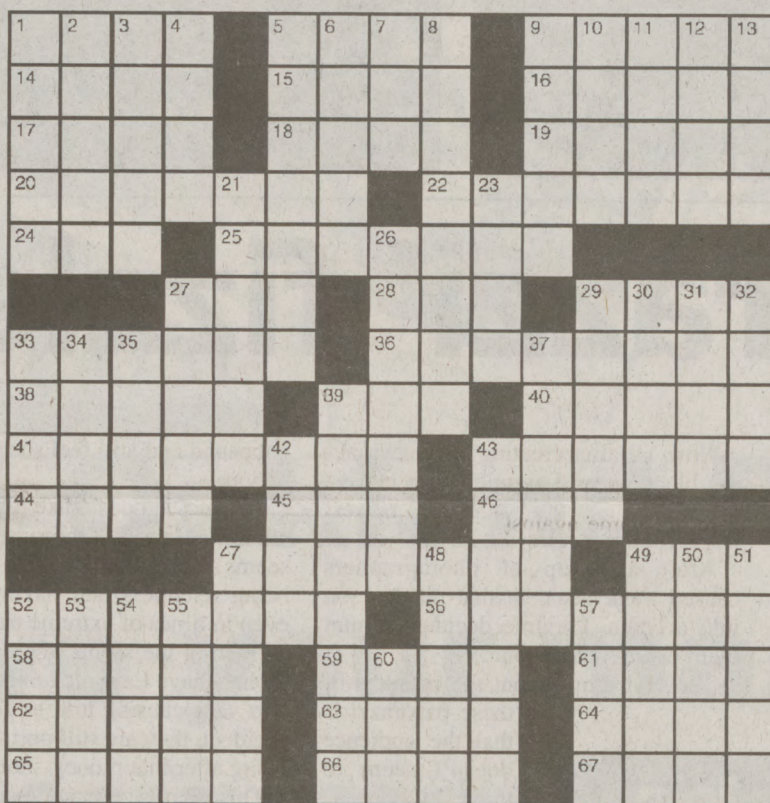
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6: In some respects, the pressure is increasing the next two days. In others, you're entering an expansive phase for about four weeks. Make the forces work together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7: If you're running short on data, supplies or support, ask a friend. The people you love can put you in touch with others who have what you need. They won't mind. That's what friends are for.

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Killer whale
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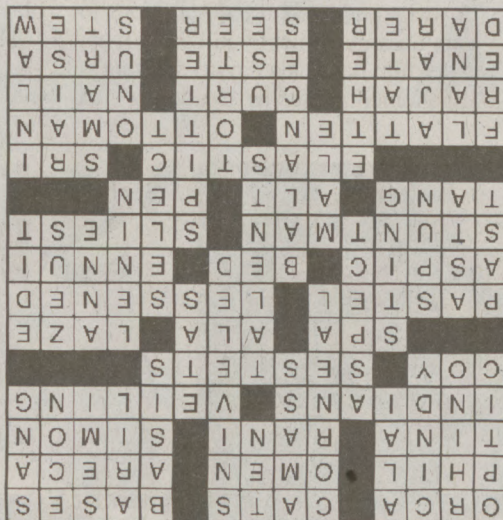
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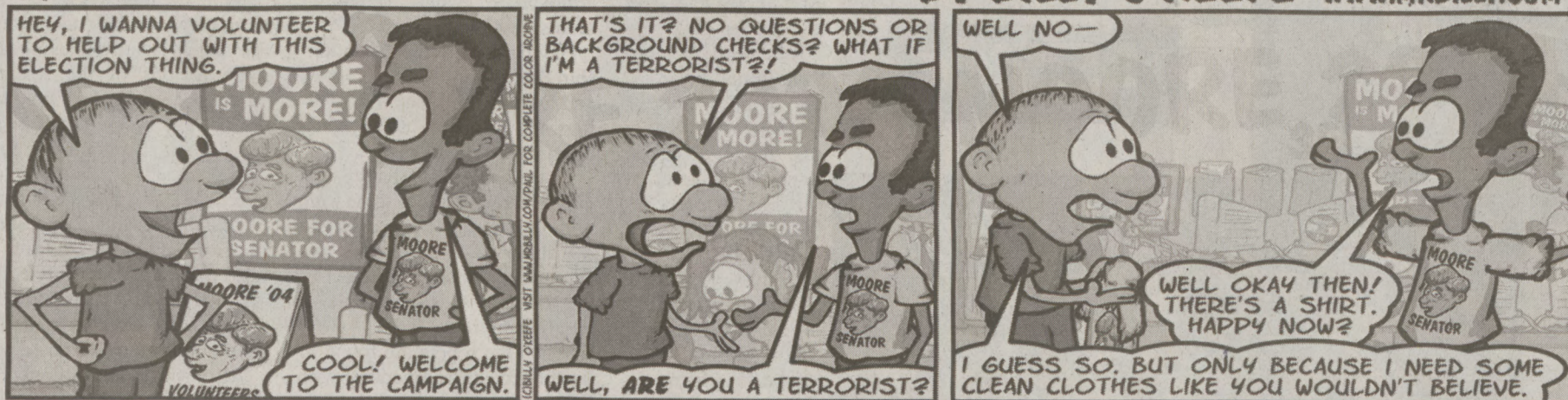
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BY BILLY O'KEEFE WWW.MRBILLY.COM

Trivia Answers: 1- 1983; 2- Peter Cushing; 3- Irvin Kirshner; 4- A New Hope; 5- David Prowse; 6- Blue Harvest; 7- Michael Douglas; 8- Drew Struzan

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Sept. 22

First day for zero percent tuition refund.

Hispanic Celebration 2004 Poster Contest through Sept. 24. Entries must be submitted to the CSA office, Room 49 of the OC.

S.A.F.E. on Campus Information Session from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the OC.

First-Year Transition Workshop, "Beat the Dreaded Freshman 15" from 5-6 p.m. in Lake Superior Room B of the OC.

What Do They Really Know? Exploring Commonly Held Science Misconceptions seminar at 1:15 p.m. in Room 372 of the Science and Engineering Building.

Hypnoterapy Habits: Healthy or Not presented by Dr. Robert Jarski at 12:05-12:55 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the Rec. Center.

Free Salsa Dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Thursday, Sept. 23

CSA's Lunch and Learn Session welcomes students to bring their lunch and listen to the History of Chocolate from noon-12:30 p.m. in the Student Center of Kresge Library.

The film "Like Water for Chocolate" will be shown from 12:30-3 p.m. in the Student Center of Kresge Library and from 7-10 p.m. in Gold Room C of the OC. Free chocolate treats during the film.

Bowl with the Muslim Students Association. Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. Carpooling to Avon Lanes and students bowl for free.

Friday, Sept. 24

"I Love My Heart Day" will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. Learn how to maintain a healthy heart and how to take part in the Heart Walk.

Last day of applications for OU's Student of the Month parking pass. Pick up a form at the OUSC office, Room 62 of the OC.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Last day of the Michigan Renaissance Festival, located in Holly. Discount tickets are available at the CSA Service Window.

Monday, Sept. 27

CSA welcomes students, faculty and staff to the Mini-Feria (Mini-Fair) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. Students can view cultural exhibits, poster entries and listen to music and sample free Hispanic food.

First-Year Transition Workshop "How to Handle Conflict in Everyday Life" from 7-8 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the Rec. Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

"Out in the Workplace," a panel discussion on career-related gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender issues at noon in Gold Room C of the OC.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Heart Walk at OU located on the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds opens at 7:30 a.m. and walking begins at 9 a.m. For more information on the walk, visit the Web-site at www.americanheart.org.

Bring on Mid-Con

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The men's soccer team extended their unbeaten streak to four games this weekend when they played the University of Cincinnati Bearcats Saturday.

The win improves its record to 3-1-1 and the Bearcats' record fell to 1-4-0.

"We did what we needed to do to win the game," said head coach Gary Parsons. "I cannot complain when we are beating good competition."

There was not much action in the first half. Junior defenseman, Danny Ng had a close shot with 9:32 left in the first half, but failed to capitalize.

Junior forward Chris Edwards also had a chance to score with 6:30 left in the first half when he headed the ball on a rebound from freshman midfielder, Adam Kliebert's shot, but the ball sailed just over the net.

"We have not had enough attacks this season, that is something we will need to work on as a team," Parsons said.

Cincinnati had only two shots in the first half but OU was able to record five shots, although none of them made it into the net.

The second half was a different story. The Golden Grizzlies had another five shots, one of which was the game-winning goal.

Edwards scored the winning goal when he connected with Bret McNabb.



Above: OU's defense held Cincinnati scoreless on Saturday
Right: Senior Doug Rice slips between two Bearcats

Edwards kicked a line drive from the left side of the net into the right corner.

Edwards leads the team in points this season with seven. He also has three goals.

Edwards and senior defensive captain, Ryan Rzepka, lead the team in shots, with Edwards taking four and Rzepka taking three.

"One of the players that stood out on an individual basis this game was Edwards, he did a great job on making the goal," said Parsons.

The Bearcats were only able to get five shots on goal during the game and sophomore goalkeeper Mike Vessells had two saves.

Golden Grizzlies junior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese had two saves for his third consecutive shutout of the season.

"We will be working on cleaning up some things, and fixing things offensively and defensively that need to be fixed before our game against

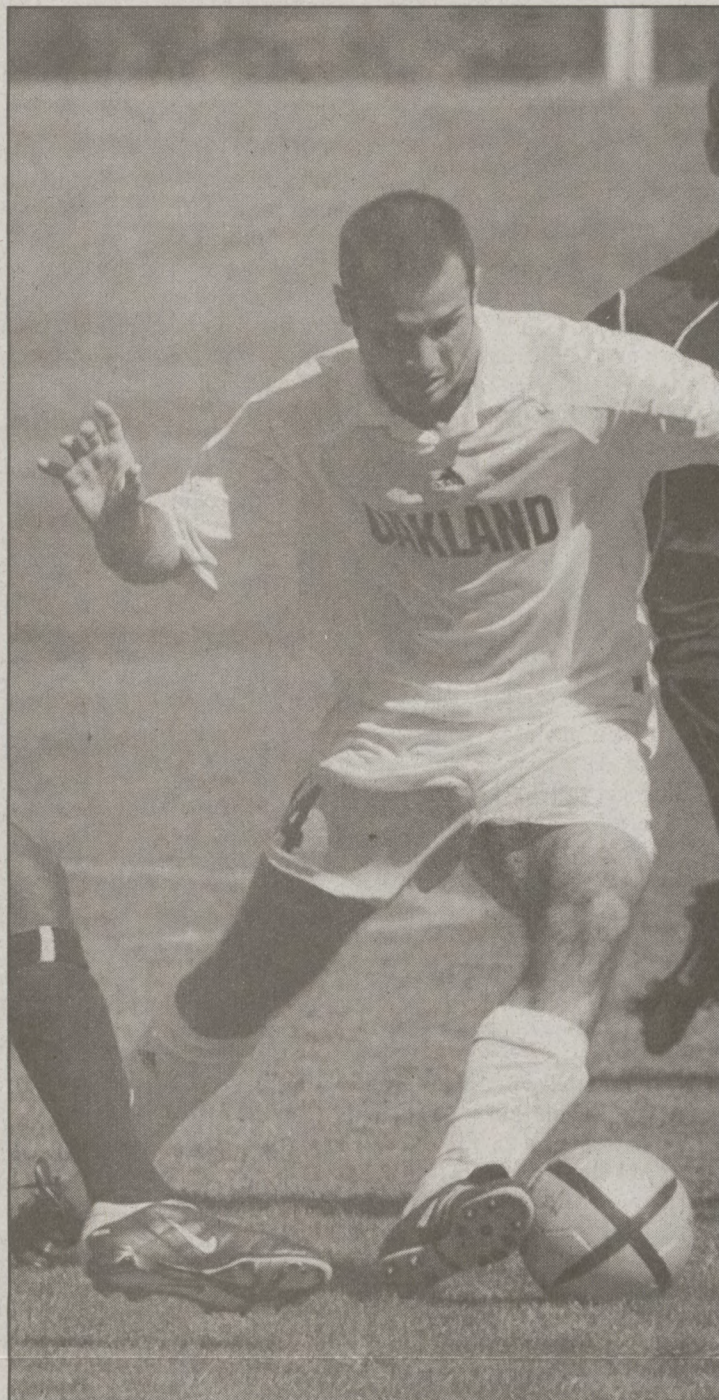
Centenary," said Parsons.

The results for Tuesday's game against Western Michigan were not available at press time.

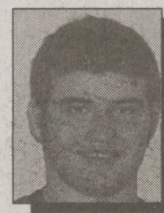
OU hosts Centenary College at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the OU Soccer Field to open the Mid-Continent Conference at 1 p.m.

Game Preview

Who: OU (2-3) vs. Centenary
When: Sept. 25
Where: OU Soccer field
What: OU will look to begin its Mid-Con regular season with a win over the Centenary College Gents.



Coming up:
Men's soccer and women's volleyball begin their Mid-Con seasons and OU hockey.



KYLE MAGIN

Oakland Post

Owners dropped the puck

Hope everyone enjoyed the summer hockey we had this year, beginning with the Tampa Bay Lightning winning the Stanley Cup and ending with the exciting World Cup of Hockey, because that may very well be the last hockey we'll see for a while.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 15, the NHL has begun a work stoppage that could prove to be season long. Neither side of the table has agreed with the other; and both are refusing to come together for negotiations to end the hostilities.

The main point of contention between the owners and players' association is that the owners would like to put a cap on player's salaries, thus limiting the amount each team can spend on a total roster.

The problem there is that the proposed cap would hurt big market teams, like the Red Wings, by limiting the amount of money they can spend to sign new players, and help traditionally cheap teams such as the New York Islanders by giving them a way to hold revenues that would be used to sign free agents.

Basically, the owners are looking for reasons to curtail player salaries and profit off the difference between the revenues and what they have to pay out in salaries.

The players aren't the only party getting the short end of the stick; the fans are going to get the true loss.

The NHL is already amongst the lowest rated of the four major sports in the US and a work stoppage does no good to the cause of fostering a fan base and allowing it to prosper.

In the fans' eyes, the owners are unwilling to open their collective wallets to benefit the fans, instead opting to hang on to their own money and allow the league to suspend for a year.

This is the same thing we saw ten years ago with the MLB, it took baseball four years and the Sosa-McGwire home run race to revive the league and get the fans to come back out to the ballpark.

Now, as long as the Wings are in Detroit Joe Louis Arena will always be filled, but what about stadiums in non-hockey towns?

Fair-weather and casual fans will have no problem choosing other sporting events over the outrageous ticket prices of the NHL to see games in LA, Phoenix and Florida, each of which have other professional sports teams with winter schedules.

How eager will cable affiliates in those areas be to re-sign the lucrative TV contracts that the league depends on, only being able to show a sport that few will want to watch after it turned its back on the fans?

Hockey owners need to get their act together now, before any further damage is caused by a rift between them and their players and more importantly, their fans.

Hockey is already in a state of 9-1-1, dragging behind the NBA and NCAA basketball in winter-time sports ratings, and the best way to dig itself out of the hole isn't a work-stoppage because they are afraid to spend a little money on the betterment of the league.

Hopefully, the owners can figure this out before it's too late for them and, most importantly, the fans.

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Photo Courtesy of OU Athletics

Patricia Ellsworth has been OU's top golfer so far this season.

Ellsworth: Player of the Week

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Earning a Player of the Week title for the first time is a great honor for any athlete.

Junior golfer Patricia Ellsworth earned that title last week. It is her first time receiving the title and she is also the first player to be awarded that honor in the Mid-Con this season.

"Patricia is definitely our strongest player," said head coach Dave DeWulf. "She is our lowest scorer at tournaments, which helps us out, and she also has a lot of potential."

Her effort in the Laker Fall Classic last week was the top showing of any of the golfers in the Mid-Con Conference.

Ellsworth helped lead OU to a fourth place finish at the season opener. Out of a field of 107 players, she finished in a tie for fifth place with rounds of 81 and 75.

Her score of 75 was a record low for her and was the lowest score by any Mid-Con golfer during the first weekend of play.

She had a tournament total of 156, which placed her only five shots away from the winner. That score was also the lowest of any Mid-Con player in the tournament.

"I know we will be able to get her to achieve even more this season as we work to perfect her game," said DeWulf.

Ellsworth helped to lead the team to a strong finish at the Lady Falcon Invitational this weekend.

OU shot 646, which was only nine strokes behind first place winner, Western Ontario.

Ellsworth shot 158 for the tournament, which included a 77 in the last round where she tied for seventh overall.

Senior Leigh Gulbransen, sophomore Stacey Goins and sophomore Christina Cibrario all placed in the top 20. Gulbransen came in 13th with a score of 162, Goins and Cibrario both finished in a six-way tie for 14th place with a score of 163.

The Golden Grizzlies will travel to Richmond, Kentucky for the Eastern Kentucky Colonel Classic.

Frezza wins Spartan Invite

DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's cross country teams ran in the Spartan Invitational last Friday on Forest Akers East Golf Course. The invitational was not scored as a team event.

Sophomore Dayna Cline led the Golden Grizzly women with a 31st place overall finish. The Lake Superior State transfer ran a 23:13 in the 6K event.

"Dayna has been a pleasant surprise," coach Paul Rice said. "She has really ran well the last three weeks."

Junior Kim Shultz (23:48), junior Amber Nagel (23:52) and sophomore Laura Fisher (24:04) repeated their performances of last week.

The three Grizzlies finished within 12 seconds of each other at University of Detroit, and this week ran 16 seconds apart.

Rice said the goal for the women in the next couple of weeks is to find a consistent fifth runner. Junior Julie Austin finished fifth for OU.

Winning the invitational was Michigan State University freshman, Danette Doetzel. In her first collegiate race, Doetzel took top honors with a time of 20:52.

On the men's side, the top overall runner for OU was senior Luke Williams. He finished 51st in the 8K event, recording a time of 25:44.

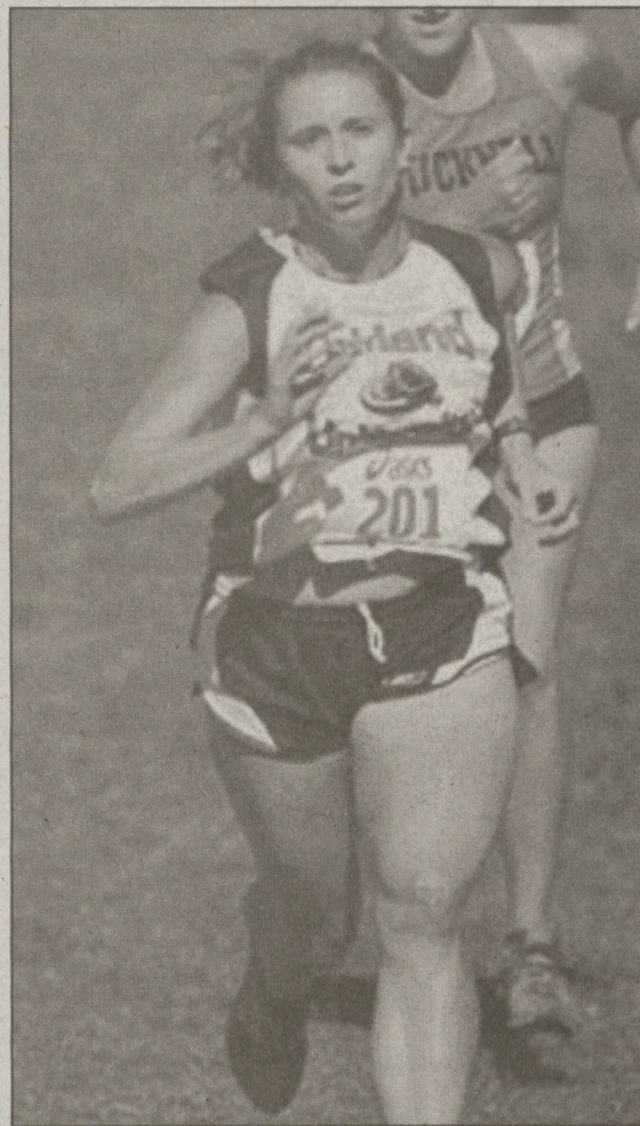
Williams had been sick most of the previous week and was only able to practice for three days before the event.

"Hopefully, it's out of his system and he can run healthy the rest of the year," Rice said.

Other Oakland runners finishing in the top 100 were sophomore Chris Fecek (27:47), sophomore Tim Copacia (28:52) and freshman Tim Rowland (29:04). Sophomore Joe Zick finished in 29:33.

Redshirt senior Adam Frezza won the invitational with a time of 24:54. This coming just one week after his record setting run at the UDM Open.

Both teams will be back competing in team events Oct. 2, at the Loyola Invitational in Chicago, Ill.



Top Five at Spartan

1. Adam Frezza— Unattached	24:54
2. Michael Woods— Michigan	24:56
3. Corey Nowitske— Eastern Michigan	24:58
4. Jonathons Kielissak— Michigan	25:01
5. Todd Iacovelli— Michigan	25:01
51. Luke Williams— Oakland	26:44

Volleyball wins a pair

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

OU women's volleyball team had a busy week.

OU won its first match of the season, defeating Central Michigan University 3-2 (29-31, 18-30, 30-26, 30-26, 15-10) and then went 1-3 in four games at the Clarion Hotel Westgate Rocket Classic.

"That's the first time we beat Central in 18 tries," head coach Dave Schmidlin said. "The team played well, it's nice to get that monkey off our back."

Central Michigan had a 2-0 lead, but OU was able to win three straight sets to win the match.

OU had four players with double figure kills, led by freshman outside hitter Chelsea Licavoli's 18 kills and senior outside hitter Sara Miller's 14 kills. Licavoli also had 10 digs.

"Licavoli really stepped up," Schmidlin said. "She was playing with confidence and energy. She put up some numbers for us. It was a good surprise for us."

Junior setter Becca Moller had a season high 53 assists.

The Golden Grizzlies first game of the Rocket Classic was against the host team, University of Toledo. The Rockets defeated OU in three straight sets 30-15, 30-17, 30-23.

Toledo outthit OU .252 to -.029 in the match. The Rockets also had more aces (9-2), digs (49-32) and blocks (6-3) than the Grizzlies.

Junior middle blocker Erin Palmer led OU offensively with six kills. Moller dished out 15 assists and senior libero Katie Lozier had 12 digs.

Senior outside hitter Rachel Mohler led Toledo with 13 kills and West Division MAC Co-Player of the Week, freshman setter Emi Holsclaw, had 38 assists.

Toledo went undefeated at the

Classic and won the tournament.

In the Grizzlies second game of the Rocket Classic, they fell to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 3-0 (30-24, 30-16, 30-24.)

Wisconsin-Green Bay was led by a stellar performance from senior setter Leslie Kuhn. The senior led the Phoenix with 12 kills and 19 assists.

Sophomore outside hitter Sarah Rauhen led the Phoenix defensively with 15 digs.

Moller connected on three kills in three attempts for OU. Moller also had seven digs to go with her 26 assists. Freshman libero Kellie Kunkel led OU with 15 digs.

OU won its second match of the season, defeating UNC-Greensboro 3-0 (30-23, 30-25, 30-20) in its third game of the Rocket Classic.

The Grizzlies' offense dominated UNC-Greensboro hitting .292 for the match and 11 aces.

Palmer and Miller led OU with 13 kills each. Moller dished out 34 assists to go with her five kills. Lozier led OU defensively again with 10 digs.

"I was a little disappointed with our game against Toledo," Schmidlin said. "Overall, we continued to get better. They played much better against Green Bay and we beat a UNC-Greensboro team that we should have beat."

In the final game of the Rocket Classic, OU lost 3-0 (30-23, 30-25, 30-20) to the University of Dayton. The Flyers outthit OU .250 to .116 in the match and had 11 blocks to OU's five.

Dayton was led offensively by sophomore middle blocker Faye Barhorst, who had 13 kills and senior outside hitter Christy Utnage, who had 11 kills. Junior setter Nicole Schott finished with 32 assists for the Flyers.

OU had a good defensive effort against Dayton with three players getting 10 digs each. Junior middle blocker Heather Lippert led OU with eight kills to go with her

two blocks.

"We played our best match against Dayton," Schmidlin said. "We stayed with them. We hung in there and played tough."

With the win and three losses at the Rocket Classic OU's record now stands at 2-8.

Schmidlin said Lippert's performance really stood out this weekend. Lippert earned All-Tournament honors.

OU will begin its Mid-Con season this weekend. Schmidlin thinks the team has a good chance to get off to a good start.

"I'm looking for the team to step up as a whole. Not one individual, but the whole team as a collective unit," Schmidlin said.

The Grizzlies will first face Centenary College at 7 p.m. on Friday in the O'rena.

Centenary was picked to finish last in the Mid-Con preseason poll.

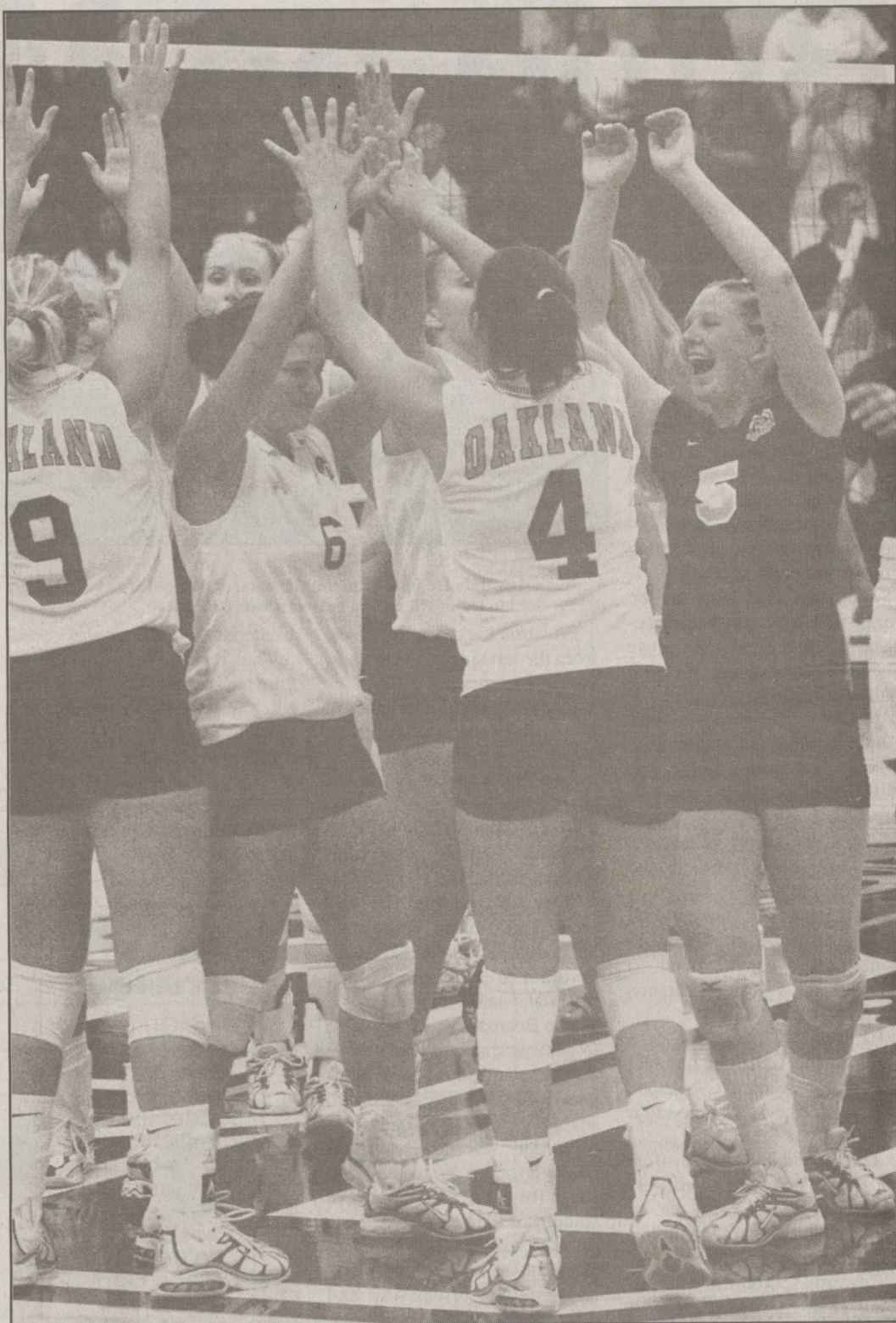
OU will take on Oral Roberts University at 1 p.m. on Sunday in the O'rena.

Oral Roberts was picked to finish first in the Mid-Con preseason poll.

"We will see where the team is against Oral Roberts," Schmidlin said. "Oral Roberts is a tough team."

Game Preview

Who: OU (2-3) vs. Centenary
When: Sept. 24
Where: O'rena
What: OU will look to begin its Mid-Con regular season with a win over the Centenary College Ladies.



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Volleyball team celebrates their first victory against Central Michigan University

College football analysis



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The Oakland Post

FACT or FICTION

BRENDAN J. STEVENS

Editor in Chief



A freshman quarterback will lead Michigan to a Big Ten title.

Fiction. Michigan opens its Big Ten season against Iowa this Saturday and I expect them to win, but their road games are a cause of concern.

Chad Henne has all the talent in the world, but unless Mike Hart is the answer at tailback, he won't be able to utilize his skill position players. Trips to West Lafayette and Columbus are asking too much. They will lose one and possibly both.

The winner of the Big Ten will be 7-1 in conference and the team with the best chance is Purdue. They are the only team in the conference led by a proven senior quarterback and their three toughest games (Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio State) are all at home.

The Boilermakers have already beaten Syracuse and Ball State by a combined score of 110-7.

Michigan State will battle Indiana and Illinois for the Big Ten cellar

Fiction. MSU proved against Notre Dame that they can compete. If the trio of Drew Stanton, Matt Trannon and Jehuu Caulcrick mesh together as the season goes on, they will give the conferences' front runners all they can handle.

Michigan State will be tough in East Lansing. The key to the season, is if the young team can learn to win on the road.

What's true about the statement is that Illinois and Indiana will battle it out as the Big Ten's version of Duke.

The two schools will be underdogs in all of their games, except one.

I wouldn't want to be Vegas when the two schools meet on November 6th.

Braylon Edwards will become the first receiver in Big Ten history to record three straight 1,000-yard seasons

Fact. Edwards has 350 yards on 26 catches in his first three games. He has ten more games, including the bowl game, to get 650 yards. Do you want to bet he won't get it?

Michigan's non-existent running game leaves Edwards as the primary threat in an extremely conservative offense. Assuming Henne remains the quarterback, offensive coordinator, Terry Malone will slowly open up the play book as the season progresses.

Edwards spurned the NFL to leave a legacy at Michigan. He wants to be on top of lists that include Anthony Carter, Marquise Walker and Amani Toomer. Not only will he do just that, but the Detroit native will also go down as one of the best receivers to ever play in the Big Ten.

Fiction. Freshman signal-caller Chad Henne has shown potential this season, but it won't be enough to bring the University of Michigan a conference title.

Henne's stats will improve as the season goes on and the running back battle narrows. The Wolverines will probably finish near the front of the pack once again.

But when it comes down to it, Henne's inexperience will hurt U-M when it counts the most.

The Big Ten is a strong conference, and the Wolverines will have to square off against four teams currently ranked in the top 25. Iowa, Minnesota, Purdue and, most of all, Ohio State will provide challenges the freshman QB will fail.

Minnesota will shock everyone and take the conference with a 7-1 record.

Fiction. It pains me to say so, but this group of Spartans is not ready to compete in the powerhouse Big Ten Conference, but they haven't fallen that far.

After a surprising, bowl-worthy season last year, Michigan State University will falter this season with an underachieving offense and a stopgap defense. The Spartans won't get blown out but they don't have the playmakers to get wins.

With a defense partially supplied by former offensive-players, opposing offenses will have a number of weaknesses to exploit.

Four straight, and five out of six, contests against currently ranked top 25 teams will spell disaster, but the Spartans should stay out of the basement with back-to-back victories over Penn State and Hawaii to end the season.

Fact. This one pains me more than admitting MSU isn't a contender this season.

While he hasn't always shown the ability to make routine plays, the simple fact is Edwards has talent.

Due to lack of concentration while he thinks about the millions he'll make in the NFL, Edwards hasn't always made the easy catches, but he consistently makes the catches no one else can, or should.

His natural ability far outweighs his mental errors, proven by his 100-yard average through three games.

With other talented receivers keeping him from seeing too much slanted coverage or true double teams, Edwards could leave the Wolverines as one of the most prolific pass catchers in Big Ten history.



Bob Knoska/ The Oakland Post

Junior Marianne Samdal collides with a Centenary player.

OU drops pair

DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's women's soccer team did not start off its defense of the Mid-Con crown title like it hoped, losing in overtime to the Centenary College Ladies, 1-0.

The Grizzlies could not find a way to get a shot past Centenary's junior goalkeeper, Lindsey Stafford.

OU finished with 21 shots, including 12 shots on goal, for the game, but could not find the back of the net. Stafford finished with 11 saves to get her third shutout of the year.

OU had 12 shots and eight shots on goal in the first half, but did not convert any of the shots.

In the second half, OU did not have as many chances but missed two opportunities.

The first one came when sophomore forward Marianne Samdal shot one off the cross bar with 16:05 left in regulation. Samdal came close again when she headed a ball over the net with more than a minute left to play in regulation.

"I was always thinking we're gonna make it next time," Samdal said. "We just had some bad luck. It's kind of bitter."

Centenary's senior midfielder Rita Coolidge connected on freshman forward Tara Sageser's pass for the game winner in overtime. OU had two shots in overtime, but neither were on goal.

"We should have finished the game earlier," Samdal said. "It shouldn't have even gone into overtime."

Head coach Nick O'Shea was not happy with his team's play.

"We played terrible," O'Shea said. "I think they should be a little more focused. Play with a little more intensity. Be a little smarter how they go about things."

The team has high expectations this year after being predicted to win the Mid-Con for the second straight year.

"Our goal is to be the top team in the Mid-Con, so it's a disappointment, but it's only the first game," Samdal said.

O'Shea was also upset after the game because the referee did not call a foul when Samdal was knocked to the ground.

Junior forward Kristi Swaving led OU with seven shots and three shots on goal. Freshman forward Kristi Mitchell finished with four shots, all of them on

goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Jessica Howard had six saves.

On Sunday OU lost another close game, falling 2-1 to the University of Dayton.

Dayton scored first when junior defenseman Stacy Pallumbo sent a pass to junior forward Reba Sedlacek, who slipped the ball under OU's Howard.

OU tied the game when junior midfielder Silje Peltopera flipped a pass to Samdal, who beat Dayton's senior goalkeeper Amanda Kuntz.

With the score tied 1-1 with seven minutes to go in regulation, Dayton's junior midfielder Katie Lowstuter shot a corner kick to junior midfielder Alicija Bredlo, who headed it past Howard.

The goal turned out to be the game winner as the Grizzlies fell, 2-1.

Dayton's win gave Kuntz her first career victory. Junior midfielder Laura Boland led Dayton with six shots.

Howard allowed two goals and had eight saves.

The loss drops OU's record to 2-5. OU will look for its first Mid-Con victory on Saturday when they head to IUPUI.