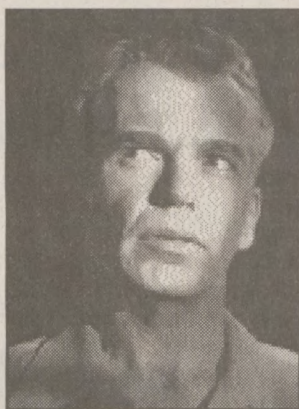
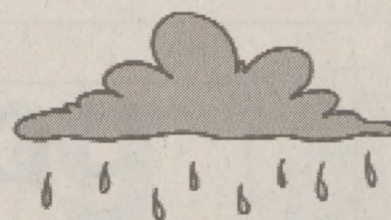


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The EDGE

• The Jan. 9 Board of Trustees meeting has been cancelled. The Board will meet Feb. 6.

• The Center for Student Activities is accepting applications for the College Bowl Tournament to be held Jan. 26. Teams of 4-5 or individuals can stop by 49 Oakland Center and pick up an entry form. The deadline to register is Jan. 23, and the cost is \$20 per team. The winning team receives \$600 and will compete in the regional competition Feb. 16-17 at OU. Call 248.370.2400 for all the details.

• The Physics Department is sponsoring a colloquium featuring guest speaker Amlan Biswas from the University of Maryland. The speech will be held from noon-1 p.m., Jan. 10 in Room 372, SEB.

• The new year means resolution time, and the Jan. 16 session of Wellness Wednesday will focus on adding activities into life. The hour-long seminar "The Year for You," starts at 12:05 p.m. in the Pioneer Room, Rec Center.

• Applications for the new student apartments can be picked up at the Housing Department office, Hamlin desk or in Vandenberg Hall. Housing will not start taking applications until Jan. 15 for the fall 2002 semester. Call 248.370.3570 for details. The apartments will be completed in August.

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New trustee takes seat

■ Doctor appointed to fill empty spot left by Cooper

By Heather Clement
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPT.

OU has a new self-proclaimed student advocate on the Board of Trustees. Linda S. Hotchkiss was recently appointed for a 4-year term by Michigan Governor John Engler. She replaces former Trustee Robert Cooper, who resigned last month.

"I'm a product of the

Detroit public schools," Hotchkiss said. "I was fortunate enough to go to Harvard Radcliffe, undergrad, and Harvard medical school, pediatrics, and finished my residency in psychiatry."

Hotchkiss currently serves as the senior vice president for Clinical and Physician Services for Trinity Health.

Hotchkiss said she plans to stay active in education at a hands-on, student level.

"I have been involved in college recruiting," she said. "I have also been involved in teaching at Wayne State Medical School and affiliated with teaching for a long period of time."

Hotchkiss' goals are to "be as supportive as I can (of OU students) and to follow the Board's strategic plan, which focuses on promoting the highest possible quality of undergraduate programs," she said, adding that this is

the foundation for all other things.

Hotchkiss said she will be "supportive of the school and an advocate of developing even greater resources for the school, especially the undergraduate program."

Appointed to the Board of Trustees in December 2001, Hotchkiss said, "I am honored to be on the board."

She is a board-certified
TRUSTEE continues on A8

"I'm a product of the Detroit public schools."

Linda Hotchkiss
Trustee

OUPD handles fraud case

Bookstore catches alleged bandits

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

Two separate cases of alleged retail fraud were reported to the OU Police Department by bookstore staff during the past three weeks.

In both cases, the suspects allegedly tried to sell new books back to the bookstore that hadn't been used in any prior semester. One book had a January, 2002 stamp and price sticker on it, and another book wasn't on bookstore shelves until Dec. 7, 2001. Police theorize that the suspects stole the books from the store or loading dock, then attempted to sell them back to the bookstore.

"They presented the books to us as ones that had been used in the previous term, and they were not," Store Manager Debbie Ogg said. "We code our pricing here. We can tell what term the books are used. Plus, (the staff) learns when the book is being used."

OUPD Officer Nan Gelman questioned the suspects, who

BOOKS continues on A8

Banner crash loses grades

By Ashlyn Cates
THE OAKLAND POST

A computer "bug" in the OU Banner system caused frustration for faculty who entered final grades that mysteriously disappeared at the end of last term.

The problem arose in grades submitted online by faculty who used the Internet Explorer 6.0 browser. Faculty who used an earlier version of IE or Netscape were unaffected. Faculty must submit grades through the online system.

This led to extra work for faculty whose computers, either on campus or at home, are equipped with only the updated version of Internet Explorer. Faculty

BANNER continues on A8

Sketches of suspected projector thieves made

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Two composite sketches have been drawn of the suspects who allegedly took projectors from 225 Hannah Hall.

A OU student reportedly arrived early to the class room to study.

"I was notified by Tom Ford, who has a class in 225 Hannah Hall that one of his students was going to class early to study until it started," Detective David Birkholz said. "The student saw a black female sitting at the table (outside of the

classroom) and noticed that she (one of the alleged suspects) was paying a lot of attention to her."

Birkholz said the student bumped into a black male coming out of a "dark room."

"She scooted her chair out, like she was a look out because someone was coming," he said.

The student told police she saw the projector and talked to Ford about it. "From that we brought her in and asked her to describe what they looked like, and that is how we got the composite

drawings," Birkholz said. "I think that with these drawings there will be a break in this case."

On the same day that the projector was damaged and reportedly tampered with, four other projectors were stolen from classrooms.

The OU Police Department believes that these suspects may also be responsible for the other thefts.

One of the suspects was described as a black male in his early twenties, 5'7" to 5'10", thin build with a medium complexion. He was



Artwork courtesy of OUPD

SUSPECTED: These are a sketch artist's renderings of an eye-witness' memory of two people thought to be involved.

reportedly wearing dark clothing and a tan and multi-colored wool hat, described to be an alternative style.

The other suspect is described as a black female in her early twenties. She reportedly has over-the-shoulder length hair and a stocky build

with small round thin frame glasses. At the time of the alleged attempted larceny, she was wearing light colored jeans, a blue and black pullover jacket with a dark color book bag.

Any information should be given to the OUPD at 370.3331.

Shaping up, shipping out



DIPLOMA TIME: There were three graduation ceremonies held last month in the O'Rena. (Above) College of Arts and Science graduates take their final steps towards the real world at the 10 a.m. ceremony that took place on Dec. 22. Low crowd turn-out was attributed to the date the ceremony was held, only three days before the Christmas holiday.

Photo courtesy of Dennis Collins

Warrant issued for suspect in August computer heist

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a former OU student for allegedly taking 10 computers from Elliot Hall on Aug. 18, 2001.

Detective David Birkholz, OU police department, said Daniel Brittenine, an OU custodian, noticed a black male in 202 Elliot while cleaning up the night the thefts occurred.

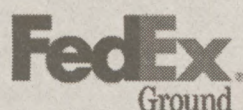
"The guy was dressed as a maintenance man and was box-

ing up 10 computers," he said. "(Brittenine) noticed him and talked to him about what he was doing and was told he was taking the computers over to (Dodge Hall)."

According to Birkholz, another witness said she had seen the

man police think was responsible tying down boxes in his truck. When the witness was brought in and questioned by police about what she saw, she picked the suspect out of a group of photo-

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Exam study day missing

By Tera VanTiem
THE OAKLAND POST

Final exams are enough to make some students scream.

Students were cramming for finals the same week of class this past fall semester.

Contrary to past semesters, class ended at 9 p.m. Tuesday evening with finals starting at 6 a.m. the next morning.

Historically, OU has given students a 24 hour study period between the end of the term and the start of finals.

"I thought it was ridiculous

having finals so close to the end of classes," Danielle Eckhout, sophomore, education language arts, said. "I had a big group presentation due that Monday for my English class that I had to spend endless hours working on, not to mention a term paper I had to rush through."

Time is a precious commodity for many students at OU, especially since there are so many commuters. Many work part or full time jobs and have to pay for books, tuition and other personal expenses.

Such is the case for Kathryn

Amaradio, sophomore, secondary education.

"I was taking 16 credits this past semester, and I work several days a week. So, when I found out that finals were the same week of class, I knew that I would really have to use my time wisely and study hard," said Amaradio. "I think it would have worked out better if they would've removed the last day of class and started finals (a day earlier than they did). So we would not have had to come back the following Monday."

"I agree that this term did not

allow enough time for a study period," said Communication Instructor Tom Discenna. "I should think that a minimum 24-hour period is necessary."

University Senate regulations prohibit faculty from giving tests or finals the last week of classes. Some students seem to like this idea.

John Bankstahl, senior, general management, said "Professors I've had in the past have given their exams before the scheduled time slot, which works out good because they (the exams) are not as long and we don't have to

waste another day by coming into school."

Contrary to widespread belief, Professors who break the rules and give tests or exams during the last week of classes face no official penalties. That doesn't seem to hinder the practice, though.

"Having them early seems to take the pressure off," said Kevin Genoff, sophomore, mechanical engineering. "I think final exams should fit into normal class time and not a three hour slot. That way it is less overwhelming."

NEWS COLUMN



Derek Dickow
Student Body President

Each day turns over new leaf

Happy New Year to you and yours! This is now the ninth day of 2002 and already I've heard stories of people breaking their New Year resolution.

What a cliché. I ask myself what's the point?

Last year I made a resolution to never make another New Year resolution for as long as I live. Resolutions are supposed to be something that we implement and continue to uphold, and not unrealistic goals we setup for inevitable failure. People make resolutions to lose weight, to make more money, to spend more time with their families, etc. But I ask if these ideas are important to us why wait until New Year's Eve to turn a new leaf?

I submit that each day turns a new leaf, and if you are not happy with something in your life you can change or work on a change right now. Don't wait for January 1 of a new year to create a new you. Creating a better you is what life has always been about, and is important enough to work towards on a daily basis. After all, we learn everyday from all types of people and books, and whether you admit it or not, everyday you become a new person. With each day we are given opportunities to enhance our lives and the lives of others, and as you walk through a day in the life of "you" remember only you control your actions.

Simply put, if you are unhappy with something in your life change it. Don't let one day give you an excuse to make your life better; making your life better should be a daily resolution.

As the president of your student congress, I will offer our guarantee (not resolution) to you.

We will continue to work towards improving student life on campus. If you or any student you know has any on campus concerns we should be aware of please contact me at 370.4292 directly.

Our office is here to work for students, and time is of the essence. We will represent your concerns through the month of April so do not hesitate to contact us. Good luck with your classes and welcome back!

Senior Derek Dickow is a political science major and Student Body President. Send comments to djdickow@oakland.edu.

Political campaign course offered again

By Jennifer Decker
COPY EDITOR

With student aspirations set on White House or Capitol Building jobs, OU is once again offering a political campaign management course this semester.

Professor John Klemanski of the political science department will teach the course. After course completion, students can be hired by the Democratic or Republican Party organizations in Michigan to manage state house campaigns this year.

Klemanski created the course and first offered it in spring of 1996 to coincide with the 1996 Presidential Election.

About 50 students enrolled in the first class.

In 1999 OU alumnus Alan Mann, Director of Public Opinion Polling for the Michigan House Republican Caucus, contacted Klemanski. Mann inquired about creating a course to train students as political campaign managers.

"(Mann) pointed out that in Michigan there are 110 State House seats up every two years. With both parties needing managers, there are many campaigns that don't have trained managers," Klemanski said.

"I contacted Mark Brewer, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, to see if he was will-

ing to participate in this effort as well. He was enthusiastic about it, since the Democrats needed trained managers to run their campaigns also."

The course has had a favorable response from the Democrat and Republican parties.

"This program will help provide the Michigan Democratic Party and our candidates with talented and qualified people to

staff our campaigns," Brewer said.

Rusty Hills, Chair of the Michigan Republican State Committee said, "This is an exciting program. We are especially encouraged because this course

We are encouraged because this course will provide young people with an opportunity.

Rusty Hills
Michigan Republican State Committee

will provide young people with an opportunity to become involved in the political process."

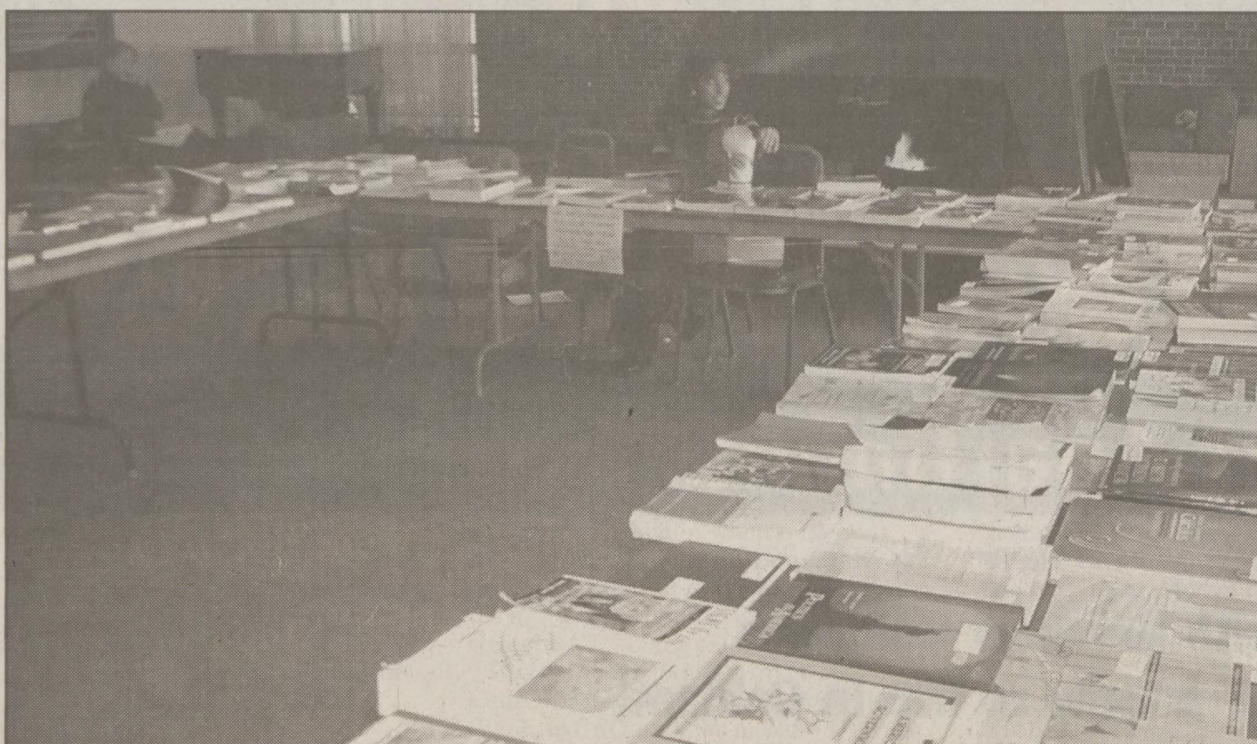
Klemanski's interest in the course also comes from feeling that a greater professionalism is needed in campaigns. As a 25 year-old graduate student, he managed a State House campaign in the early 1970s.

"At the time, I wished I had some kind of campaign training and so did my candidate, who lost," Klemanski said.

Klemanski said his biggest obstacle to teaching the course would be fitting everything into one semester.

"My biggest emphasis in

COURSE continues on A8



BOOKWORMS: The book swap is going on this week in the Oakland Center in Fireside Lounge from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

OUSC sponsors book swap

Congress making life cheaper for students

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

If OU students weren't aware beforehand, the past few days most likely confirmed that standing in long lines at the bookstore is inevitable.

However, OU Student Congress, as one of its ways to help make life easier for students, is holding its book swap through next week.

The book swap, which is held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. every day this week as well as Jan. 14, 15 and 18 in Fireside Lounge, OC, gives students a chance to set their own prices to sell books and buy other books at a cheaper rate than the bookstore.

OUSC Student Services Director Rhonda Hanna says that it's similar to selling a book to a friend.

"For example, if you have a book you bought for \$60, you can sell it to someone for \$40 through us. You get more money and in turn, the person buying it gets it for less than at the bookstore," Hanna said. "It's just like selling it to a friend, but if you don't know someone who needs it, we'll find someone for you."

In past years, Congress only offered the swap for a week, but decided to give students more time

to buy and sell this year.

"We've extended the book swap to two weeks to give people a longer time and better opportunity to sell their books and see what's there to buy," Student Body Vice President Vesna Saveski said.

According to Hanna, students can drop off their books in Fireside Lounge during book swap hours and sign a contract. Anyone whose books are sold will receive a check in the mail, and those books that aren't sold can be picked up from the OUSC office until Jan. 26.

OUSC began the book swap in 1997, and Hanna said that several thousands of dollars in books were sold the first year alone.

"I just want to help as many students as possible save or make money on their books," Hanna said.

Students interested in selling their books at the swap should do so as soon as possible, said Hanna, before too many students buy their books. Those buying books from the swap can pay with cash or check.

In addition to the book swap, Congress offers free blue books and Scantrons to students, which can be picked up in the OUSC office.

Board rewarded Russi with 6 percent raise last December

BOT promises more bonuses over next four years

*Editor's Note: This story ran previously in the Dec. 12 Special Edition of The Post.

By Michael Hoskins
THE OAKLAND POST

Christmas came early this year for President Gary Russi, as the Board of Trustees voted Dec. 5, 2001 to up his salary \$21,630, a two-year retroactive increase which resulted in a 12 percent increase.

Additionally, he was awarded \$50,000 total for the last two years in deferred compensation, money that he will receive if he stays at OU through 2006.

In addition, Russi was promised more deferred compensation "bonuses" for the next four fiscal years. The amounts of those have not been determined by the Board yet.

"We are pleased with his performance and very confident with his ability," Board of Trustees Chair Ann Nicholson said. "OU is becoming a more dynamic

place for students, and under his leadership we are heading in that direction."

The raises, which were not on the agenda circulated prior to the meeting and which have not been published on OU's official news website, came less than a month after the BOT was formally presented with a highly critical report of Russi's management style and OU budget problems.

The five month long investigation was



Gary Russi

conducted by a faculty and board committee called the Academic Affairs Review Committee. The AARC was formed last summer after the firing of Provost Louis Esposito on charges of fiscal mismanagement. Esposito was the fifth provost in seven years and the second one fired by Russi within two years of their hiring.

"To be fair, the Board should be awarding large bonuses to those faculty members who worked so many

months trying to decipher OU's grief-producing accounting practices. Isn't oversight of these practices one of the Board's responsibilities?" said Associate Professor of Rhetoric Barbara B. Hamilton. "If the board has so much cash to distribute, why don't they award all faculty a Christmas bonus for enduring the pain of last year. Kris Kringle went down the wrong chimney."

According to Nicholson, Russi had not received a salary increase the previous year because of ongoing contract negotiations with several employee unions on

SALARY continues on B4

CRIME WATCH

•OU Police traffic stops on Meadowbrook Drive near Wilson Hall netted driver's tickets for more than just speeding on two occasions in December.

On Dec. 12, police stopped a Detroit man for going more than twice the posted 15 mph speed limit. The driver, a 44 year old Detroit man, got out of his car and told police he did not have a valid drivers license and there were warrants for his arrest in Detroit. Detroit police confirmed five out-

standing traffic warrants. He was ticketed and his license plates were confiscated. Police allowed the passenger to drive with a temporary plate.

In a second incident on Dec. 17 around noon police stopped a Clinton Township for speeding in the same area. Police allegedly smelled a strong odor of marijuana in the car. The 41 year old driver allegedly admitted to police to having smoked marijuana the previous night. Police searched the car

and found a partially burned marijuana cigarette in the ashtray. The driver was ticketed for marijuana position.

•In two separate reports of harassing phone calls, a female student reported to police on Dec. 14 that she received approximately 10 phone calls with half an hour that were off campus and sounded like a black female was talking. She stated that the female on the phone called her a "white bitch" and

that she need to be taught a lesson. The caller also stated that she was going to kill her. The female never once used the student's name.

•In another report on Dec. 10 at 2 a.m. in Hamlin Hall a student told police she received several hang up calls. A few minutes later, she received an obscene call that contained laughter in the background, she did not recognize voices.



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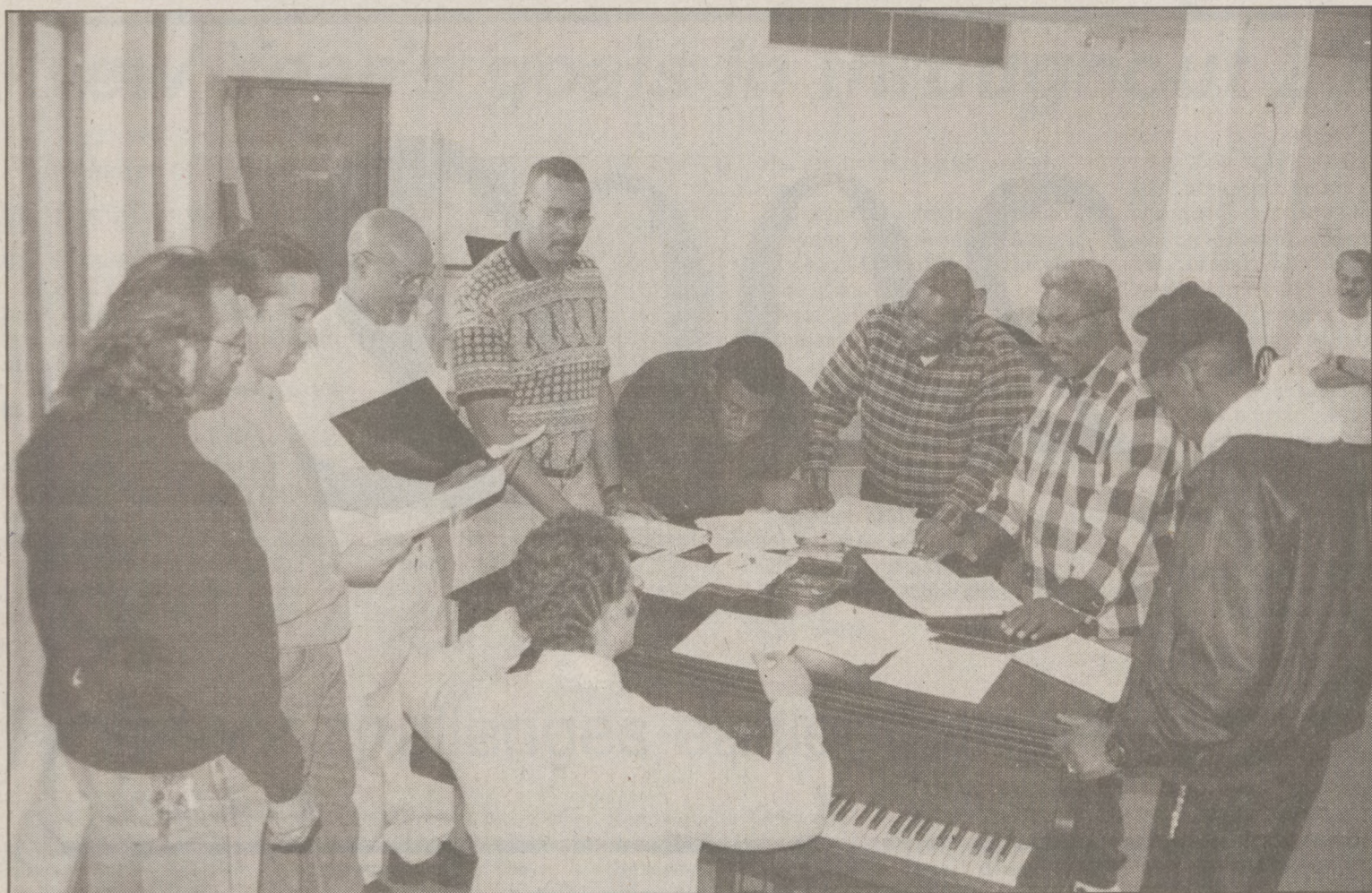
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GIVING GRACE: Dr. Duren Gutierrez leads a rehearsal of Grace Centers of Hope's Men of Grace Choir.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Pontiac mission expands

By Jennifer Decker
COPY EDITOR

Grace Centers of Hope (formerly Pontiac Rescue Mission) homeless shelter is in the business of rebuilding lives little by little from the shadows of various addictions and abuse.

Housed at 35 E. Huron, Grace Centers is a non-profit, Christian-based 12-step program. Residents aren't charged to stay, but they are expected to work and take part in the shelter's activities as a foundation towards their transformation.

"We're recreating and building families. We put mothers back in touch with children lost during addictions," said Shannon Clark, director of public relations. "Women can't fully recover without their kids."

"We're not just a rescue mission or soup kitchen. We have 150 clients 365 days a year. We're at capacity every night. Summer's a high season when we find more women leave abusive relationships," she added.

Clark described a typical day for residents as one that starts at 5:30 a.m. when details (chores) are completed. Men fix breakfast and women clean up the cafeteria before chapel service. From 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. it's class time. There's downtime before 5 p.m. details, chapel service and dinner. Then it's free time before 10:30 p.m. lights-out.

"We have an innovative learning center

with computers and separate adult and children learning. A woman named Renada learned to read through the Nova program. Some of our children that got C's and D's in the Pontiac Schools now get straight A's," Clark said.

Clark and her family run Grace Centers. Her father, the Reverend Kent Clark, is CEO and her mother, Dr. Pam Clark, is the director of women and children. They receive no government funding. Instead, donations come from the private sector, civic groups and churches.

Many of the shelter's employees have stories of triumph from completing the program like a man named Milton who is now in charge of transportation. A former heroin and crack addict, Milton at one point was kicked-out of the program for disobeying a rule. He eventually returned and fully went through the program. He married another resident, Rhonda, who now serves as assistant to the daycare director. They have three children and rent a home from Grace Centers, who also refurbished it.

Mike Lewis started using drugs at age 9, his father left him at 10 and he has been on his own since 14. He has also struggled with a sex addiction.

Lewis credits his turn-around to the Lord and program. He has served in transportation and has been assistant to the pastor and an R.A. saying, "It's made me more responsible in making the right decisions. Pastor Clark has been a father to me."

Currently, Lewis is saving for his own house, and is engaged to be married in March. He also sings in the men's ten-member choir, Men of Grace Choir, which he immensely enjoys the brotherhood and ministry. They recently released a CD titled, "Saved" which was sponsored by Pepsi and have performed nationally and in the Caribbean. Lewis particularly enjoys the song, "God is Able," saying, "It's most rewarding. I love singing for the Lord."

Before becoming volunteer coordinator, Jeff Bragg knocked back his days wondering what he was going to eat and where he would sleep.

"I was drinking a gallon of vodka a day-killing myself," Bragg said. "This place saved my life. I've been to other places that were expensive and I met famous people, but this place has a Christian atmosphere."

OU students often volunteer at Grace Centers, but Bragg said there's always a need for more. Presently, volunteers are needed in tutoring, daycare, home refurbishment, kitchen and pantry assistance and data entry.

Grace Centers currently needs donations of cash, clothes, furniture, food, office supplies and toiletries. They have a rescued autos program where individuals may donate vehicles for a tax write-off. Grace Centers also operates Rescued Treasures, a thrift store at 43584 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights.

Local center provides pregnancy assistance

By Rebecca Wyatt
THE OAKLAND POST

Many young women who become pregnant believe that they are alone, but Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Auburn Hills is the answer to many of their prayers.

Crossroads offers free pregnancy testing and counseling. A nurse verifies the pregnancy and a counselor talks with the woman about fetal development, options like abortion and adoption, the effects of each choice and programs that are available.

"Crossroads Pregnancy Center was started in 1985 by a group of people concerned about so many girls having babies out of wedlock. They wanted to give advice, direction, and choices to the young women," said Colleen Brixius, Public Relations Manager for Crossroads.

Crossroads offers programs such as support groups, child birth classes, infant care, healing after abortion, "young moms" classes and even classes for men. They also offer a mom and baby care program, which provides diapers and clothing for up to one year after the birth of the baby. From there, Crossroads hopes women will have gained enough experience from their programs to be on their own.

Crossroads is open to anyone, even minors, and all the services are completely confidential.

"We are very careful to stay within state laws, but it is very confidential," Brixius said.

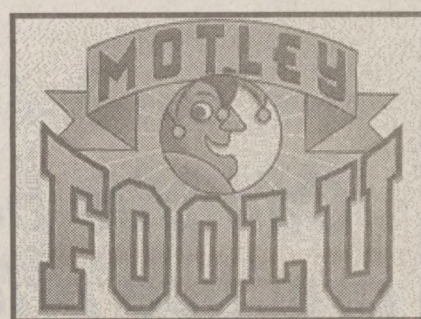
This non-profit organization now has five paid staff members and 70 volunteers. It is funded primarily through church and individual donations, allowing its services to be free.

According to Shirley Briggeman, executive director of Crossroads, donations have been down since Sept. 11 because people are trying to help the terrorist victims. Eventually this drop in donations may cause them to close their doors.

"Crossroads is a wonderful resource for expectant mothers. Through education and the services they offer, young mothers are empowered and are able to make the very best informed choices regarding the well-being of both the child and mother. The more educated we are, the better decisions we make," Jenny Bagley, senior, mechanical engineering said.

Crossroads has been near campus at the corner of Squirrel and South

CROSSROADS continues on A8



How to plan for rainy days

Q. Do I really need to keep three to six months of living expenses available as an emergency fund?

A. It's certainly smart to have some emergency funds available for unpleasant surprises that occasionally rear their ugly heads. (Your employer relocates to Siberia and your spouse isn't keen on moving, so you're out of work. Your child is discovered to be a tuba prodigy and you suddenly need to cough up a lot of money for costly Tuba Camp -- and a costly tuba.)

Three to six months is a sensible amount, but depending on your situation you might want to keep a little more or less. If you know you aren't likely to have much trouble getting a new job or earning more money when necessary, you might not need to keep too much on hand. If you have many dependents, or don't always find new work too quickly, then perhaps consider keeping a larger stash on hand.

Remember not to park any emergency money in stocks. In the short run, anything can happen in the stock market. Keeping that moolah in a savings account that earns little interest isn't so hot either.

Fortunately, you have other options. You could keep the money in a money market fund, which will pay you more than a savings account. You might also park the money in short-term certificates of deposit (CDs) or bonds, perhaps laddered so that a portion of the money is always close to maturity.

Here's another option -- likely a controversial one -- if you don't have much credit card debt. You might decide to charge expenses on your credit card, up to a certain amount, if you run into temporary trouble. However, be very careful with this approach. If you keep a significant balance on your credit card and you're charged a steep interest rate, a bad situation can quickly get much worse.

Loans are another possibility. If you have family members or close friends who could easily lend you enough to cover your temporary needs, that could work out well. If you own your home, you might be able to take out a home-equity loan to generate some temporary cash.

If you have a brokerage account chock-full of stocks, you might be able to borrow what you need from your brokerage, on margin. People usually borrow on margin from brokerages to buy addition stock, but you can borrow for pretty much any purpose. Your portfolio serves as collateral. Just be careful -- if you borrow a lot and your stocks suddenly plunge in value, you'll be hit with a "margin call" and may end up losing some of your stocks. We recommend only using margin sparingly, if you use it at all.

If you have a 401(k) at work, you might be able to borrow against that in an emergency, too.

The main idea behind these unconventional alternatives is that, by counting on one or more of them, you'll not have to keep a sizable chunk of money tied up where it's not earning much for you. You can concentrate on building wealth, while having a solid plan for emergencies.

Again, be careful -- planning to tap 401(k) money or establishing significant credit card debt can end up making matters worse in the long run if you're not able to recover quickly. If these options make you nervous, then stick with the more conservative alternatives.

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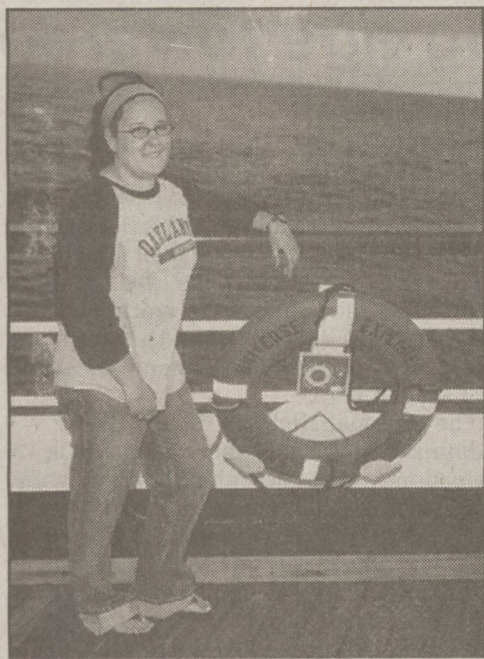


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SHIP SCHOOL: Alexandra Zurkiwskyj spent a semester aboard the Universe Explorer.

Student spends semester on board

By Heather Clement
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPARTMENT

Alexandra Zurkiwskyj, senior, communication, known to her friends as Lesia, spent fall semester studying on board the USS Universe Explorer.

The semester at sea is administered by the Institute for Shipboard Education and academically sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

Zurkiwskyj first heard about the study abroad program on "Road Rules," an MTV reality TV show.

Expenses included things like laundry at \$3 a grocery sack, which you couldn't avoid because there were no facilities on board.

The biggest expense were the tours that could be purchased for as much as \$1,000 for The Great Wall of China, which included air fare from Singapore.

However you could tour the countries on your own for little money.

There were 650 students on board the Universe with a total of 771 with faculty, their families, and staff comprised of mostly Phillipino citizens.

Zurkiwskyj was number 770, which was the number on her picture ID.

Everything was done by the ID and scanners. It was a cash-less trip using the IDs for all purchases including school books.

There was a computer lab with 30 computers, but Zurkiwskyj said it was better to have your own lap top.

The cost of the semester program for students is \$14,375, which includes tuition, room, board and passage fare. Financial assistance comparable to the aid students receive at their home school is available, and work study is also offered.

The total of Zurkiwskyj's off-ship expenses were over \$3000, which included airfare to Vancouver and home from Miami.

"The boat is like a low end cruise ship. Not at all like Carnival. We had a pool, like a box shape, real little. It is a cruise ship. Like a motel on water instead of a hotel," Zurkiwskyj said.

The ship would stay for four or five days in each port. While at sea students would take classes from a very diverse college curriculum that transferred to their home university.

The voyage departed from Vancouver on Aug. 31, 2001 and continued on to Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, India, Seychelles Islands, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba, then back to Miami on Dec. 9.

Editor's Note: This is the first installment of a two part series.

NATIONAL NEWS

Liver cancer claims life of Wendy's founder Dave Thomas at age 69

• Dave Thomas, founder and senior chairman of Wendy's International, died early Tuesday morning of liver cancer at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was 69.

Thomas had been undergoing kidney dialysis since early 2001 and had quadruple heart bypass surgery in December 1996.

He opened his first Wendy's in 1969 and began appearing in television commercials for the fast-food chain in 1989. His humor-

ous TV spots quickly made him a household name and helped the company grow to over 6,000 restaurants worldwide.

• In an effort to improve American education, President Bush on Tuesday signed into law an education bill that will require new math and reading tests, raise teacher standards and close the gap between rich and poor students.

• The U.S. is stopping its unsuccessful search for Osama bin Laden in the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan. Commander of the U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks told the AP the extensive search had failed to turn up bin Laden. He said the search would be ending in the next day or so, adding that the U.S. troops could begin pursuing bin Laden in neighboring Pakistan.

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Editorial

Campus bookstores practice price gouging

A student's wallet takes a beating more than once a semester. With growing tuition payments and the costs of living going up, the skyrocketing prices of textbooks make yet another dent in already miniscule savings.

It's not unusual for a student to spend \$200-\$500 for three or four classes a semester.

First, students have to fight unbearable bookstore crowds and then sort through stacks of books crammed into every corner and aisleway. Once that task is accomplished and all materials are found, most find themselves at the end of an hour-long wait in line.

It doesn't help that professors change textbooks twice a year or that publishers constantly discontinue editions. With fewer used books on the shelves and bookstores buying back less, the real burden falls on the students.

Buying textbooks online is time consuming, and shipping and handling charges tend to dwindle actual savings.

Although some now turn to websites such as www.amazon.com and www.usedtextbooks.com at the start of each semester, these sites hardly get the job done efficiently. Finding the exact book needed is a science that is hard to master, and shipping times vary from a day to a week.

Since most commercial bookstores don't carry textbooks, students are forced through the doors of price gouging campus stores.

And there's no way to win this war.

When Central Michigan University's Board hinted at a 28 percent tuition increase for the Fall 2002 semester, a few high ranking government officials threw in their two cents, protesting the outrageous hike. Every semester students are forced to pay more for textbooks while Lansing doesn't bat an eye.

There are a few alternatives. If students trade books with each other, pool resources and avoid campus bookstores where possible, some costs are cut. Buddy up with someone in history class and share the cost of one book. Give that old math book to a friend who's taking the course now and take the Spanish book they've been saving. Or, look for "The Grapes of Wrath" on the discount rack at Borders.

Student Congress is hosting a Book Swap during the first weeks of the semester. The more students who sell and buy books there, the better the deals for everyone.

The pocketbook saved could be your own.

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Letters to the Editor

Nursing dean asks for campus input

Dear Editor,

OU's School of Nursing has scheduled an on-site evaluation for accreditation with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for March 11.

As part of the accreditation process, affected parties such as students, alumni, faculty and the practice community have the opportunity to provide written input into the deliberations of the evaluation team.

This letter serves to notify you of the accreditation visit and to provide instructions for you to send in any comments you may have regarding the School of Nursing and its programs.

Third-party comments must be written and will be accepted until 30 days prior to the visit, which is Feb. 9.

Please address your comments to:

Mark Jenkins
CCNE Data and Records Coordinator
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530
Washington, D.C. 20036

Thank you for your interest in the School of Nursing.

Kathleen Emrich, RN, ED.D
Interim Dean

Professor ends Letters to the Editor war

Dear Editor,

Professor Austin Murphy was no doubt offended when I said he hates his country. So, he undertook to call me first a fascist and then a Nazi. This is just silliness, but since I started this exchange of personal aspersions, it is appropriate for me to end it.

Therefore, I apologize to Professor Murphy for my original personal insult.

As far as his ideas are concerned, that is another matter entirely.

Professor Murphy's views are so poorly grounded, skewed, and distorted that I would not know where to begin to refute them.

Yet this forum would not be an appropriate place for such a discussion in any case.

Murphy has written a book detailing his views. I have not read it, but I have read enough of his writings to know that his intellectual source and model is Noam Chomsky.

My own views are closely represented by David Horowitz commentaries on Chomsky. For those of a leftist persuasion, I also recommend Christopher Hitchens' comments on Chomsky and his bedfellows in the December Atlantic Monthly.

I hope this will end this distasteful exchange. If Professor Murphy feels the need to have the last word, however, he may have it.

Howard Schwartz
Professor of Organizational Behavior

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FEATURED COLUMNIST

Consequences increase if drinking age lowered

The use and abuse of alcohol is so pervasive in our society today, that there is probably no one reading this essay without a sad drinking story.

In fact, there is probably no one living in America today who has not been drunk, been driven by a drunk or driven on the same road as a drunk.

Young drivers, newly liberated from the confines of the passenger seat, hit America's streets with engines racing. Their new skills are tested and challenged every day. Teenagers are more likely to be involved in automobile crashes than older, young adults. These teens, even with relatively low blood alcohol concentrations, are twice as likely to be killed in single car crashes, than adults 10 years older. This suggests that the maturity, experience and better judgment of older drivers may help them get out of or avoid life-threatening situations on the road, whether drunk or sober.

Maturity and wisdom come with time. Teens that behave recklessly at 18 years old, drinking and driving a car or experimenting with illegal drugs, often change their behavior as they mature. We have all



Barbara Shea Pote

columnist

seen news clips of the wild, out of control antics of teens and college students on spring break. The nudity, promiscuity, binge drinking and unsafe behavior can all be traced back to impaired decision-making. What impairs these young people's ability to make sound, safe decisions?

A study done by Hobart and William Smith found that the majority of high school seniors consumed less alcohol at parties than did the younger students. If the drinking age remains at 21 years old, the natural progress of maturity may take care of many unsafe behaviors. As young people mature and move out into the real world, they are forced to make informed, well thought-out decisions. They have to get jobs, and they have to support themselves.

I heard two young college students arguing the question of lowering the drinking age. One of the students made a valid point,

when he offered the opinion that if the age limit were lowered, then kids who were 15 or 16 would be able to pass for older kids and buy alcohol. As it stands now, 18, 19 and 21-year-olds all over America buy alcohol and get into bars using fake IDs. If the legal age were lowered to 19, and we were to subtract the one to three years under the legal age that kids are when they pass, we could have fourteen and fifteen year olds drinking in bars.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that in the 1980s, the percentages of fatally injured drivers with high blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) declined. When the legal drinking age in all 50 states was finally changed to 21, the reductions among young drivers were the greatest, in part because of the change in the legal drinking age. If the numbers of dead kids are reduced because it is harder for them to buy alcohol and then drive their cars, this is a good thing.

If the number of shattered young lives or those damaged by other risky behavior is reduced because fewer teens can legally buy alcohol, this is a benefit of a legal drinking age of 21 years.

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Quote of the Week

You can't depend on your eyes when your
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-Mark Twain

OTHER VIEWS

Make a resolution to accomplish New Year's goals in throughout 2002

The start of a new year is always a good time to start over.

It could be breaking an old habit or keeping the New Year's resolution toasted to at midnight nine days ago.

Whatever the case, change can be a good thing.

It may be hard at first to break an old habit or promise yourself that you will get better grades this semester, but with a little determination it can be tackled.

The most rewarding part of turning over a new leaf is the outcome. After the first few



Rachel Rybicki

News Editor

weeks, it can usually be seen whether or not the promises you made will be cast aside or fulfilled.

If you fail to stick to things, it may be for a couple of different reasons. I feel some of us will never really begin, and because starting over can be challenging, it too often discourages people

who are not seeing immediate results.

Patience is a virtue and not everyone possesses it, making it very hard to wait to see the outcome of a resolution.

Another reason may be the number of New Year's resolutions that are made.

People can make a dozen and a half new promises, overwhelming themselves with new challenges instead of taking smaller steps to achieve their goals.

Another problem is that no one holds you accountable but yourself, making it harder to stick to the resolution when things get difficult.

My New Year's resolution for 2002 is to work on my sometimes uncontrolled attitude towards others, especially co-workers. I want to learn how to deal with conflicts in a calm and reasonable manner, instead of flipping out at the first road bump I encounter.

In any case, it is important to start over once in awhile to gain a new perspective on things and to better ourselves. When we better ourselves we also better our surroundings.

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Professor challenges earlier comments

The Oakland Post characterizes Professor Howard Schwartz's Nov. 14 reply to my earlier criticism as "Debate continues." Sadly, this is but partially so, with much of the argument wrenched and untreated.

Far from concurring with Professor Schwartz's decision omitting "substantive evaluations of national character," my concession to spatial limitations insisted on the feasibility of offering succinct challenges to claims of American terrorism.

Estimations of national character are suitable topics for "university debate," but this was neither the issue I put forward for discussion nor was it readily identifiable in his original submission.

The writer implicitly represents reliance on the narratives of "perpetrators and victims" as a potentially unporting form of argumentation for somehow "antecedently" boxing disputants "into the roles of spokespersons for" the guilty and the innocent. This misreads my call to consider the annals of American excesses abroad, a record springing from accounts of both agents and recipients.

To render this exchange something more than idle chatter between two academics, a recapitulation of what I thought was on offer for community consideration is in order.

At issue was Professor

Austin Murphy's letter of Oct. 3. Published prior to commencement of the much anticipated American bombing of Afghanistan, it both condemned the Sept. 11 attacks as terrorism and counseled against "a campaign of blind hate" and revenge that would but obfuscate the causes of terror while perpetuating its "cycle."

Rather than addressing the substance of these propositions in their separate responses, Professors Schwartz and David P. Doane asserted that Murphy's writing reflected hatred of country, presumably for pointing out US atrocities so soon after those visited upon

claims about "passionate hatred" of country, with the writer declaring that uninitiated project finished. My previous criticism of ad homonym disputation, however, is addressed, if obliquely, through the claim that rational discussion of feelings for country can be managed as a non-personalized "abstraction." Had this approach governed Professor Schwartz's letters, complete with evidential assessment of antipathy to country, my replies would have been obviated.

I do agree that discrimination in the fostering and valuation of social attitudes is momentous. Presumably, this too is a

private sector, for instance, workplace speech deemed "disloyal" to their employers may provoke dismissal; a prospect known to have chilled dissent for persons lacking the equivalent of an academic's tenure.

The straitened domestic climate that forms the wake of Sept. 11 only reinforces need to treat the contingent privileges of expression within the academy responsibly.

Professor Schwartz argues that love of country is the tolling bell for efficacious national defense. How this might have forestalled the tragedy of Sept. 11 is unexplained, and whether the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union is apt parallel for sparked national sentiment can be debated.

Yet, no party to this discussion has questioned his embrace of patriotism. The clarion the gentleman continues not to heed is the possible disjuncture between country and governing regime.

Have there actually been transgressions? One example occurred twenty-eight years ago on another Sept. 11.

Then a U.S. communications-control aircraft cruised the skies of Chile monitoring or coordinating the American-instigated violent overthrow of a popularly elected government.

The long terror that followed the coup spawned over 20,000 deaths, including two on the

streets of Washington, D.C. Among the Chilean principals and functionaries were graduates of what was once known as the School of the Americas, more familiar elsewhere in the hemisphere as the "school of assassins." Given its sanguinary legacy, this ongoing, tax-funded, US government enterprise could well have been featured in President Bush's Nov. 10 speech to the U.N. anathematizing the organized support of terrorism.

Far from antecedent positioning, this is but a fraction of the still expanding chronicle noted in my original letter.

The record is available for those who care to inquire and to labor for a more consistently humane American foreign policy—both for collective domestic security and for the common good of a larger and no less deserving global community.

Or, it is possible to adopt the position trumpeted by former vice president Bush concerning the U.S. downing of an Iranian civilian airliner in 1988 killing its 290 passengers: "I will never apologize for the [government of the] United States of America—I don't care what the facts are."

For some these "facts" matter and, at the very least, warrant discussion.

Alan Epstein
special lecturer,
political science

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American soil. Murphy's reply to Schwartz further clarified the distinction between the U.S. as a country worthy of affection, and regimes that orchestrate contemptible foreign policies in its name.

Professor Schwartz, as is his right, has consistently avoided comment on the validity of this differentiation. Nor will readers be able to weigh evidence buttressing

legitimate concern of educators. Less apparent is how substituting unsubstantiated accusations for supported claims promotes an intellectual atmosphere worthy of a university.

True, dissident expression within and outside academe is not routinely made "dangerous" by the state. But risk assumes forms other than gulags. For the more numerous "at will" employees of the

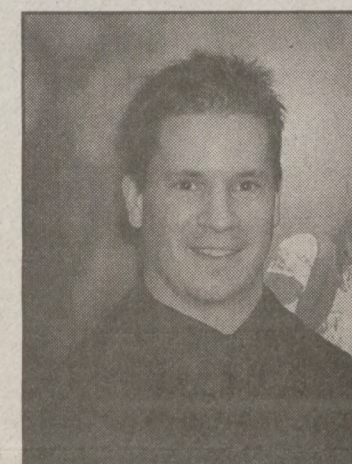
On the STREET

How much have you spent on books this semester?



"Three hundred dollars. I guess it wouldn't be that bad if at the end of the semester, I could return more than half of them for more than 50 cents each."

-Nevila Kaso, sophomore, pre-law



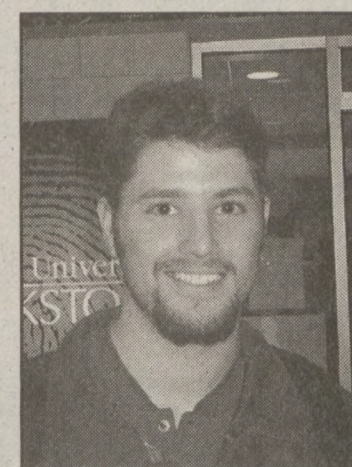
"I only bought books for one class so far, but I spent \$116."

-Larry Szafran, junior, history



"I'm not done yet, but I spent \$180 today for three classes. I have five classes this semester."

-Vanessa Mowry, senior, elementary ed.



"I've spent \$367 and I think that's bull. I think they don't have enough used books either."

-Adam Mager, senior, MIS

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psychiatrist with more than 20 years of experience in patient care, teaching and medical administration.
Hotchkiss also is an attending

physician at Detroit Medical Center, Detroit Receiving Hospital, as well as, Harvard University Hospital, Hutzel Hospital and Sinai-Grace Hospital.
She serves on many boards in Michigan including the Controlled Substances Advisory

Commission, and she also chairs the Ethics Committee of the Michigan Psychiatric Society.
Hotchkiss currently lives in Grosse Pointe Park.
The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Feb. 6 in the auditorium of Elliot Hall.

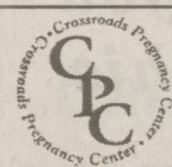
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whose grades were lost were required to re-enter them. No extension was given to faculty whose grades had to be inputted twice.
According to Steve Shablin, OU's Registrar, they were aware

of the problem and had notified faculty by memo.
The Banner program was developed by SCT, Inc. which is headed up by an OU alumnus.
Shablin said SCT is currently working to fix this problem, and the Banner system is expected to be IE6 compatible by the end of the year.
Despite last minute panic in

the face of Christmas vacation, the problem was corrected in time for winter break, he said.
"Students received their grades in a timely manner," said Shablin.
There was no apparent delay or missing information for students trying to access their grades by SAIL or on the web.



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denied taking the books from the store.
"One (suspect) was very nervous, one wanted to get out of there, and one was really cool about it," Gelman said.
The prosecutor's office declined to press charges because the bookstore took all of the books

back when the suspects tried to sell them, reported Gelman. The case is now closed.
According to Ogg, cases similar to these happen during almost every buyback, but these books were flagged because they hadn't been used during the prior semester. Ogg also said that the bookstore staff takes precautions so theft is limited.
"We have training sessions, and every week we have a loss

prevention meeting to keep this kind of thing from happening," Ogg said.
The OU Bookstore currently requires a photo ID, preferably a student ID card, to buy back books, and only current students are able to sell books back.
"We want to get the students in the habit of bringing in their ID when they sell books back," Ogg said. "It's for their protection and security."

LARCENY

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graphs.
"The suspect had a prior record," said Birkholz, "and he was identified from that photo."
An hour later, one of the computers was reportedly pawned in Detroit by a Wayne State student to American Jewelry, according to Birkholz.

"We entered the serial numbers into the National Crime Information Center, and the Detroit Police called us," Birkholz said. "Anything that has a serial number or any jewelry that is pawned is required by law to (be filed with the police)."
"They have to keep record of anything that comes in," James Koveck, State Trooper said. "It's a law. If a pawn shop takes equipment in and if it is stolen,

they are held liable for it."
The other nine computers are still missing.
OUPD has spoken to the suspect and notified him of the warrant.
"He is on the run," said Birkholz. "He was a dorm student, but this semester he didn't sign up for classes."
American Jewelry, located on Greenfield, in Detroit, refused comment when contacted.

CROSSROADS

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Boulevard for about one year.
"While I can't give you an exact number, I can tell you we see several students from Oakland every month," Brixius said.
While Crossroads does not dispense free condoms, birth control or RU486 pills, the organization is highly active in the community with its abstinence-centered sexual education programs.
"Emotional, spiritual and material support is offered, and I would encourage young mothers to take advantage of their services. It is always nice to know that you are not alone during a time of crisis," Bagley said.
Crossroads can be reached by calling 248.293.0070, and a voicemail system allows calls to be accepted anytime of the day. For more information, visit www.crossroadscpc.org.

COURSE

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this course will be planning," he said.
Tom Wright, senior, political science, took the class and co-managed the successful Pontiac mayoral race for Willie Payne. Wright aspires to be a Chief of Staff and would like to see a similar class created for candidates.
"The class is fundamental-ly necessary even for candidates. It really helped," Wright said, adding that his candidate won by 67 votes (1 percent) in a re-count.
Since the campaign, Wright has been working with Christine Winans, 40th State House District. He has also been offered a staff posi-

tion by David Fink (D), U.S. House 9th District.
"(Campaign managing) is your whole life and infiltrates. It's not a 9 to 5 job. It supercedes a lot of things," Wright said.
While more negativity is seen in campaigns because it is effective, Klemanski cautioned that it could also backfire as voters often end up disliking both candidates.
"Many people don't like politics because it seems so mean and we know some voters drop out because they are disgusted with politics and politicians. I hope this course can change some of that by teaching students that being both positive and knowledgeable can be a winning combination," he said.

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<p>OU's Annual Winter Carnival Thursday, January 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student and Greek Organizations Day Hot Chocolate Give-a-way around campus Balloon Man Dan SPB Mainstage featuring comedian Mike Siegal <p>Smile and the World Smiles with you!</p>	<p>CSA Personal Enrichment Series Wednesday, January 23 <i>Balancing your Life</i> Monday, January 28 <i>Household Financial and Credit Management</i> Wednesday, January 30 <i>Time Management</i> All programs will take place in the Fireside Lounge, OC. You are invited to bring your lunch.</p> <p>African-American Celebration 2002: Heroes for Life January 21 through February 20.</p>	<p>Oakland University</p> <p>Campus College Bowl Competition College Bowl is a knowledge and trivia game that challenges the mind. OU will be sponsoring a campus tournament on Saturday, January 26, 2002 to determine the top college bowl team on campus. The first place team will win a total of \$600 in prizes and the right to represent Oakland University in the Regional College Bowl Tournament. The entry fee for a 4 person team is only \$20. Information and entry forms available at the CSA Service Window.</p> <p>The Winter Blood Drive The Winter Blood Drive will take place on Monday-Wednesday, January 28-January 30. The drive will be in the OC Gold Rooms from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.. To make an appointment call (248) 370-2400 or go online to http://givelife.redcross.org. The code word will be OUBLOOD.</p> <p>The nation's blood supply has dropped to pre-September 11 levels. There is currently a critical need for platelets which only have a shelf life of 5-days. Save a life and give blood!</p>	<p>AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW</p> <p>✓Reservations for: - Mama Mia - South Pacific</p> <p>✓Sign-up for: - OU College Bowl - Campus Tournament (Jan. 26) - SPB's Annual Ski Trip to Shanty Creek - SPB's Winter Break Trip to Atlanta (February 27 - March 7)</p> <p>✓Tickets for: Meadow Brook Winter Ball Saturday, February 2, 2002 Cost: \$35.00/couple and \$17.50/single There are a limited number of tickets left for this annual OU Tradition - Don't Miss It!</p>
<p>Interested in A Trip To England? CSA and the International Travel Committee invites you to visit Shakespeare's England. The trip will take place May 27-June 4, 2002. The cost is \$2,110 per person, which includes round trip air transportation, hotels, most meals, theatre tickets, and much more. Information brochures are available at the CSA Service Window. The sign up deadline is February 4!</p> <p>There will be an information session held on Thursday, January 17 at noon in the Fireside Lounge for those who are interested in going!</p>		<p>ACUI Region 7 Qualifying Games Tournaments Saturday, January 19, 2002 Beginning at noon in Bumpers Games Room Oakland University will try to find the best players to represent Oakland University at the ACUI Region 7 Games Tournament to be held this year at Oakland University the weekend of February 15 - February 17. The entry fee is only \$5.00 per person. Competitions will be held in the following events: Billiards (9-Ball), Table Tennis, Chess, and Euchre (2 person teams)</p>	<p>SLLB Presents: Kevin Powell "Looking for Martin: Are Dr. King and His 'Dream' Still Relevant?" Monday, January 21 Noon in Meadow Brook Theatre Free. Tickets are not required!</p>

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•If you're looking to get away this spring break make sure to sign up for the CSA to stop by for the SPB spring break trip to Atlanta. From Feb. 27-Mar. 3, the trip costs \$125 for students. Space is limited so make it snappy and sign up today.

•Hit the slopes on the SPB ski trip to Shanty Creek Ski Resort Jan. 25-27. The price is \$125 for students. Sign up ends Jan. 20, so reserve your spot fast.

•Movie buffs be sure to check out the Indie Movie Series sponsored by SPB. The first showing is "Life Is Beautiful" at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the Heritage and Oak Rooms.

SHOWS

•Dan the Automator, hip hop mastermind behind Deltron 3030 and Gorillaz, brings his side project Lovage, featuring Kid Koala and Mike Patton, to the Magic Bag on Jan. 11. Tickets available at Ticketmaster locations everywhere.

•Break out your nut-hugging acid wash jeans and get rokken with Dokken on Jan. 12 at the Royal Oak Theater. Tickets available at Ticketmaster locations everywhere.

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•CPOP gallery is running two new shows that are sure to please. With "I Still Know What I Did Last Summer, Part 1" renowned San Francisco artist and illustrator J. Otto Seibold offers up a glimpse of his renowned animal characters and rebus-like creations. Also featured is "Total Absence/Total Presence," a group show with a collective of artists, including Bask, Glenn Barr, Matt Gordon, and many others, working in black and white. CPOP's hours are Thur.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 10 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m.

The Year In Review: Post Staff Picks

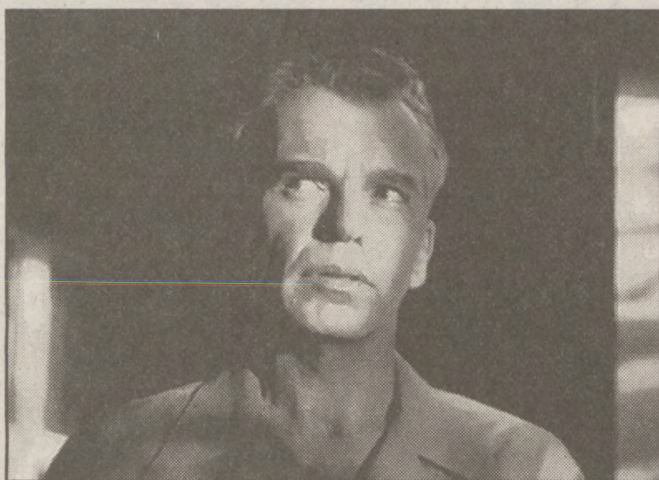


Photo courtesy of USA Films
NOT THERE: Billy Bob Thornton stars as a barber in the Coen Brothers' film noir "The Man Who Wasn't There."

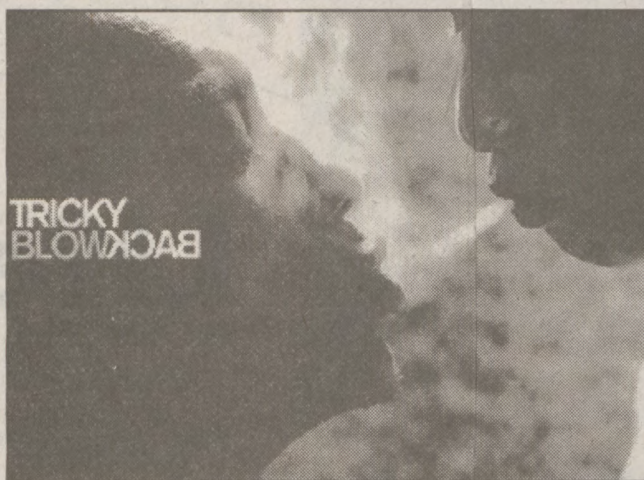


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BE MY GUEST: Tricky's "Blowback" features guest appearances from Anthony Kiedis, Cyndi Lauper and many others.

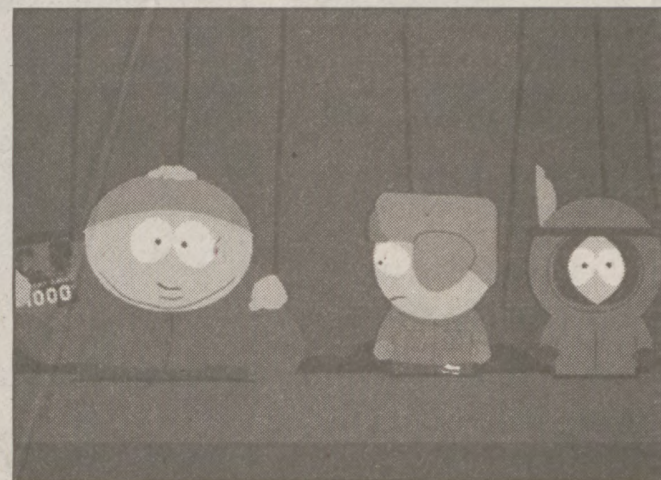


Photo Courtesy of Comedy Central
BATHROOM HUMOR: Comedy Central's cult hit "South Park" is among the year's top shows.

With love, from France

By Patrick Labadie
& Brian Urreta
THE OAKLAND POST

1 "Amelie" French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet's dazzling cinematic skill is at the forefront of this brilliant, often buoyant comedy about a naive young woman who dedicates her life to making others happy. The unendingly charming performance by Audrey Tatou (it is impossible to leave the theater without wanting Amelie as your girlfriend) in the film's title role make this art house gem the outright winner for "feel good movie of the year" award...and surprisingly that's a good thing.

2 "Apocalypse Now Redux" So this is arguably the same film released in 1979 with just an hour of extra footage. But in a year filled with "Tomb Raiders" and "Hardballs," the re-release of this classic was a sight for sore eyes. Legendary director Francis Ford Coppola's masterful filmmaking skills are on full display once again in this Vietnam War drama based on the Joseph Conrad story, "Heart of Darkness." Marlon Brando's performance as Colonel Kurtz is one that continues to instill fear while opening the mind, lurking in the deep shadows whispering, "the horror, the horror."

3 "Artificial Intelligence: A.I." Director Steven Spielberg raised many eyebrows with this neo-fairy tale of a toy robot that thinks he's a real boy. Sound familiar? Think of it as "Pinocchio" meets "2001: A Space Odyssey" or "A Clockwork Orange." Originally, a screenplay of director Stanley Kubrick, Spielberg quickly snatched "A.I." up after the acclaimed director's passing in 1999. Overall, Spielberg stayed true to Kubrick's eerily dark vision, while taking a few artistic liberties in the action adventure department. Not a smash at the box office, this film will only gain more recognition over time with firm potential of becoming a cult classic.

4 "Ghost World" Bypassing the clichés and stereotypes that have riddled the Hollywood depiction of teens, director Terry Zwigoff and co-writer Daniel Clowes' adaptation of Clowes' cult comic book is one of the most refreshing portraits of teen life since 1998's "Rushmore." Thora Birch, at once scathingly cynical yet sympathetic, proves here that she is the class of Hollywood's crop of young actresses. In addition, fine supporting work is turned in by Scarlett Johansson, Ileana Douglas and indie luminary Steve Buscemi.

5 "In the Bedroom" This film is the prime example of how a good script and strong acting can enhance and compliment one another. In his debut feature, director Todd Field turns out an outstanding story of a middle class family in a small New England fishing town whose lives are unexpectedly turned upside down. The acting in this film is phenomenal, with Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson turning in some of the finest performances in their respective careers. Tears will be shed, fists clenched and come Oscar time this understated jewel of of movie will undoubtedly be at the top of many people's lists.

6 "The Man Who Wasn't There" The Coen Brothers' clever film noir riff is the most distinguished since 1996's "Fargo." Providing a much-needed dose of black and white in color-saturated world, cinematographer Roger Deakins' rich and shadow-laden images give the film a beautiful, authentic 1940s noir feel. In addition, Billy Bob Thornton in the lead does some of his best work as a barber who is tripped up by fate.

7 "Memento" Hailed for its innovative and unique storytelling, "Memento" is a superbly crafted and paced thriller from writer-director Christopher Nolan. The film, Nolan's second feature, tell its story backward in order to reflect the short term memory loss of its protagonist. At first glance, the film may seem odd, but

MOVIES continues on B6

Beautiful Icelandic Sounds

By Jim Vergeldt
THE OAKLAND POST

1 Sigur Ros - "Agaetis Bryjun" This choice could not have been easier. This is the best album to be released in years. The Icelandic quartet wows with orchestral soundscapes, crashing guitars and haunting vocals which combine to create an intensely beautiful album.

2 Tricky - "Blowback" Tricky employs an impressive and varied roster of guest vocalists and musicians on "Blowback." Ed Kowalczyk of Live, Hawkman, Anthony Kiedis, Hea and John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Ambersunshower, Alanis Morissette and Cyndi Lauper provide the majority of the vocals on this album, but this amassed talent cannot overshadow the tight musical arrangements of Tricky.

3 Buddy Guy - "Sweat Tea" The Chicago blues master returned to his Southern roots, and put out an album of pure power. His voice is as strong as it ever was, and his soaring guitar cuts deep. Add the synopated, driving rhythm that powers each track and this is a CD of pure, American music, Mississippi-style.

4 Michael Franti & Spearhead - "Stay Human" This is another album with a powerful message, but Franti and crew go about it differently. "Stay Human" is constructed around a fictional public radio program where the hosts are speaking out against the impending execution of a local activist on charges of murder. The music is a mix of hip-hop, funk and soul that is sure to leave an indelible mark.

5 Femi Kuti - "Fight To Win" Carrying on the tradition that began with his father Fela, Femi Kuti staked his claim as heir to the throne in "Fight to Win." This is not simply an album of Afro-beat music. Femi includes elements of samba, salsa, funi, hip-hop and jazz. Aiding in this effort are guests such as Mos Def, Common, Jaguar Wright, and Money Mark. Beyond the talent of the musicians, this is an album with a clearly stated message, urging consciousness and reform in Africa.

6 Jim White - "No Such Place" This is just pure, good music. The tightly crafted country rhythms and terrific songwriting make this dose of hard to resist.

7 The Frames - "For the Birds" The Frames are possibly the most underrated band

MUSIC continues on B6

Reality TV wins yet again

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

1 "Survivor: Africa" This show has become a sugar daddy for CBS, commanding the ratings for the past three seasons. There's never a dull moment when 16 strangers are plopped down in the middle of a desert and told to 'survive' if they want to win \$1 million. This Thursday's episode will reveal who lied and cheated best when the tribe is narrowed to one.

2 "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" This Who-done-it show leaves out the complicated lingo and weird romantic entanglements focusing on evidence. Gil Grissom (William Petersen) and his "nerd squad" of Las Vegas investigators solve crimes with surprising wit and creativity every week on the hour-long drama which puts "NYPD Blue" and "X-Files" to shame. Case: closed.

3 "Friends" From the much anticipated wedding of Chandler and Monica, to Rachel's pregnancy announcement, to Joey's acting role as a man living with a woman's brain, "Friends" still has what it takes to stay afloat in prime time competition even in its eighth season.

4 "South Park" This cult classic about four youngsters from Colorado is crass and rude, yet somehow very loveable. Stan, Kyle, Cartman and Kenny still make up the backbone of the show, but the ensemble is growing and now includes the Butters, Timmy, Tweek and Filmore. In its fifth season, creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone shocked audiences by allowing "you-know-what to hit the fan" a record 162 times in one episode.

5 "Insomniac with Dave Attell" Stand up comedian turned late night party host Dave Attell shows viewers what happens after the bars clear out and the crazies take over the streets. During its first season, Attell wandered around nine lively cities, including New York, Miami, New Orleans and San Francisco. Attell plans to explore even more of North America in the show's second season, but \$10 says he won't be walking around Detroit late at night anytime soon.

6 "Behind the Music" With more than 100 touching behind-the-scene glimpses into the lives of the rich and conceited under its belt, "Behind the Music" is not only

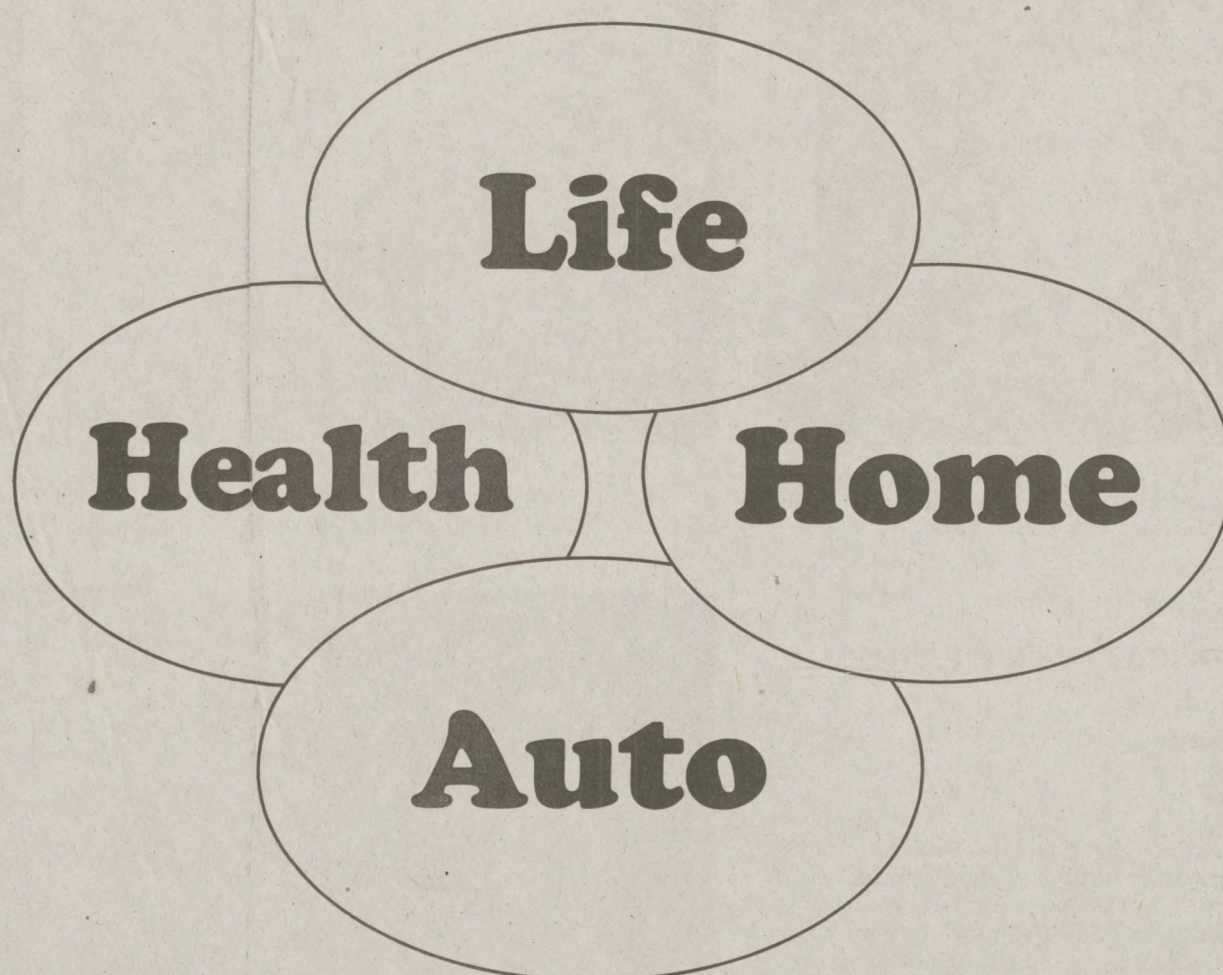
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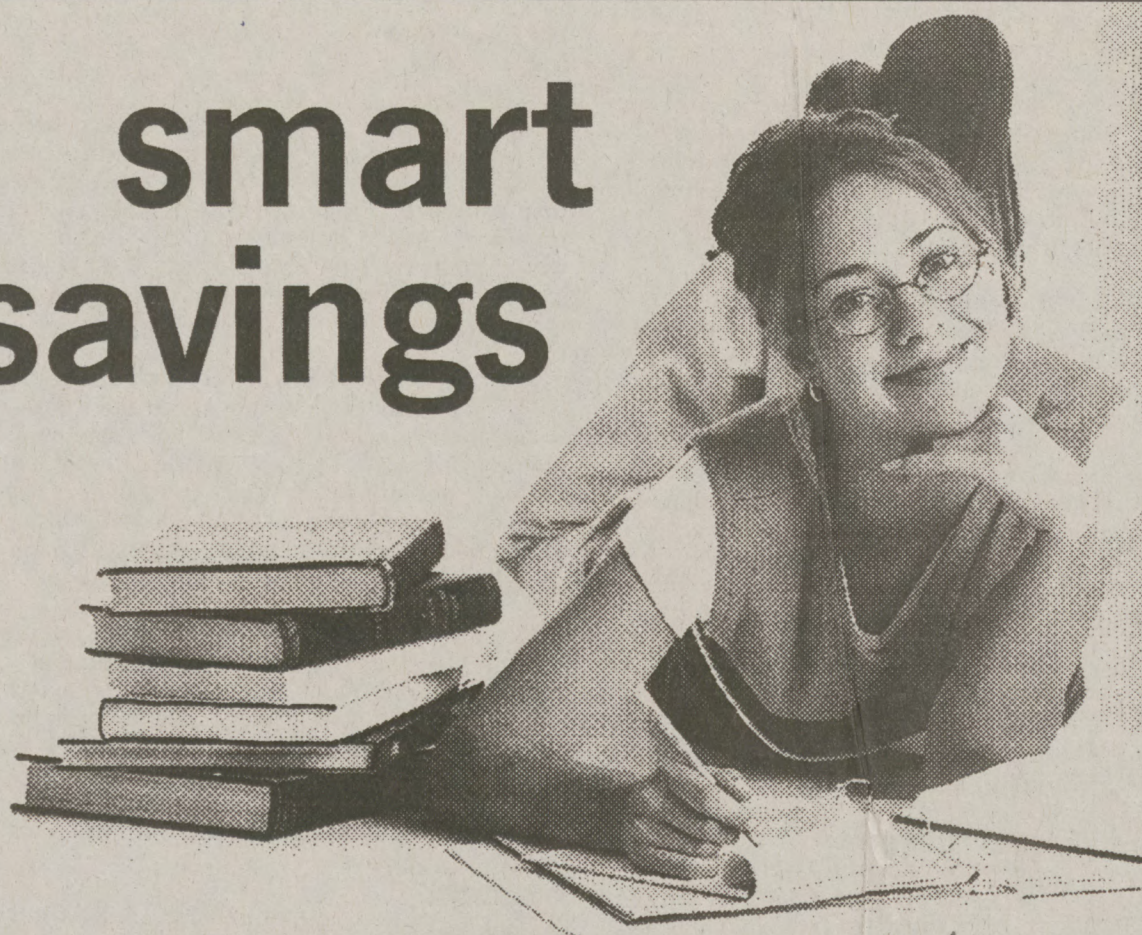
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		Monday, January 21	9:00 - 3:00



WELCOME BACK!!!

Yes, it's that time again,
 and SPB knows how to start this semester off right!



Tues., Jan. 15th – Indie Movie Series - Part I "Life is Beautiful" 7 pm Heritage/Oakland Rooms

This is the first of three movies SPB will be bringing you that have exploded on the scene!
 Be sure to see each one, after all, they're FREE!

Wed., Jan. 16th – Winter Open House Noon-1 pm Gold Rooms

Our winter open house gives you a peek inside SPB, lets you meet the chairs of the committees,
 and gives you a chance to become a member and learn more about our events!

There will be FREE FOOD and giveaways, so stop by and see us!
 We also have KARAOKE so while you're hanging out with SPB you can sing-a-long to your favorite songs!
 What a way to spend your lunch!

Thurs., Jan. 17th – Comedy Tonight with Mike Siegel 7 pm Gold Rooms

Join SPB as we welcome the hilarious comedy of Mike Siegel!
 This event is totally FREE with FREE FOOD! We'll see you there!

SPB is setting it's sails and heading out of town...

Tickets are now on sale at the CSA office for:

SKI TRIP TO SHANTY CREEK Jan. 25th-27th \$125 for OU Students/\$200 for guests

Price includes lodging at the resort, transportation, and lift tickets!

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UPCOMING
GAMES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

• 8 p.m., Jan. 10 - at
UMKC
• 8:05 p.m., Jan. 12 -
at Oral Roberts

WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL

• 3 p.m., Jan. 12 - at
Oral Roberts
• 8 p.m., Jan. 14 - at
UMKC

MEN'S & WOMEN'S
SWIMMING

• 4 p.m., Jan. 11 - at
Kenyon

MEN'S HOCKEY

• TBA, Jan. 11 -
Bowling Green
• TBA, Jan. 12 - at
Ferris State

SPORTS
TRIVIA

In honor of Mike Helms' 45 point effort against Western Michigan, who holds the single game record for most points?

Who was the first major league baseball player to record his first major league at bat in a World Series game?

Look for the answers at
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Four game streak
halted by underdog

By Allison
Lingenfelter
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU women's basketball team opened up Mid-Con conference play Saturday beating Southern Utah 62-45.

"Southern Utah is never an easy team to beat," said coach Beckie Francis. "Last year they (Southern Utah) beat us by 30 points and I know my team remembers that."

After four lead changes in the first four minutes, junior Katie Wolfe made a three-point shot to make the score 10-5. SUU did not regain the lead for the rest of the game.

OU held SUU to just 21 points in the first half. The Golden Grizzlies hit 4 of 5 three point shots and were 5 of 5 from the free throw line, heading into the halftime with a 10 point lead.

"Our defense is what helped us in the first half," said Wolfe. "We have great defensive players like Jasmin (MacAlpine) and Bobbie (Bieszki) who come off the bench and rebound, as well as hit their shots."

The Golden Grizzlies looked just as strong in the second half and in the first twelve minutes increased the lead to 20.

Senior Sarah Judd and Wolfe scored a combined 45 points for OU. Judd led with 25 points, five rebounds, three assists, and was 9 for 11 from the free throw line. Wolfe followed with 20 points, had six rebounds, three assists, and was 6 for 6 from the charity stripe.

The Golden Grizzlies ended their four game win streak Monday, losing to Chicago State 83-69.

OU jumped out to a quick lead early in the game as Judd scored on a lay-up and made the ensuing free throw. After seven lead changes, Chicago State pulled away to a 14 point lead, going into halftime up 39-25.

"It was a tough game, they (Chicago State) had just beaten IUPUI on the road, and they came to play," said Francis.

"They have a new coach, new blood on the

team, I think they were sick of losing to us."

OU came out of half-time with a renewed passion and cut the lead in half by going on a 7-0 run.

"We couldn't afford to fall any farther behind," Judd said.

The Lady Cougars recovered and extended their lead to 25 points with 4 minutes left in the game.

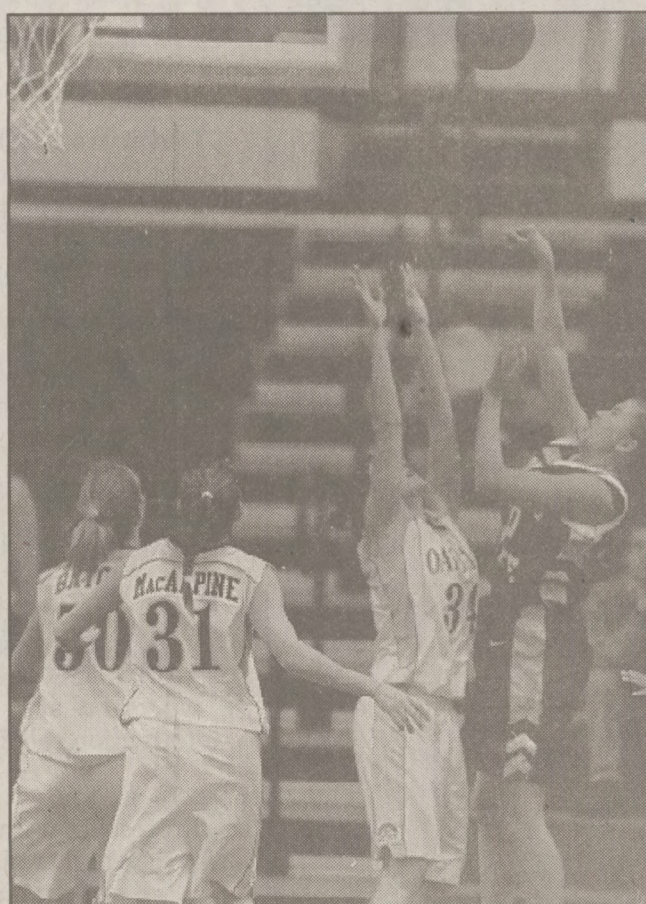
Romica Clint, Judd, and Wolfe combined to score 17 unanswered points pulling the Golden Grizzlies within eight.

"Ro (Clint) has had a very solid year. She is one of our top defensive players,"

Francis said. "She is a key player in both our offense and defense."

The Lady Cougars sealed their victory by making all 10 free throw shots in the last minute, making the final score 83-69.

"We just have to concentrate on the next game. We just have to take it one game at a time."



UP, UP AND AWAY: Sarah Judd defends an opponent in the paint. Jasmine MacAlpine and Amanda Batcha wait for the inevitable rebound.

Judd led OU, getting a double-double, scoring 27 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. She also contributed two steals and two assists. Wolfe followed scoring 15 points, adding four rebounds and three assists. The only other woman for OU in double figures was Clint who added 13 points and tallied 5 assists.

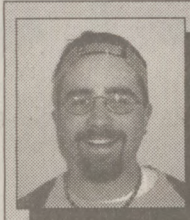
Four players hit double figures in points for Chicago State. Krisey Sanders led the Lady Cougars with 23 points

and a game-high 12 assists, for a double-double of her own.

"We just have to concentrate on the next game," said Francis. "We just have to take it one game at a time."

OU continues with league play when it travels to Oral Roberts on Saturday. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:05 p.m.

The Golden Grizzlies then move on to face the UMKC Kangaroos on Monday at 8 p.m.



Brendan
Stevens
Sports Editor

Battle of
Detroit

Over break, my friend Paris and I were sitting around and a question arose: which is the best team in Detroit?

We wondered what would happen if the top players from each team were to face each other in a clash of the titans. Using a little statistical research and with the opinions of some of my fellow sports fans, I decided I would find out.

The best players had to be chosen, or in some cases the least horrible were painfully picked.

Representing the surprise Pistons are Jerry Stackhouse, Cliff Robinson, Ben Wallace and Corliss Williamson. The lowly Lions will send Robert Porcher, Johnnie "Kiss Mine" Morton, Cory Schlesinger and Chris Claiborne to this battle. On behalf of the Tigers, Bobby Higginson, Steve Sparks, Matt Anderson and Robert Fick will step up to the challenge. Last, but certainly not least, the Red Wings will be represented by Steve Yzerman, Nicklas Lidstrom, Brendan Shanahan and Sergei Fedorov.

What game would be fitting for this elite competition deciding who will wear the crown of "best team in Detroit?" What game could possibly fairly gauge the physical ability all these outstanding athletes possess?

Strength, wit and pure athletic skill all had to be tested in this ultimate contest.

And that's when it hit me (and Paris). The game that would decide the champion of Detroit sports was golf!

Over the past year, the players from all four teams have had ample time to practice their game, so nothing else makes sense. Early exits and complete absence from the playoffs has allowed all four teams to hit the greens.

Using a complicated mathematical system that we will call the GCS (Golf Championship Series), the rankings for the four-team playoff were decided. The Red Wings earned the number one seed, followed by the Pistons, with the Lions barely pulling off the third seed, and the Tigers ranked last. The match-ups: Red Wings vs. Tigers and Pistons vs. Lions.

The first contest was between the Pistons and the Lions. In a battle that would go back and forth all 18 holes, it came down to one putt. Jerry Stackhouse stepped up and needed to sink a mid-range putt to steal the victory from the Lions. "Stack" tapped the ball as the Lions hopelessly watched the putt fall, causing them to lose yet another close game.

A battle ensued between the Red Wings and Tigers when Mike Ilitch brought some Little Caesars Pizza in for the Red Wings but left his own Tigers hungry. Just like the rest of the season, the Tigers laid down and submitted to the overpowering Red Wings.

The victor was decided when the Pistons realized that they aren't supposed to be that good, and Jerry Stackhouse tried to take over. The experienced (geriatric) Red Wings withstood the one man team and claimed the title they rightly deserved.

OK, so that didn't really happen, but wouldn't it be cool?

Last year was not exactly uplifting, but hopefully the current Pistons and Red Wings can shed some light in the dark tunnel that was Detroit sports in 2001.

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Men continue to achieve
Conference play begins with OU on top

By Chad Mack
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The OU men's basketball team is making a tremendous first impression in the Mid-Con this season.

After two games in conference play the Golden Grizzlies are 2-0. The latest victory came at home against the visiting Thunderbirds of Southern Utah.

In a game that came down to one free throw made by the very reliable Jason Rozycki, OU made a statement by beating last season's Mid-Con champs 58-57 at the O'rena Saturday night.

Rozycki is a career 84 percent free-throw shooter, and has made several last second shots to win basketball games.

"We had the game won," said head coach Greg Kampe. "There's no doubt in my mind he'd (Rozycki) make the shot." "Once he got fouled, I thought that all we had to do is make sure they don't throw in a prayer to beat us."

The Golden Grizzlies play a very similar type of defense as Southern Utah, and although they are only 3-11 on the season the Thunderbirds are stronger than their record indicates.

"We did what we needed to do. We got wins and we had to win at home and we did," said Kampe.

"The Southern Utah game was a lot closer (than the Chicago State game). I don't think that we led by more than six or seven the whole game. They tied it with sixteen seconds to go and then they fouled Rozycki."

Brad Buddenborg was reinserted back into the starting lineup against Toledo and the Grizzlies haven't lost since. He

has responded by scoring 7, 8, 13 and 21 points in his last four games.

"Buddenborg came through big for us," said Kampe. "He made a lot of big shots."

Kampe's plan during the season was to play Jordan Sabourin against all of the bigger physical teams, and then when the Mid-Con season started he would go back to playing the seniors more.

"We played him (Sabourin) just for size, but my plan all along was to go with the five seniors and have Ryan (Williams) come off the bench," he said.

In the first game of the Mid-Con season the Golden Grizzlies defeated Chicago State 88-77. Mike Helms again led the way for the team by scoring his average, 19 points.

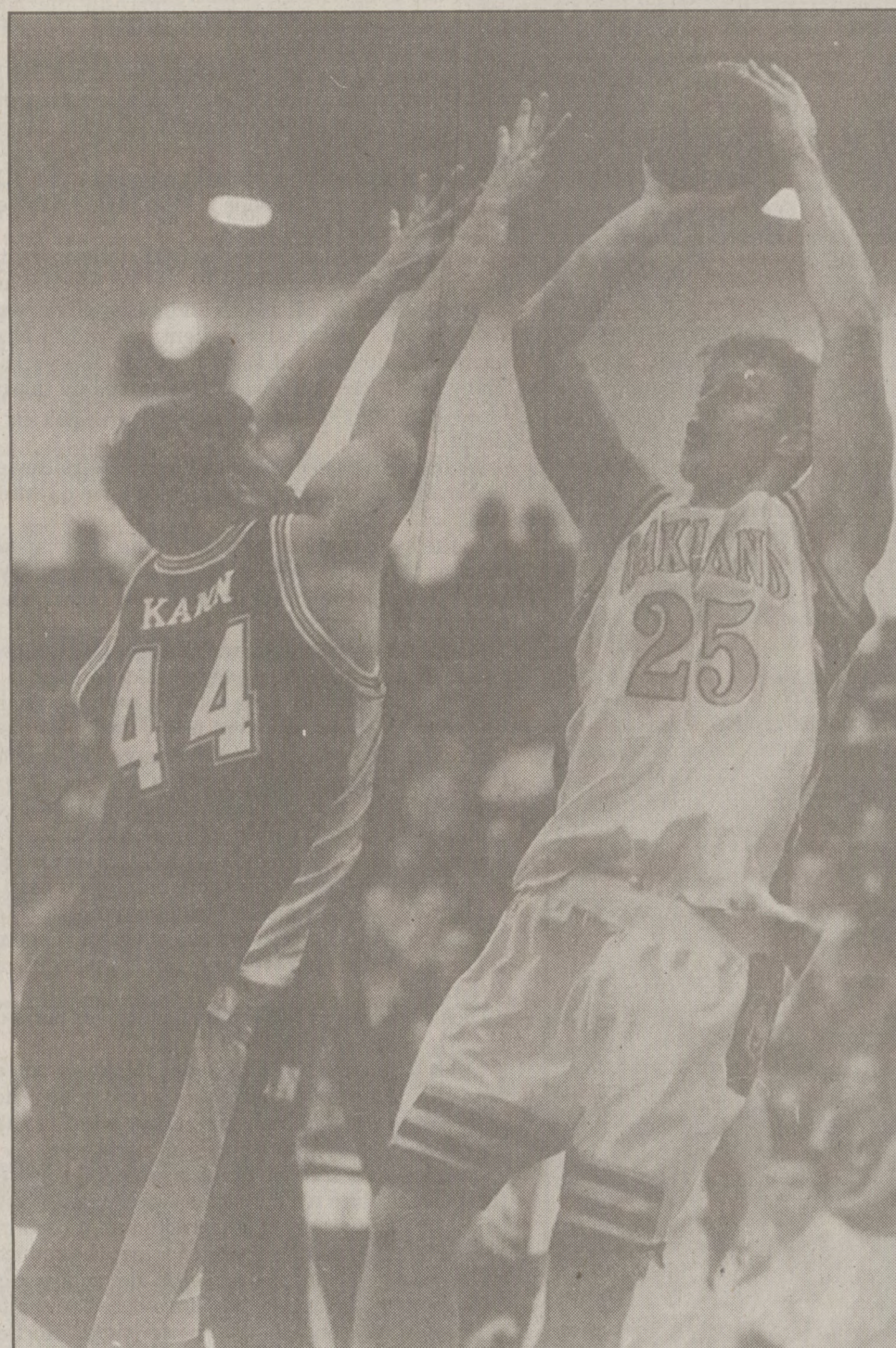
OU jumped out to a 14-8 lead and never looked back. They led by 10 at the half and Chicago State never posed any serious threat.

At the halfway point of the season the team is 9-7. When the Golden Grizzlies beat its cross-town rival UDM there was a small worry of a letdown. After they beat U-M last season the air was immediately let out of the sails when they lost to its old GLIAC foe, Ferris State at the O'rena.

But this year OU followed up the victory over UDM with a road win at Air Force. Since that game the team is 5-3 and winners of four straight.

The Mid-Con is experiencing a little parity with a reversal of records among some teams. Southern Utah has fallen to last place and currently IUPUI is tied for first with OU.

"There's four teams in the preseason that established themselves," said



RIISING TO THE OCCASION: Dan Champagne shoots a fade away jumper against interstate rival Western Michigan at the O'rena. The Golden Grizzlies won a thriller in overtime.

Kampe. "That's Valpo, who's the odds on favorite. They're supposed to have the best team they've ever had. You've got us, Kansas City and IUPUI. IUPUI has established themselves as threats to win (the Mid-Con title)."

OU's goal this entire

season is to get to the NCAA tournament and be a part of March Madness. The Mid-Con tournament champ receives an automatic bid from the NCAA.

In its first year the Grizzlies won the regular season championship, but were unable to compete in the conference tourney.

Last year the Grizzlies finished the regular season at 8-8 and were again unable to compete in the post season special.

This is the last year and the last chance for the seniors on the team to make it to the playoffs and so far they are demonstrating desire.

Bob Knoska / File Photo

A Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

The Student Affairs Staff would like to welcome back all students for winter semester 2002!

Attention OU Students Great Grizzly \$100 Give Away

Come out to every OU men's home basketball game for your chance to win \$100 from OU's Division of Student Affairs. A lucky student who is at the arena in the first ten minutes of the game will have their name picked out of a hat during the 12-minute second half warning. The student, with valid ID, must be present to win the cash.

Campus Recreation Happenings

- **Fitness classes** begin January 9. Specialty classes will have demonstrations this week but actual classes will not start until January 21. (A full schedule of fitness and specialty classes is posted on the Rec Center web page.)
- **Wellness Wednesday**—The first Wellness Wednesday brown bag lunch program for winter semester will be held January 16 at noon in the Pioneer Room. The topic is "The Year for You" and Mila Padgett, coordinator, fitness and wellness will be speaking.
- **Intramural Events:** Entry form deadline for winter sports is January 18. Brochures are available in the Rec Center. Winter sports include men's basketball, 3:30 women's basketball, floor hockey, "snow" football, dodge ball and rally volleyball. Call 370-4913 for additional information.
- **Swim Lesson** sign-up for current members will begin on Jan. 7 and nonmembers is Jan. 14. Classes begin the week of Jan. 28. New this year—private lessons. Call 370-4532 or 4533 for additional information.
- **Scuba classes** begin on Jan. 19 and Jan. 26. Sign-up is in the Aquatic Center Office.

Expecting to be interviewing with employers this semester? Students will have the opportunity to practice behavioral interviewing skills by participating in a **mock interview** here on campus during Career Prep Week on **Friday, Jan. 25**. Advance registration required. To learn more visit the **Placement & Career Services** web site @ <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu>. To schedule your 30-minute interview, visit our office at 275 VBH West or call 370-3250.

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PLACEMENT AND CAREER SERVICES is sponsoring a week of career-related and job search events during **Career Prep Week January 22 through January 25, 2002**. The schedule of events is as follows:

- Dress for Success Seminar—Tues., Jan. 22, noon, Fireside Lounge, OC
- Behavioral Interviewing Seminar—Tues, Jan. 22, 5 p.m., 127 OC
- Marketing Yourself in an Unstable Economy Seminar, Wed., Jan. 23, noon, Fireside Lounge, OC
- Student Etiquette Dinner, Wed., Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m., Gold Rooms, OC (advance tickets required)
- Diversity Career Fair, Thurs., Jan. 24, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., OC
- Use Diversity to Your Advantage Workshop, Thurs., Jan. 24, noon, Fireside Lounge, OC
- Major Confusion Workshop: What Can You Do With Your Degree?, Thurs., Jan. 24, 5 p.m., 128 OC
- Mock Interviews, Fri., Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oakland Room, OC (pre-registration required)
- Payroll 1 Open House, Fri., Jan. 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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SALARY

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campus. Those contracts have all been settled at significantly less than 6 percent per year.

To compensate, the BOT decided to increase his salary 6 percent for the past two fiscal years.

For the 2000-01 term, Russi's salary was retroactively raised from \$175,000 to \$185,500. For the current 2001-02 term, his salary was increased to \$196,630.

According to Director of Media Relations Ted Montgomery, this raise puts Russi more in line with what other presidents make at Michigan's 15 public universities, boosting him from twelfth to seventh place.

Adam Kochenderfer, student liaison to the BOT, said he understands the Board's reasons for the raise. "It's very comparable to other university presidents."

According to Nicholson, the BOT determines the president's salary by focusing on key points, like the job he does and what other university presidents in Michigan and nationally are earning.

"The man is doing an excellent job, and he should be compensated as such," said Student Body President Derek Dickow. "What level and what price, that's been determined by the Board now. That's something they've deemed necessary to pay the man for the job he's doing."

With the release of the Academic Affairs Review Committee report in November, though, some faculty have questioned the Board's timing.

In the agenda released prior to the BOT meeting, a motion by Trustee David Fischer to increase Russi's salary was not included. A revised agenda released immediately before the meeting, however, included the motion.

"Timing is everything, and the fact that this wasn't on the agenda ahead of time is not a mistake," Dickow said.

Kochenderfer voiced his concern with the timing, as well. "I don't like the fact that I was kept in the dark. We need full disclosure. It's in the best interest of the university. The way this was presented to the staff and community was not."

The timing, Dickow agreed, "doesn't ease the concerns of the faculty and basically, the community in general."

Some faculty object to the \$21,630 raise and \$25,000 bonuses, since it is more than some university employees earn.

The CTs, whose wages average around \$20,000 annually, settled contract negotiations in February with a 4 percent increase in salary.

The BOT also approved this fall a 4 percent raise for OU Police Department.

Dickow, however, said some faculty are not looking at the whole picture.

"A lot of faculty, it seems, want to have a cup of tea and a donut with their idea of a president of a university," he said. "They want to be more personable with him. They want to shake his hand on a regular basis."

"I believe the true job of a president of a university should be to run the business like it's a business, because that's what this is," Dickow said. "It's a business of education, and if certain things are not in order, it's going to be very hard to get that education for students."

Kochenderfer said the timing of the salary increase concerns him and could cause further problems between the faculty and president.

"It could've been done at a better time," Kochenderfer said. "The faculty was not happy before, and now I see it getting worse."

"I don't have a problem with the raise, itself," he added. "Agree or disagree with him, Russi's a very committed individual."

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Fr. Dan Homan, OSB
6:00pm

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Michigan winter provides many with opportunities for outdoor excitement

By Chad Mack
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When the cold, gloomy hand of old man winter starts to get a grip on people this time of year, most people get bundled up and prefer to stay inside. They detest the cold weather.

The exceptions are those who love winter sports like skiing and snowboarding. The problem locally is that Michigan doesn't provide enough of the right kind of snow.

"There is no other way (to run a ski resort) in southeastern Michigan than to create artificial snow," said Mark Tibbits, director of operations at Mt. Holly.

"Right now we are at about two to three feet in most areas," said Tibbits, referring to the depth of the snow base. "Real snow is preferential, but seldom provided. It is wet and heavy and less desirable."

Gale Winterhalter of Alpine Ski Lodge also gave the nod to artificial snow in the area.

"Man-made snow packs down from 10 inches of falling snow to about seven inches of skiable snow, while natural snow usually packs down to about three inches," said Winterhalter.

Winterhalter and Tibbits make their best efforts to get people to come outside and experience the fun of winter sports by hosting interesting events and contests.

"Every week we have an adult ski league (at Mt. Holly)," said Tibbits.



"Saturday and Sunday we have ski racing." Alpine offers its customers opportunities to party and ski together. "We have a beer league every Thursday," said Winterhalter. They also host the annual Cardboard Classic sponsored by 104.3 WOMC. "People register cardboard sleds," said Winterhalter. "They all come here and race downhill."



DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW: Skiers at Mount Holly enjoy the winners wonderland on the bunny hill. UPPER LEFT: Skiers wait on the ski lift to begin their run down the slope.

provides, it isn't always conducive to skiing. Club skiing can help break the ice, so to speak, and get people out on the slopes.

"My best friend made me go. She was in a ski club," said Susie Markee, junior.

"I've been skiing four or five times since. I've only been to Mt. Holly. It's not a bad skiing place, it's good for beginners. It was fun, but painful."

The sport of skiing and snowboarding is similar to skateboarding in the types of personalities that it attracts.

"We've seen lots of different personalities," said Tibbits, "So far we've seen all kinds of things, but I haven't seen naked skiing yet. We are currently working on a snowboard competition."

Skiing and snowboarding in Michigan still isn't the same as a skiing experience like that of places like Colorado and Utah, but they are creating a charm unique to the area.

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Mark Tibbits
Director of Operations
Mt. Holly

downhill." With the cold weather that Michigan

Read The Post next week for "Injuries on the slopes"

Women make progress

By Randy Dudek
THE OAKLAND POST

As the winter semester gets underway, the OU women's club hockey team, the Polar Bears, find themselves with a respectable 3-6-1 record halfway through their fourth season.

"It's unbelievable," assistant captain Rebecca Kelly said. "We finished 5-15 last year and we're playing even better this season."

While a sub-.500 record might not be so hard for a neutral observer to believe, the record doesn't take into account that there are only nine skaters on the team, while most other teams in the CCWHA (Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association) are closer to the 25-skater roster limit.

"We usually start out doing really well against almost all of our opponents, but by the time the third period rolls around, we are just worn out."

With five returning players from last season's squad, and a mix of new talent, the Polar Bears seem more accepting to the coaching that head coach Shana Osler has been offering. The new skaters are coming in with previous hockey experience, and a more positive attitude towards the game. All of this has been helping the club reach their pre-season goals of continual improvement and helping to build the women's hockey program for the future.

Evaluating this year's team reveals that there is a strong foundation present for the teams of the future.

Forwards: Amanda Pietras leads the team in overall scoring with 12 points (4 goals, 8 assists) and was named to the mid-season All-CCWHA first team. Jenny Burnhart is the leading goal scorer with seven. Assistant captain Kristen Czarnecki, who trails Burnhart by only one goal, has been described as the Polar Bear's most exciting puck

handler.

Defensemen: Rebecca Kelly, team captain Laura Cunniffe, and Krissy Kamin have seen the bulk of the work on defense. With only three defenders in the rotation, five-minute shifts are the norm for the women, whereas a fully staffed defense will rarely take shifts longer than two minutes.

Goaltending: Erin Gleason has posted a respectable 3.50 goals against average in her first season ever in the net. The converted defenseman has stepped in with no experience and has admirably filled the goaltending hole left by graduation.

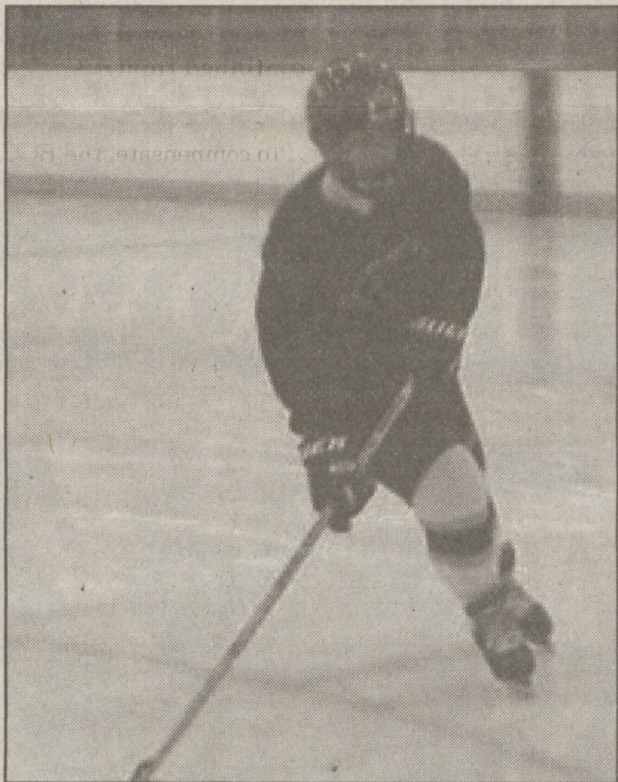
Coaching: Osler has put an end to the revolving door of coaches that the Polar Bears have had in the past. Her knowledge of the game and ability to instruct the team with limited practice time earned her the CCWHA mid-season coaching award. John Burkhardt has worked with the goaltending and defense, and has helped with Gleason's transition between the pipes.

The highlight of the first half was the Polar Bears' 3-2 victory over the Northern Michigan Wildcats back on November 16. Kelly described that victory as, "The greatest feeling in the world."

"It was so cool that a team that last season couldn't beat anybody was able to beat the number one ranked team. It was great, and a major lift for the team. It was even better to have done it on home ice."

After two games on the road at Michigan State on Jan. 18 and 19, the Polar Bears will return to home ice to take on Lake Superior State on Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26. With LSSU having nearly the same roster makeup as Oakland, both games figure to be hard fought, exciting contests, with as much hitting as a no-checking league will allow.

Both games are to be held at the Onyx Arena in



MAKING A MOVE: Polar Bears' captain Laura Cunniffe runs through drills. The women are currently 3-6-1, and are improving on last year's record with a significantly smaller squad than their competition.

Rochester, with an 8 p.m. start Friday night, and a 10 p.m. tilt on Saturday.

The OU men's club hockey team will return to action to play a home game against non-league opponent Bowling Green on Friday. The game will begin at 8:30 p.m. and, just like the ladies, all the men's home games are played at the Onyx.

Saturday, OU returns to league play and travels to Ferris State. The men's overall record is 8-7-1, but they are only 1-4-0 in their conference, the Great Midwest Hockey League.

Rapp earns top honors from 'Buzz'

By Brendan Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior midfielder Anita Rapp was named Great Lakes Region Player of the Year at the 2001 Soccer Buzz Awards.

Rapp helped OU to its first mid-season national ranking, back-to-back Mid-Con Conference Championships, and the only NCAA Tournament appearance in school history.

By leading the Golden Grizzlies with 34 points, Rapp was able to match the record held by Kristen Luoma for career points with 120. Her 11 goals this season, second on the team to Ashley McGhee's 14, brought her career total to 36, netting her fourth all-time among OU goal scorers. She also led the team in assists with 12.

Rapp, originally from Lillehammer, Norway, was redshirted in 2000 while she played with the gold medal winning Norwegian olympic team in Sydney, Australia. She also missed two early season games to play with the Norwegian National Team this year.

Junior defenseman Kim Moore was named to the All-Mid Con team for the third consecutive year. She led the OU defense to a school record 12 shutouts and was also named to the Great Lakes Region third team.

Katie Arnett earned All-Freshman Great Lakes Region team honors while scoring two goals and four assists for OU this year. She also named Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year.

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	Valparaiso
	1-0
	11-5
	UMKC
Oakland	0-1
2-0	8-4
9-7	Western Illinois
IUPUI	0-1
2-0	8-5
8-5	Chicago State
Oral Roberts	0-2
1-0	2-11
7-9	Southern Utah
	0-2
	3-11

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

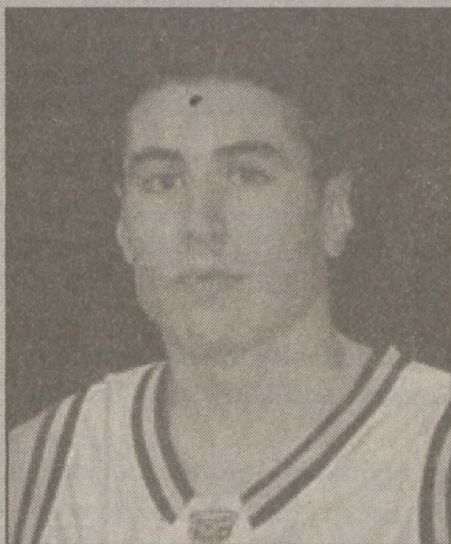
	IUPUI
	0-1
	4-9
	UMKC
Chicago State	0-1
1-0	4-10
5-8	Oakland
1-0	Southern Utah
7-7	0-1
Oral Roberts	4-9
1-0	Western Illinois
7-7	0-1
Valparaiso	8-6
1-0	
10-4	

First stat represents the team's conference rank. The second is the overall rank.

GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

BRAD BUDDENBORG

The Golden Grizzlies are undefeated since he has returned to the starting lineup. Buddenborg scored 21 points in a one-point victory over defending Mid-Con champion Southern Utah Saturday.



-Chad Mack

MOVIES

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repeated viewings only enrich one's enjoyment of the subtleties and details that make this film so good.

8 "Royal Tenenbaums" Director Wes Anderson's endearing Salinger-esque portrait of a dysfunctional family of geniuses is the pinnacle of cinema to come out of Hollywood this year. Three parts humor to one

part melancholy, the film's tone deftly changes from irreverence to pathos and back again. Anderson, along with co-writer and star, Owen Wilson, bring an unending inventiveness and attention to detail that make the film destined to become one for the ages, while signaling Anderson's arrival as Hollywood's preeminent young auteur.

9 "Shrek" Over the summer, this film provided that fresh lemonade quenching in a season choked with humid summer box office blunders. What pushed this movie into the hearts of children and adults alike was its classic fairy tale setting combined with its uniquely modern sensibilities. Dreamworks Pictures baffled the minds over at Disney with a "take that"

approach to the summer box office that was once Disney's bread and butter. Never will audiences look at the Gingerbread Man the same way again.

10 "Waking Life" Director Richard Linklater's winding episodic narrative ponders many of life's big mysteries, including the meaning of life, and the nature of God and reality.

While waxing philosophical, the film evokes the feeling of a lucid dream by using computer animation over the live action, creating the feeling of a living and breathing work of art. A groundbreaking film, the animation techniques developed for this film are sure to revolutionize the industry in coming years.

MUSIC

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to come out of Ireland in years. The melancholic beauty of "For the Birds" lingers long after the last track has faded out.

8 Manu Chao - "Proxima Estacion Esperanza" The music on this CD, like the artist, comes from all parts of the world. Manu Chao seamlessly blends the traditional

folk sounds of Mexico, France and Brazil with hints of jazz, ragtime and even a little blues.

9 Ester Drang - "Golden West" This Oklahoma band may remind you of favorites like Mogwai, Spiritualized, Radiohead, Godspeed You Black Emperor and others, but it has resisted

the temptation to imitate. Instead it has turned its influences into a sound that is their very own brand of low-rock.

10 Herbert - "Bodily Functions" Matthew Herbert is certainly not the first person to combine pre-recorded electronic samples with traditional musical

instruments, but what makes this album unique is his use of body parts for percussion. Bones, knuckles, hair, skin and teeth become musical instruments. Add the angelic voice of Dani Siciliano and the music becomes every bit as irresistible as it is inventive.

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entertaining but educational. Without this show, there would be so many 14 year olds who wouldn't know that Milli Vanilli sucked, that Michael Hutchence was hot or that Lindsey Buckingham is a guy's name. Experience bitter breakups, drug problems and inevitable reunion tours in this VH1 staple.

7 "Will and Grace" This show wouldn't be what it is without its outspoken and colorful cast, which seems most fit for a carnival side show. The laughs start

rolling as soon as Jack McFarland (Sean Hayes) steps onscreen, and more always follow with the equally hilarious Karen Walker (Megan Mullally), Will Truman (Eric McCormack) and Grace Adler (Debra Messing) round out the quirky foursome, and seem to be doing well filling the shoes left empty after "Seinfeld" ended.

8 "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn" Host Craig Kilborn proves on his late night talk show that following others

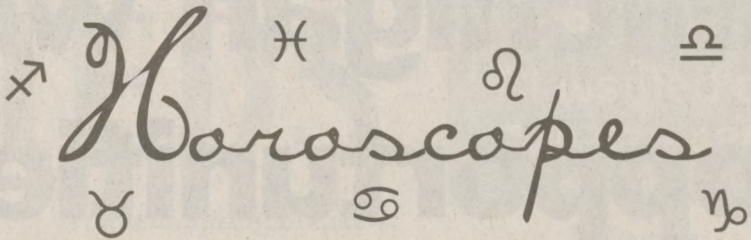
down the beaten paths of comedy is not always the best way to go. Kilborn is playful with his guests, welcomes up-and-coming actors (not just Hollywood's mainstream), and offers many alternatives to the boring old monologue. His rampant egotism and debonair style (think ascot Friday) is a breath of fresh air among the self-deprecating world of late night.

9 "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Host Drew Carey and his troupe of comedy masters give it everything

they've got for 30 minutes of quick-witted improv. This remake of the British original retains the tried and true and even features some familiar faces of the past, including Ryan Stiles, Colin Mochrie, and Greg Proops.

10 "Saturday Night Live" They took a beating after the Sept. 11 attacks which left little to laugh about, but the SNL cast bounced back around mid-November when the world began returning to normal. Although some

parts of each show tend to be lackluster, there are a few hidden treasures within the 27-year-old sketch comedy show, which improves a little more each week. On-the-nose impressions by Will Ferrell, Darrell Hammond and Jimmy Fallon, in addition to hit skits such as "Wake Up Wakefield" and "Jarrett's Room" and a long list of famous hosts have kept SNL on the air through its rough times.



This is a more social week than usual, with people talking, hanging out and interacting. Ironically though, for all the discussions taking place, we may have the hardest time expressing things that actually matter to us - it is easier to concentrate on the superficial. However, those that are honest enough with themselves and with others will find that they can easily communicate things that were difficult to say in the past.

Aries

You're smooth enough right now to get what you want; don't allow past failures to stop you. A love interest in more receptive than usual.

Taurus

It's easy to go overboard in the romance department, but that may be what you need right now. Try not to spread yourself too thin between projects.

Gemini

You're pretty insightful this week, so don't hesitate to follow your instincts. You may have the confidence now to discuss things that you couldn't really talk about before.

Cancer

This may be a quiet week for you; rest right now if you can. You may feel passionate about something, but don't pressure yourself to express at this very moment.

Leo

You can be a bit too aggressive towards a love interest right now; things will work out better if you just act like your normal self. Consider putting your energy into a new project.

Virgo

Let people know where you are coming from and they will be surprisingly supportive. You may not be ready to talk about sensitive issues, but at least think about them.

Libra

You may be more charming than usual this week, but don't push it too far. It's easy to avoid conflict; don't be afraid to bring up and discuss issues.

Scorpio

An ongoing conflict is starting to simmer down, so take time this week to rest. Quiet time with family and close friends will do wonders.

Sagittarius

You may have been pushing yourself too hard; realize that you have a finite amount of energy. This week, focus on working smarter, not harder.

Capricorn

Communicating may not be easy this week, more because of your insecurities as opposed to other people's objections. However, people are listening and will be more responsive than usual to your feelings.

Aquarius

Now is the time to express yourself to someone or something that you have been admiring from afar. You'll find the right words to say this week if you trust in yourself.

Pisces

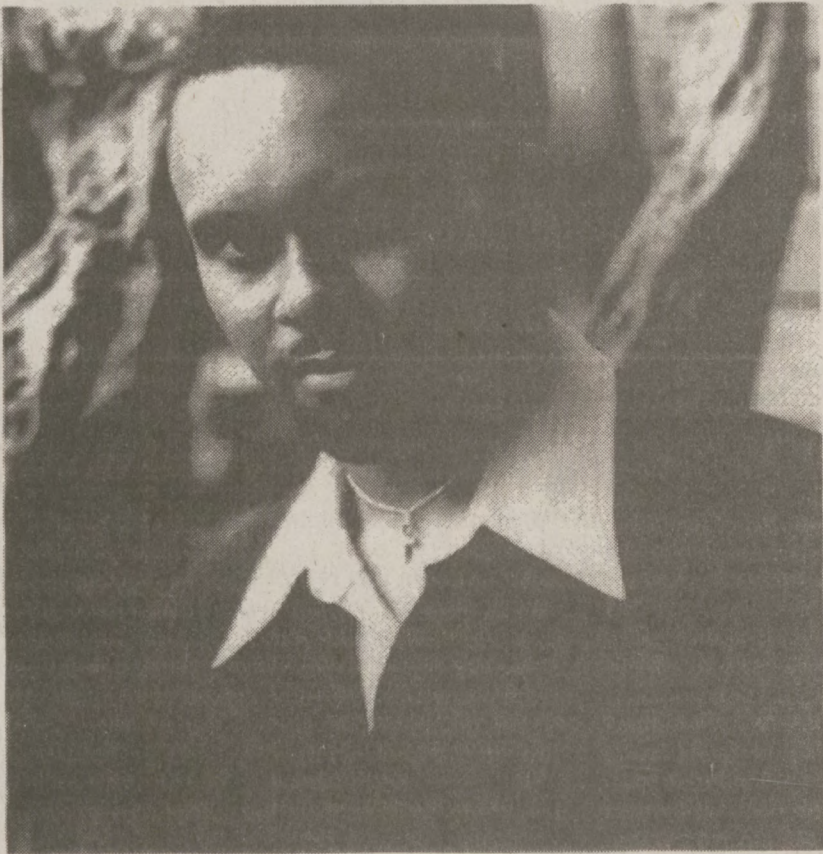
You may be more indecisive than usual; don't let your insecurities stop you from getting things done. Friends and acquaintances will support your goals.

Oakland University alum Damon Brown has studied the occult for ten years. A Chicago-based freelance writer, Damon currently contributes to Playboy.com, MSN.com, and The Source. He can be reached via his website at www.geocities.com/nomadgames/.

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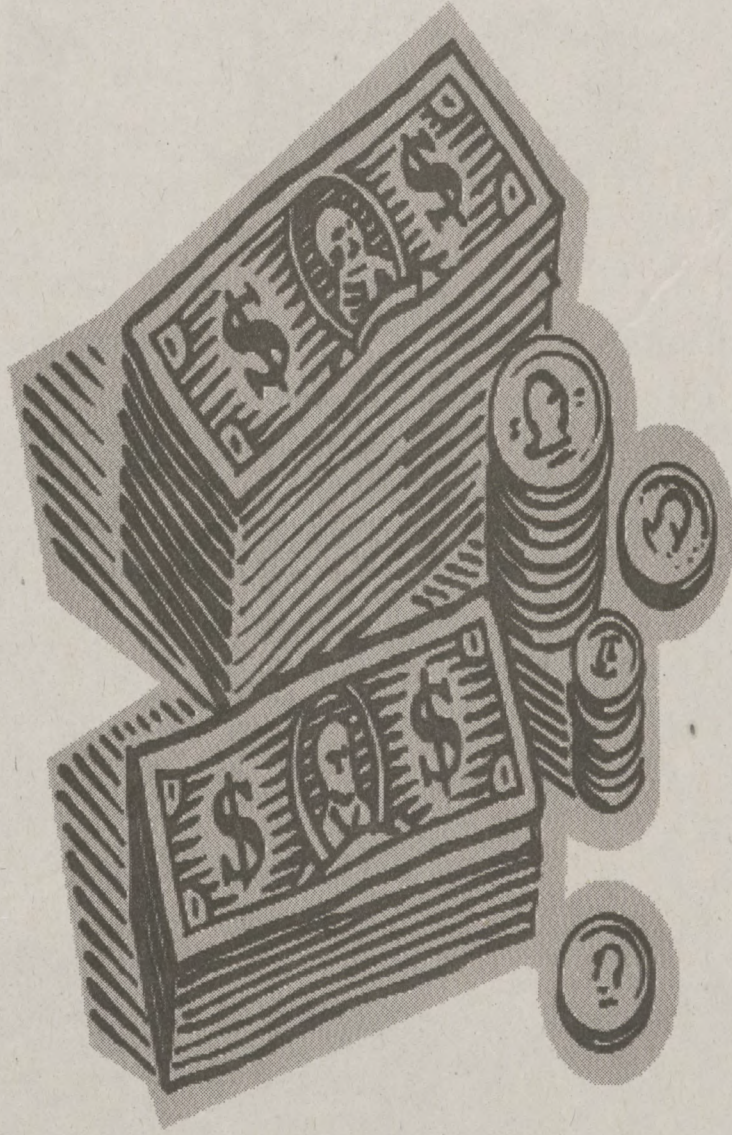
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Editor's Note: This is the first part in a series on the most popular cities along Woodward Ave.

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While many OU students are familiar with the vibrant Pontiac nightlife, fewer know the daytime face this city wears, for a reason.

And when the sun is up, Pontiac is a different place. The city has a long way to go before it can be classified as a 24 hour zone, according to Jim Fitzpatrick, owner of several buildings along the Saginaw strip as well as the owner of the Pike St. catering company (previously fine dining restaurant).

"Daytime hasn't yet been realized, it's coming," he said.

Development is the key for Pontiac's future and the dream of its boosters, according to Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick pins a lot of faith in the reopening of the Strand Theater later this year. He believes bringing back the traditional playhouse will pull a lot of money into the city and rejuvenate its faltering spirit much like the Fox Theater did for the Detroit theater district.

John Levin, a Pontiac businessman, runs IRIS property management. He feels the city has a lot of potential. He sees the need for more living space and retail in order to give daily life in this city a boost.

"My focus would be developing positives for the future. Pontiac is a place for an urban lifestyle: there is a smattering of restaurants, an active nightlife and there was a thrust of art galleries," he said.

The Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital (POH) also brings both money and jobs into the city. Its modern structure is very obvious amidst the 19th century architecture typical of Pontiac's buildings.

Walking along the Saginaw strip one will notice that many of the art galleries though still in business, look desolate. It is not uncommon to see a 'by appointment only' sign posted on the doors. This is reminiscent of the National Habatat Art Gallery that closed its doors in September.

Richard Miller has a studio and art gallery on Saginaw Street. But even he admits that if he had to make a living he wouldn't be located in Pontiac. He chose to work in the city because of how cheaply he could rent space.

"I have been asked by fellow art gallery owners in Pontiac to turn off the lights when I leave," he said. As a member of the Pontiac Business Association, he is hopeful that the new mayor, Willie Payne, will bring about some changes. He certainly has a challenge ahead of him.

But some other businessmen have more faith in Pontiac's



capabilities.

Gary Harmon, vice president of Mobile Animated Displays (MAD) moved his business to Pontiac because, "it has a big city feel with affordable rates." His company does the advertising and marketing for Pontiac's famous Arts, Beats and Eats festival.

"Originally, Pontiac was trying to recreate a Soho type atmosphere, it has started to lose its art feel, but it is still better than a vacuous Troy. It's artsy, eclectic, youthful and edgy," Harmon said.

And the newest business venture happening in Pontiac right now, is Mark Baykian's RKS sound recording studios on Lawrence Street.

"This is a fertile place for people to record, there is not the antiseptic nature you would find elsewhere," he said.

And his studio set-up is definitely unique. "I like Pontiac and its buildings because there are no freeways, drywall and carpeting," he said. "The atmosphere is conducive to understanding musicians. There are people all over the place, a real community, and when you stick your head out the door it's real, good or bad, it's real."

According to Levin, Pontiac is a great choice for college graduates to set up a business. The city is surrounded by wealth and offers low overhead costs.

Another central place, both by day and by night, is the Blue Note coffeehouse. Darrel Jones, 25, an EMU student, enjoys hanging out there and said, "They have the best blueberry muffins here. Starbucks doesn't compare."

And that is another noticeable aspect about Pontiac - there are next to no chain outlets.



But it can't be denied. Much of Pontiac's money is tied up in its night life scene of bars and clubs. And there really is a multiplicity of places to go, but after the sun has set. When the lights go out is when Pontiac truly comes alive and Saginaw Street is crowded with club hopping college students.

San Qualls, 22, a Blue Note employee said, "You get everyone from the rich businessmen to the people asking for change and everything in between. You've got the college kids, high school kids, the middle age people with kids, that's the reason I like it. It's like a mini city without as much crime."

David Magerman, who also works at the Blue Note, said he enjoys the diversity of people he sees walking into the coffeehouse. But he sees how the daytime activity is still lacking.

"I hope that there will be more places to shop at than just bars to drink at," he said.

He is concerned that people are prejudiced about Pontiac and have the false assumption that it is a 'ghetto' area.

"The cool thing about Pontiac is that all the locals, especially all those living in lofts on the Saginaw strip, all know each other. It reminds me of a 20 something 'Friends' type place," Magerman said.



Clockwise: View of downtown - the Saginaw bar strip, the Blue Note Coffee House, Pontiac capturing the American patriotic spirit and the up and coming Strand Theater. Pontiac has a population of 71,166 and a median family income of \$25,834.00.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN PONTIAC

ARTS

Miller Studios and Art Gallery for oil and watercolor portraits and bronze sculptures

Lawrence Street Gallery to see a display of art from all over Michigan

Strand Theater when it opens up
(all on Saginaw St.)

FOOD & DRINK

Griff's Grill, oldest bar in Michigan

BO's brewery bar and grill

Giovanni's - for fine dining at night, upstairs there is a quaint tea room during the day

Blue Note Coffee House, which is smoker friendly
(all on Saginaw St.)

CLUBS

Tonic Nightclub

Tiki Bob's Cantina has a college night on Tuesdays

Have a Nice Day Cafe has a college night on Wednesdays

JD's Key Club featuring the Dueling Piano Bar Wednesdays through Saturdays
(all on Saginaw St.)

PARKING

Parking tickets are the norm in Pontiac.

Park in either the Phoenix

Center structure or lot at the bottom of Saginaw St.

A little known secret - parking along Lawrence St. is free.