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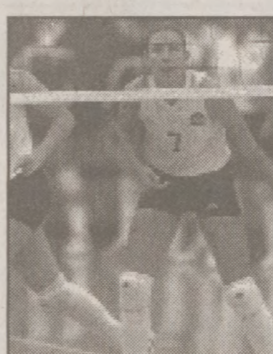
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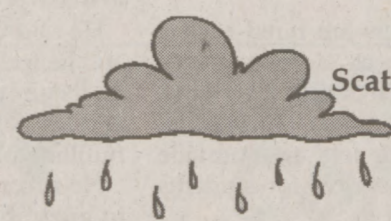
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## NEWS on the EDGE

•The deadline to apply for graduation is Oct. 12.

•ALCM Bible study will meet between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. tomorrow in room 126 of the OC. For more information please call 370.2978.

•Nobel Peace Prize winner and former Polish President Lech Walesa will be speaking at 3 p.m. on Oct. 26 in Meadow Brook Theatre. OU students, faculty and staff can pick up free tickets at the CSA window in the basement of the OC. All other tickets are \$15 per person.

•Tomorrow is National Depression Screening Day and the Graham Health Center will be offering free screenings for students and staff. The times that the screenings will be held are 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Individual appointments can be made by calling 370.3465.

•The OU discussion series "Attack on America" continues next week at noon in the Fireside Lounge, OC. "Religion and Terrorism: Are They Compatible?" will be the topic discussed. All students are welcome to attend.

•National Coming Out Day is tomorrow. Pride Forum meets Wednesdays all year, and all students, regardless of sexual orientation, are urged to attend. The Oakland Post will publish all Letters to the Editor (signed and anonymous) regarding this topic in next week's edition.

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# Red Cross asks 'Got Blood'

## OU blood drive Oct. 15-17

By Heather Clement & Cara Plowman  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU holds blood drives every semester, but this fall's collection will help to lessen the potential for a national shortage brought about by a recent ban on imported blood from Europe.

Many Americans rushed out to blood banks after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C. just one month ago. The American Red Cross insists that more blood is always

needed.

The OU sponsored blood drive, which is run by the American Red Cross and is hosted by the Center for Student Activities, is scheduled Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the Gold Rooms, Oakland Center.

The day following the attacks was the first time students and the rest of campus were encouraged to sign up to donate. One hundred ten appointments were scheduled through CSA in just the first two hours. It was the first time that many people rushed out

to make appointments, according to Paul Franklin, Coordinator of Campus Programs, who has organized OU blood drives for 20 years. OU has sponsored Red Cross blood drives for the past 25 years.

"This is the best (turnout) we have ever had," Franklin said, adding that more than 200 people have made appointments to donate so far.

Since Sept. 11, when two planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers and another into the Pentagon, millions of

Americans have taken the time to donate blood, money and time to aid in the rescue process.

According to the Red Cross website, four million Americans donated blood last year. It also stated that of eight million people living in New York, only about two percent donate blood.

That, along with the recent ban on blood donations from Europe, has led to a shortage for those affected by the attacks. According to the website, the Red Cross placed a temporary halt on shipments of blood from European countries effective Oct. 1 because of the thought that the human form of mad cow disease may be transmitted.

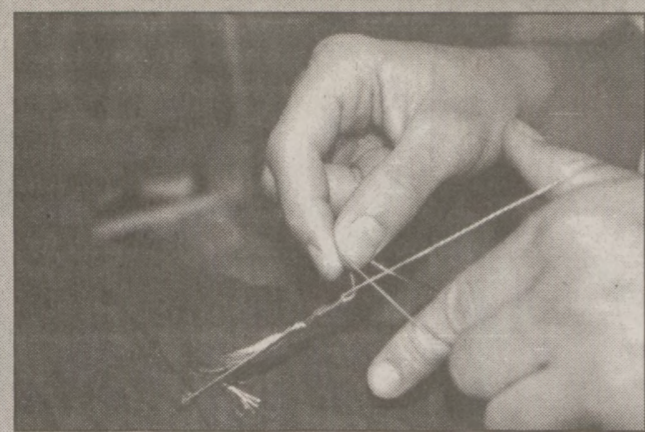
In a letter sent to the campus community, President Gary Russi wrote, "The need for blood was critical prior to the events of September 11, and becomes even more critical now."

"Since New York City currently imports a significant portion of its blood supply from Europe this will cause a major blood shortage, not just in New York, but also in all major metropolitan areas of the country," Russi wrote.

For each drive the Red Cross performs, the organization sets a collection goal, based on past success at the location and other factors. In the past, OU has achieved

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## Showing their pride



**CHALKING IT UP:** Oct. 11 marks the annual National Coming Out Day, and OU's Pride Forum, an organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders, is participating by chalking encouraging messages on the sidewalks around campus. Chalkings such as "Hate is a four-letter word, but so is love" and "I love my friends enough to tell them the truth" dress area walk ways, trying to defeat hatred on campus. In past years, some of the chalkings were erased or changed by some who disagree with the Pride Forum's mission. (Above) A Pride member makes a bracelet to pass out to students.

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## Police chief to retire next week

By Gayle Issa  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's chief of police Richard W. Leonard is retiring after 24 years of service to the campus. With only 11 working days left, Leonard said he looks forward to retirement.

Leonard, 62, said that due to his health and age, it is now time for him to retire. He plans to travel across country with his wife in the new year. The couple hopes to see more of the country and eventually reach California to visit his sister.

A Michigan State University graduate, he earned his bachelor's in criminal justice in 1966. Soon after, he was hired by Wayne State University to work for its newly created police force. He helped the department grow, served as a patrolman for two years and as a lieutenant for eight.

He began working for OUPD in May 1977 as OU's police chief.

OUPD has been "a fantastic place to work," Leonard said, and added he has been blessed with good colleagues. His officers have been receptive to new challenges and have adapted well to the numerous changes on campus, such as increased enrollment and expansion.

The OUPD has been willing to serve and have working towards making this campus safe, he said, adding that he is "proud that Oakland University has one of the safest campuses in the Midwest region."

Leonard has been responsible for the introduction and implementation of some key safety and crime prevention programs, including EMVAT (Emergency Motor Vehicle Assistance Truck) and the cadet program. Six to

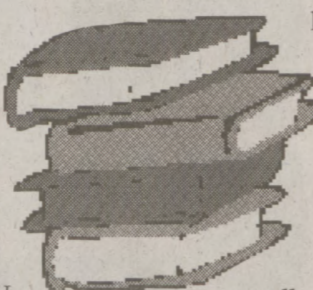
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## Congress helps Kresge receive money

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

This is the first time in seven years that Kresge Library has received a budget increase, and Dean of the Library Elaine Didier is making sure that the money gets put to good use.

Didier spoke at the OU Student Congress meeting Monday to out-



line some of her plans for use of the additional \$200,000 as well as hear OUSC's feedback on the library upgrades. She thanked Congress for its help in getting the money, but reminded everyone that the library will still need more money allocated in the future.

"The students of Oakland should know

that Congress played a pivotal role in getting additional funding for the library from the university this summer," Didier said. "But I also want to reiterate that we have to keep the support on. There is no more effective group in dealing with the administration or with the Board of Trustees than you, who are our customers, our users, our clients."

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## 'Odyssey' uncovered during Week of Champions at OU

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

•OU kicks off "Make A Difference Day," 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Exhibit Lounge, Oakland Center.  
•Student and Greek Org Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC.  
•"Dippin' Dots" giveaway, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Exhibit Lounge, OC.  
•SPB hosts Maxine Maxwell's "One Woman Performance," 8 p.m., Gold Rooms, OC

### THURSDAY, OCT. 11

•Watch "Spaceballs," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pioneer Food Court, OC  
•Free ice cream sundaes from noon-1p.m., Pioneer Food Court, OC.  
•"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Coming Out Day festivities, 1-4 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC.  
•Golden Key open house, 5-7 p.m., 126-7 OC.  
•ABS and SPB present OU Talent Show, 8 p.m., Pioneer Food Court, OC

### FRIDAY, OCT. 12

•Remember to wear your OU gear!  
•Games tournament, 12-5 p.m., Bumpers, OC.  
•Women's Soccer, OU v. Oral Roberts, 4 p.m.  
•"Play Center for All Ages," 5-7 p.m. between OC and North Foundation Hall.  
•Music, Theatre and Dance presents "OU Steel Drums," 5:15-6:15 p.m., Pioneer, OC.  
•Midnight Madness, 10:30 p.m.-1 a.m., O'Rena, Athletics Center

# CHIEF

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eight student cadets are hired each a semester who serve as additional “eyes and ears” from noon until 11 p.m. daily. Leonard said the cadets patrol sidewalks and parking lots and provide after-dark escort services for students needing assistance.

The 10 blue light systems around campus were also introduced by Leonard. Phones are strategically placed around campus in case emergencies arise.

“The highlight of my career has been

reaching the goal I set for myself in 1960 to have my own agency, to improve police service capabilities and to make positive changes,” he said.

He said OUPD is a reputable agency, and he feels as though this reflects well on the university. He credits teamwork and his colleagues’ adaptability to the fulfillment of his own personal goals.

He is confident OUPD will continue to grow in the same manner over the coming years. He recalls some key incidents during which he was impressed at the “teamwork mustered, even in a small agency such as this.”

There are four finalists for Leonard’s job. A replacement should be chosen

by the Oct. 26.

OUPD lieutenant Mel Gilroy is one of the finalists, the other three have not yet been identified. Leonard has been involved in the screening of the applicants but not in the interviewing process.

He did say there are some aspects of the job he won’t miss. However, he added that he is “always open to communication, whether it’s good or bad.”

Leonard is looking forward to spending some quality time with his family, enjoying his grandchildren. And his vision has spread to other members of his family. His son Richard W. Leonard II is a police officer for Auburn Hills

and has recently been in New York City to help in the relief effort.

And of course he plans to come and visit often and attend basketball games.

“OU has been an integral part of my life for so many years, and I’ll miss it.”

He expects it will be a big adjustment for him to make.

“I have established friendships form the grounds department to the president’s office, and I shall miss them all tremendously.”

He spoke fondly of his comrades and stressed that he has “learned a lot from hallway discussions and over cups of coffee at the OC.”

# OUSC

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The money, which was taken from the university’s base budget, was approved by President Gary Russi while he was serving as Provost this summer. OUSC members, along with Didier and senate library committee member Karen Miller, met with Russi to encourage that the university raise the library budget.

Russi informed them over the summer that the budget would be raised, but it wasn’t until September that the \$200,000 figure came in.

Meanwhile, Didier and Miller were working on a list of upgrades that would be considered after the money was allocated. Some plans include fixing the heating/cooling in the first floor computer labs, upgrading the reference computer lab, opening “Kresge Café,” which would be a small cyber café, launching a fiction discussion book club and making some physical enhancements, specifically to the fourth floor.

“We want to enhance the library as a place for students to come to be comfortable, to have the café, to have multimedia rooms, to have more mid-sized study rooms,” Didier said. “But at the same time we want to improve library outreach so you don’t have to come to campus to access the library.”

One idea mentioned by Didier that received many comments from OUSC members was that the library may begin charging for printing in the reference area. According to Didier, OU is one of the few universities that doesn’t charge for printing, and costs have been rising due to students from other schools using Kresge Library computers to print out documents for free.

“It’s important for students to understand that if charging for copying will, and it should, reduce the inefficient use of paper, then there’s merit behind it,” Student Body President Derek Dickow said. “What students can expect to see is a committee with student, faculty and, possibly, administrative representation that will determine the future of charging for printing.”

Didier stressed that the printing charges wouldn’t add to the library’s budget. Instead, they would just be used to cover the costs of paper, toner and maintenance.

“I hope to see any improvements in the library,” Student Body Vice President Vesna Saveski said. “I’m not an expert on what’s needed, but I do know that the library is not fit for the amount of students we have.”

Congress holds meetings at 4 p.m., Mondays in the Oakland Room, OC.

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## New parking structure now approved, dean appointed

### *BOT approved BEI Associates to design parking structure in order to alleviate students problems*

By Marc Hankins  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Board of Trustees approved on Thursday the appointment of BEI Associates to design a parking structure for OU in an ongoing attempt to put a plan into action that will alleviate parking woes on campus.

The approval for the structure's design only, will be paid for from a 2001 OU bond fund and is not supposed to exceed \$350,000.

It was the source of the money, however, that was a sticking point for the board, that appeared eager to talk about construction of the parking structure and not just its design.

Trustee Henry Baskin presented the issue before the BOT, which had previously decided on BEI Associates as the designer at a meeting on Sept. 11. He promptly asked Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer specific questions about the bond money.

"We've been assured that there are

funds available to meet that cost," asked Baskin. To which Schaefer replied, "Yes."

Baskin also inquired if the \$350,000 would be used for the construction at all.

"That is not to pay for the structure. Remember, we had a cost estimate of about \$6.8 million for a 550-space structure, but that has not been determined yet," Schaefer replied.

Trustee Alex Schlybaugh then asked Schaefer if the next step will be to approve money from a bond to pay for the construction project, in the same way the design money was sought.

"Yes, I'm anticipating that we would come to you with that proposal at some point in the near future," answered Schaefer.

Student Liaison Adam Kochenderfer asked Schaefer about the time frame for the structure's construction, and if the University had set a goal for its completion.

Schaefer replied that the issue at hand was design, and that timing would depend on approval one step at a time for the structure.

Regarding OU's goal for completion of the project, Schaefer replied, "Given the parking situation on campus, as soon as possible."

With all of the questions voiced, the Trustees then approved the issue unanimously.

Also unanimously approved by the BOT was the appointment of Dr. Peter Frick as Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

Trustee Schlybaugh, however, briefly held up the approval of the new Dean citing that he wanted to see the agreement contract between Frick and the University.

Dr. Virinder Moudgil, Vice President on Academic Affairs and Provost, assured Schlybaugh that the contract presented to Frick was basic.

"There were no amendments made to his contract," said Moudgil. "It is a standard contract, which was presented to previous Deans in that school, and other Deans."

Schlybaugh then voted to approve Frick, along with the rest of the BOT, but not before suggesting that copies of simi-

lar contracts be provided to board members in the future.

Another issue before the board was the approval of an amendment that would grant more money to the OU Police Department.

The contract that had been previously negotiated with the Police Officers Labor Council, extending from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2002, didn't anticipate that other labor unions on campus would wind up with more favorable settlements than OUPD. Since the early police settlement proved to eventually be unfavorable, police asked the board for an increase adjustment to bring it more in line with other union agreements.

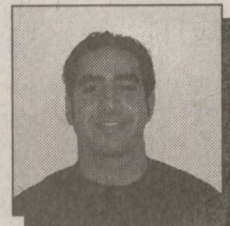
"I think the money we're talking about here, the budget implications, is very small," said Trustee Louis Grech-Cumbo, "It's less than \$10,000, to encourage this type of relationship between the University and their labor Union."

After the reading of the resolution by Grech-Cumbo, the Trustees approved it unanimously with no questions asked.

#### NEWS COLUMN

## Coming home

This is WOCO week, and for those of you that do not know what W-O-C-O-U stands for understand you're not alone. As a commuter student in my fifth



DEREK DICKOW

year at Oakland I saw the signs up every year and wondered why it is called the 'Week of Champions' - we don't have a football team at Oakland. This is the week Oakland considers its homecoming.

Throughout the week many exciting activities have been planned to ensure students on this campus get a grasp of what OU can be. It is a time to have fun, meet new people and most importantly, it is a time to get involved. As a commuter student I know first hand that sometimes having a social life on this campus may seem a bit oxymoronic, but let me assure you once I started getting involved I realized this campus has a very valuable resource - the students. That's right - from the students in your Rhetoric 150 class to the students who work-out in the Rec Center, students on this campus really do care about what's going on - all you have to do is ask.

Today, for example, is "Make a Difference Day" Kick-Off from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Exhibit Lounge of the Oakland Center. Pick up a copy of the WOCO calendar from the CSA office (downstairs OC) and participate any of the exciting WOCO events. To cap off an eventful week get to the 3rd Annual Midnight Madness Men's Basketball game from 10:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. (O'Rena, Athletics Center) and support our team - support any team of your choice and do it with OU pride.

Student Congress has had great opportunities to serve the student body this year, and I can attest to the commitment our Legislators and Executive Board have for its constituents - the students. We are the clients, customers and consumers of everything that is Oakland University, and we are here to ensure our interests. Our biggest goal as a collective Legislative Body this year has been to help allocate \$200,000 into Kresge Library's base budget. This was the first increase for the library since '94.

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## Health Center offers free screening

By Dan Agauas  
THE OAKLAND POST

Depression is not just a condition linked primarily to movie stars and musicians. Average college students can have it, too.

On Thursday OU will take part in National Depression Screening Day by providing free, anonymous screenings for depression at the Graham Health Center for students and faculty.

There will be two sessions, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., which include: filling out a self-evaluation questionnaire, hearing a lecture and watching an educational video about depression and, finally, getting the chance to talk one-on-one with a counselor to discuss the results of the questionnaire. Based on the results, counselors

may prescribe therapy groups or medication depending on the degree of depression.

Bella Chopp, coordinator of the program at OU, hopes the screening tests will not only identify symptoms and provide treatments but increase education as well.

"It is an education program for the university faculty and students with signs or symptoms of depression," Chopp said. "Many people suffer from depression and do not even know it or get treatment."

Counselor Pamela Warner, who will be reviewing the screenings, agreed with Chopp. She stressed early detection as a vital key.

"The earlier I catch it the bet-

ter," Warner said. "The whole point of the program is early detection. If it [depression] goes untreated, it can begin to slide."

Warner told a fictional story about "Joe" as an example. "Joe" breaks-up with his girlfriend and gets depressed. Soon he is failing tests, struggling in school and skidding down a Grand Canyon slope.

"I want people to come when they have the break-up and prevent the sliding," Warner said. "When they start sliding, it is hard for them to seek help."

There may be many "Joes" on campus struggling with depression. According to a video that will be presented at the screening, depression may be caused by traumatic events, such as a

break-up or death, or for no apparent reason at all. Many college students become depressed from pressure about career choices, living on their own or trying to learn difficult material for classes.

Many who are depressed also express certain symptoms, such as restlessness, feelings of worthlessness or guilt, loss of energy or sleep, diminished interest in activities and a depressed mood, according to a pamphlet passed out by the National Institute of Mental Health.

"Depression, in its most severe forms can lead to suicide," Chopp said.

But there is hope. The doors at the Graham Health Center, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., will always

be a beacon for those in need. According to Chopp, 80 percent of those who get screened are cured. The first six visits are free, and just \$10 a trip afterwards.

Chopp hopes that more than just OU faculty and students will take the initiative to come, however.

"I hope it brings in not just people who are depressed, but their friends or loved ones who they think are not doing well," Chopp said. "This is not just for people who are experiencing depressed feelings but a chance to be more aware, also."

Warner looks at the screenings as a win-win situation.

"The worst that can happen is you can understand more about it," she said.



CELEBRITY: Sonali Desai was crowned Miss India Michigan. Next to her stands Miss Congeniality winner Kiran Rai. Both were awarded on Sept. 15 in Ann Arbor.

## OU student crowned Miss India Michigan

By Heather Clement  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Miss India Michigan competition was held in September and a student from OU was crowned with the title.

Twenty year old Sonali Desai, junior, physical therapy, was crowned in Ann Arbor on Sept. 15 and will continue on to compete for the Miss India USA crown on Nov. 17 in Rathway, NJ.

Desai was born in India in 1982, but her family immigrated to the US five years ago to Troy where they presently live.

Thirteen contestants from colleges throughout Michigan competed in the pageant.

The competition was a combination of native Indian dress, talent, western evening wear and a segment of questions and answers.

Desai was asked during the competition if she could learn a new art form and give up an old art form in the process, which one would it be, and why.

She responded that she

would choose to learn about the sculptures of India because "most sculptures are about culture, heritage and dance, which would allow me to continue to learn about other aspects of dance without actually studying dance."

For the talent portion of the contest, Desai chose a dance from an Indian movie "Takshak," which in English translates to "Goal Oriented."

The song she chose was "Rang De" or "Color Me."

Her dance was a mixture of folk and classical dance from her native India.

Friends learned of the Miss India contest and encouraged Desai to enter. Nisha Yoyakey, also a junior, said "She (Sonali) kept telling me, I don't want to win, I just want to get into the top five."

Desai was hesitant to enter due to the time involved. She said it will require "a lot of appearances for the next year" in which she will be required to give speeches informing people of her plat-

form and educating the public on eating disorders.

Winning the crown was unexpected, although she is delighted that she won.

Her prizes included a tiara, sash, a scholarship, cosmetics, dinner for two at Ruchi's a restaurant serving Indian cuisine, and tickets from Millennium Travel that take her to her next competition.

Desai speaks five languages, three of which are Indian languages, Cryjarati - her first language, Hindi - India's national language, Marathi - the common state language, English and a little French.

She has also trained at the Nartan School of Dancing in Rochester since 1996.

For the past three years Desai has been on the choreography team for the "Holi Show" which is the Indian Students Association's annual show here at OU.

She also performs her native dance for OU's international show, scheduled for Nov. 8.

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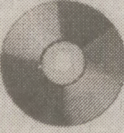
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50 to 75 percent of the set goals, according to Franklin. He said it is expected that OU will be able to collect more than last year.

The blood type O positive, also called the universal blood type, is the most prevalent type and is also the hardest to keep in supply. Franklin said he toured the Red Cross headquarters in Detroit and was shocked at the end of the tour. In the storage unit, where the blood is kept, all of blood types were plentiful except the O positive. "There was only one pint," he said.

But all blood types are needed, not just O positive.

"Southeast Michigan is in critical need for blood. Each pint of blood will treat up to three patients. The average adult's body contains about 10-12 pints of blood and the body makes new blood," according to a Campus and Young Adult Ministry press release.

OU is the first university where donors can set up appointments through an interactive website. Visit <http://givelife.redcross.org> and go to "schedule appointment," "sponsor: Oakland University" and key in the code word "oublood." Donor requirements, precautions when giving blood and the history of the Red Cross can be found online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

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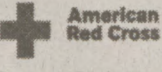
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Attack on America: The Aftermath

Religion and Terrorism: Are They Compatible?  
Thursday, October 18  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Fireside Lounge, OC

The Economic Impact - Locally and Globally  
Tuesday, October 30  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Fireside Lounge, OC



Oakland University Fall Blood Drive  
Mon.-Wed., October 15 -17  
To make an online appointment:  
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Interested in International Travel?

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.

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If you are interested in volunteering your time, energy and enthusiasm to work any of the events listed above, please contact Jean Ann Miller at the CSA Office, 49 OC, call her at (248) 370-4332, or email her at [jam@oakland.edu](mailto:jam@oakland.edu).

The next Student and Greek Organization Officers Training will be held Thursday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lake Huron Room, OC. Sign-up in the CSA Office to attend.

The WOCOU GAMES

The WOCOU Games Tournament will be held on Friday, October 12, at noon in Bumpers Games Room, OC. Register in the Bumpers Game Room, OC. Tournaments will be held in Billiards (8-ball), Table Tennis, Euchre and Chess. Entry fee is \$5.00 per person. Entry forms are now available.

AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

✓Reservations for:  
- Blast  
- Guys and Dolls  
- Mama Mia  
- Contact  
- Saturday Night Fever  
- Fiddler on the Roof  
- The Rockettes

✓Sign-up for:  
- CSA's Bowling Nights (Oct. 22 and Nov. 26)(FREE)  
- SPB's Road Trip for OU Mens' Basketball v UM (Nov. 16)(sign up starts Monday, Oct. 15)

✓Tickets for:  
- SPB's Blessid Union of Souls Concert (Oct. 13)  
- Lech Walesa (Oct. 26)  
- Meadow Brook Fall Ball (Nov. 9)  
- SPB's Murder Mystery (Nov. 16) (on sale Monday, Oct. 15)

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Lech Walesa, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Former President of Poland  
Friday, October 26 - 3:00 p.m. - Meadow Brook Theatre  
Tickets on available now at the CSA Service Window.  
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## Restaurants serve disaster relief

### Dine Out for America:

Chili's  
TGI Fridays  
Logan's Roadhouse  
Marcaroni Grill  
Olive Garden  
Outback Steakhouse  
Papa Vino's  
Red Lobster  
Ruby Tuesday

By Michael Hoskins  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Picture a world in which every meal made a difference. Where every portion of food contributed to a cause and helped the needy.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, the one-month anniversary since the terrorist attacks on America, numerous restaurant companies will serve the setting to raise money for the victims and families in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

Dine for America, a group of restaurants across the country, has decided to donate some or all of the proceeds earned on Thursday to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

The idea was started by Steve Stoddard, the president and CEO of Restaurants

Unlimited (RUI) in Seattle.

"As I began speaking to our people in restaurants across the country I heard feelings of helplessness and their great desire to do something," said Stoddard.

In response, Stoddard joined several food service companies across the nation and organized the special "Dine Out for America" day.

The date was set for exactly one month after the attack on America.

Currently, more than 6,237 restaurants across America have agreed to participate in the fundraiser.

More than 25 chains of restaurants have joined the effort in Michigan, including Darden Restaurants, the parent company of Bahama Breeze, Olive Garden and Red Lobster.

"For people who haven't given blood

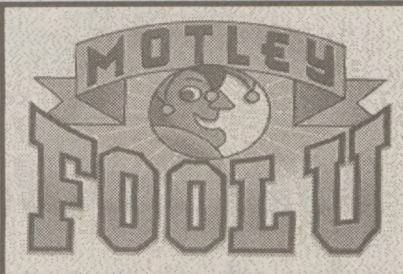
yet, or haven't had an opportunity to contribute, it's a good way for them to sit down and have a meal and make a difference in doing it," said Paul Weiss, general manager of the Rochester Hills' Olive Garden.

Expectations are high, said Weiss, and management is prepared to handle 500-600 guests that day, nearly double the amount on a typical Thursday.

At the Olive Gardens alone, Weiss predicts that a half million dollars can be raised.

The optimism is felt at many other restaurants, as well, including TGI Fridays in Auburn Hills.

Managers said that their corporate headquarters is participating and all of their 675 locations in Michigan will be donating part of their daily proceeds to the fund.



### Stupid Stock Tricks

**Q. I got a notice that one of my stocks was splitting. The notice said the stock distribution will be paid on Oct. 10 to "holders of record" as of Oct. 1. So here's my question: Why can't I sell my stock on Oct. 3? Then, since I was a holder of record on Oct. 1, I will get the shares back on Oct. 10. That's free stock, right? -- J.F.**

A. My two favorite stupid stock tricks: Steal the Split and Grab the Dividend. I've lumped them together because they're really the same question, and the same answer applies: Neither will result in free stock nor free dividends.

In a minute I will explain why, but first, repeat after me: There is no free lunch on Wall Street. There is no free lunch on Wall Street.

The markets developed a mechanism to deal with these situations long ago. It's called the ex-dividend date.

Stock splits are often called stock dividends. Sometimes they are called stock distributions, but for our purposes right now a stock split is exactly the same thing as a cash dividend, except it is paid in shares of stock. So from now on when I use the term dividend, it means both cash dividends and stock dividends, distributions, and splits.

When a dividend is declared by a corporation's board of directors, they say something like "We, the Board of XYZ, Inc., have declared a dividend to be paid on such-and-such a date to holders of record as of such-and-such a date." The payable date is easy to understand.

That's the day the checks, or additional shares, go in the mail or are electronically transmitted to your brokerage account. The holders-of-record date is the date that the corporation draws up a list of all current shareholders. Those are the ones who will receive the dividend. It is usually a few days or a few weeks ahead of the payable date to give the clerks time to do all the paper work.

None of that really matters to investors. The markets will set an "ex-dividend" date -- usually two business days before the holders-of-record date. The "ex" date is the important date. "Ex-dividend" is shorthand for "without dividend." Any trade that takes place prior to the ex-date will have time to settle before the holders-of-record date. Trades that take place on or after the ex-date cannot settle until after the holders-of-record date; therefore, shares bought on or after the ex-date are purchased "ex-dividend," without the dividend. With me so far?

Here's why the ex-date is important: When the market opens on the ex-dividend date (the date when it's too late to become a holder-of-record), the share price is marked down by the amount of the dividend. Technically what happens is that for all pending orders, both bid and ask prices are reduced by the value of the dividend. In the case of a small cash dividend, a \$0.05 change in price might not be noticed, but when it comes to a 2-for-1 stock split, the change will cut the stock's price in half, and stocks paying larger dividends will look as though they suffered a significant overnight drop in price. (The same thing happens to mutual fund shares when they declare dividends or splits.)

In a bull market where most stocks are going up, it can look as though there is some profit in a dividend capture strategy, but that illusion is simply due to the robust market.

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## OU student shows terminally ill kids magic

By Andrea Zarczynski  
THE OAKLAND POST

Magicians are typically known for their ability to perform astonishing tricks, play with people's minds and leave them in amazement. Last Sunday, a large group of children gathered around and were enchanted by Dave J. Castle, a 21-year old magician and full-time OU junior majoring in general management.

Occupying a private party room in Game Works at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, children pulled away from their parents to get a closer seat as fascination filled their eyes.

As they watched Castle "turn a little boy into a rabbit" and "make music records miraculously change color," cries of "He's good!" and "WOW!" soon filled the room.

The magic show was accompanied by other events that day, from a fund-raising auction to pumpkin painting, and was named "The Fall Family Festival 2001."

Kris Appleby, Executive Director of the General Sports Foundation, said, "It's great to get families involved (in this type of event)."

The festival, which sold 700 tickets prior to the event and expected 800 attendees, was sponsored by Flagstar Bank and ran all afternoon.

The \$50 ticket price for those ages five and up plus any donations made will enable participating organizations to make the lives of terminally ill children much brighter.

The participating organizations, Hospice of Michigan and the General Sports Foundation with its Suite Dreams Project, all had many volunteers and committee members present.

The G.S.F. plans to specifically use its cut of the donations to decorate the plain, uninviting hospital rooms of Michigan that these children occupy.

Brittany Smith, Director of Development for G.S.F. and its Suite Dreams Project, said "(Some of) these children spend eight hours, three days a week (receiving treatments and check-ups) in these rooms."

Jennifer Evans, a stay at home mom from Armada, was confident that her donation was going to "a wonderful organization." She said that she was "happy to help."

Evans' ten-year old daughter, Sara Evans, a student at Armada Elementary School, enjoyed herself as well.



ABRACADABRA: Magician David J. Castle performs his magic act at Game Works in Great Lakes Crossing, participating in the "Fall Family Festival" on Sunday for terminally ill kids.

"The magician was good," she said shyly.

Castle's performance, as a volunteer, was offered to him because of his accomplishments and magical reputation. He has been running his own magic company since 1997, is a member of the Society of Young Magicians, and performs a variety of magic shows to audiences of all ages in the metro Detroit area.

When Angel Danaj, an organization committee member and owner of Scrapbook Nook in Clinton Township, where Castle frequently shops, offered him the show, he knew it would be for a good cause.

"I thought it would be interesting (to perform at this event)," he said.

Photos courtesy of David J. Castle

From juggling to disappearing and re-appearing acts, Castle held his audience in suspense throughout the show. At the show's end, the applause was incessant.

Castle said that he feels good about the show and is proud knowing the money donated will brighten up the lives of children who need it.



### NATIONAL NEWS

## America strikes Afghan targets

### Nations unite against Taliban, bin Laden pledges more threats

After three straight nights of airstrikes, the Pentagon declared air supremacy over the Taliban regime on Tuesday.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld estimated the first hours of air-operation were 85 percent successful and 31 Afghan targets were hit, including major airfields and home of Taliban Chief Mullah Mohammed Omar.

A Taliban official said Tuesday suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden and Omar were still alive in Afghanistan.

Bin Laden's al-Qaida organization responded by calling all Muslims to sacrifice in the struggle against the U.S., promising to bring the battle "to the heart of America."

"Americans have to know that they have opened gates that they will not be able to close," the spokesman said. He said "jihad," or "holy war," was the duty of all Muslims, promising the hijackings would continue.



TOP GUN: An S-3B Viking takes off from the USS Enterprise in the Indian Ocean on Tuesday.

### More troops, forces to be sent to Mideast

President George W. Bush sent formal notification to Congress on Tuesday of his decision to deploy more U.S. troops and forces for combat operations in Afghanistan.

"The military action is part of our campaign against terrorism and is designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations," Bush wrote in a letter to the House and Senate. It's unclear where the troops will be used once deployed.

### Homeland Security Chief assembles team to defend U.S.

Sworn in as the new homeland Security director this week, former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge appointed two top lieutenants Tuesday to protect against domestic terrorism.

Richard Clarke, already on the National Security Council as a special advisor for cyber security, will be in charge of combatting cyber-terrorism.

Retired Army General Wayne Downing, an expert on counterterrorism, will serve as President Bush's main advisor on global matters related to terrorism.

### Link between anthrax, hijackers probed by F.B.I in FL outbreak

The F.B.I has joined the investigation of an apparent anthrax outbreak in Florida that has killed one newspaper editor at The Sun tabloid newspaper, and infected another employee in the mail-room.

The federal investigation into the infections includes a deeper look at forensic evidence gathered since the Sept. 11 attacks, especially items traced to the suspected hijackers like luggage, documents and cars.

CDC Director Jeffrey Koplan told a senior state senator on Monday that "foul play" was suspected, but no link to terrorism has been found.

- Compiled by Local News Editor Michael Hoskins

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Editorial

### War could get ugly but necessary evil

Immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks, we united to show terrorists that this nation can be pushed but not knocked down. Just one month later, some in the country has divided because of U.S. attacks on Afghanistan that began Sunday.

Although polls say much of the nation approves of President George W. Bush's decision to begin bombing major airfields and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan, some people feel that defeating violence with more violence is pointless. ("An eye for an eye leaves every one blind.")

The attacks on 31 Afghan targets are a necessary evil. If the nation doesn't retaliate, terrorism will never be extinguished. The future of the country would be plagued by constant fear of attacks on our home soil, with increasing casualties and damage.

Listening to the President speak Sunday afternoon, many were fearful of what the future might hold. Would this be a war similar to the Gulf War (short, with few casualties), or one like Vietnam or either of the World Wars?

Four days later, no one is sure which way it will go.

For years, many have speculated that a war of today will be nothing like wars of the past. For one, technology has placed nuclear bombs in the laps of all developed countries (and some lesser developed ones, too). We also fear biological warfare and chemicals, like anthrax, being spread across America, which could virtually wipe out an entire population.

These attacks are necessary, but the casualties, civilian and otherwise, will most likely be immense. We aren't attacking one or two strategic areas. We've blanketed the sparsely populated terrain with bombs, dropping them onto unsuspecting victims who have nothing to do with the terrorism we are trying to defeat.

Something most people fear is the unknown. And this is a war where the enemy is faceless and the weapons threatened to be used are unfathomable and their capacity for destruction is immeasurable.

According to U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the first three days of airstrikes were a success, and 85 percent of identified targets have been hit. In less than a week, we've accomplished most of what we set out to do. Hopefully, the fighting will end soon, so we can truly return to normalcy.

But we must believe that the power that mankind creates is the power that will destroy it as well.



## Letters to the Editor

### Curious turn of events puzzles professor

Dear Editor,

Why it is that in our time many university professors, including my colleague Austin Murphy (Letters to the Editor, Oct. 3), have developed such passionate hatred for their own country is a matter that will concern future university professors for many years.

I have my own ideas about it, but mostly I find it sad and strange. One of the strangest things about it for me is that I just can't understand how people like that can reconcile what they think of as the depravity of this country with the fact that it not only gives them the freedom to express their hatred, but pays them to do it. "Curiouser and curiouser," said Alice, and I don't think she knew the half of it.

Howard Schwartz  
Professor  
Organizational Behavior

### Congress may be at fault for attacks

Dear Editor,

Information coming out after the events of Sept. 11 has left me even more unhappy than I was that day. In the following days, I have heard a talking head on channel 32 out of Canada say that bin Laden warned the U.S. three weeks before the attacks that because of the actions of Israel, there would be a large increase in terrorism. Congressman Lamar Smith said on "60 Minutes" that after the terrorist attack of 1993, he introduced legislation to help track the status of foreigners in the U.S., but it was watered down in Congress. On public radio I heard an expert say that the airlines have resisted tougher security for years, and there might even be legislation that the airlines can't be sued because of these terrorist events. And Senator Fred Thompson said in a speech carried by C-Span that "commission after commission" has

warned Congress of the terrorism threat.

Therefore, I hold the U.S. Congress and their masters (corporate America) partly responsible for this atrocity. Someone said to me, "no, it's the terrorists' fault." So, I now give this analogy: Suppose it's a hundred years ago, before FDIC, and you have your money in a bank and the bank gets robbed. Your money is gone. Then you learn that the owner of the bank didn't have guards at the bank, locks on the door at night and was even warned by known bank robbers that the bank might be robbed. The bank owner might argue that the robbery was solely the responsibility of the robbers, but I would certainly hold the bank owner partly responsible.

It is clear, yet again, that campaign finance reform needs to be implemented so that our elected employees govern for the best long-term interests of the country (and not for the short-term quarterly profits, including, in this case, the cheap labor available from porous borders).

The campaign reform should be real, i.e. donations to candidates of not more than \$100 per citizen, no donations from any entity other than citizens and no donations from outside the area of representation (district, state).

Also, publicly owned stations, such as 101.9 FM and Channel 56, at least four months before an election, should be opened up 20 hours a day for debates, questions from audiences, discussions, speeches, etc. and show repeats of these things as time allows.

Reform of the virtual monopoly of the two parties, such as having the top five party's candidates' in the presidential debates, is also necessary.

Jim Capizzo  
OU Alum

### Problem with geese is lack of knowledge

Dear Editor,

Every day I hear students complaining about the geese on campus. I actually heard one student the other day state emphatically that he wished to "shoot the bastards." That's how fed up people have gotten, and obviously something must be done.

Well, here's an idea. We're all in a college, correct? Why not try to become educated on the matter? Then we can deal with it in a rational and effective manner. I took it upon myself to find a few factoids about these animals and hope that, at the very least, it will get a few people to quit their whining.

PROJECT: GOOSE REMOVAL  
Quite a few people like the idea of replacing goose eggs with dummies when the birds are nesting at Beer Lake during the spring. It is thought that this will cut down on the number of birds on campus. Nice try, but not only will this plan fail, it will fail miserably. For one, geese live for a VERY long time. They also are monogamous and form extremely strong bonds with mates (it has been said that if one is killed, its mate will pine to death). This isn't just an appeal to our romantic sides; it means that the geese will come back again and again. It would literally take decades of stealing goose eggs to even begin to see an effect.

Oh yeah, and I forgot to mention, Canada geese are fierce defenders of their eggs and young. Oh yeah, and I also forgot to mention that the biggest geese (like the ones that live at OU) can weigh up to eight kilograms (17.5 pounds of pure goose

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## Quote of the Week

Rest in peace. The mistake shall not  
be repeated.

-Cenotaph (monument), in Hiroshima



## Views on the STREET

### Would you be afraid to fly right now?

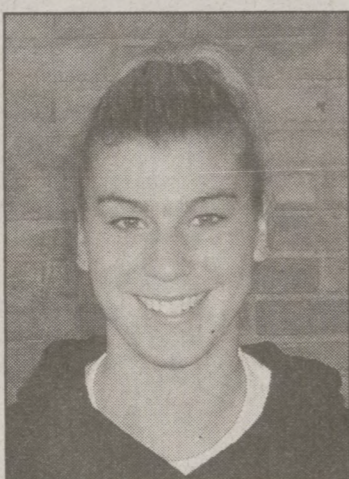


*"Yeah, I'm afraid to fly. I just don't think it's safe. I will fly because I want to go to Florida in a couple months, but I'm afraid to."*

-Lisa Newport  
junior  
linguistics

*"No I wouldn't be afraid to fly because they have a lot of security around the airports right now."*

-Jackie Sekula  
junior  
elementary education

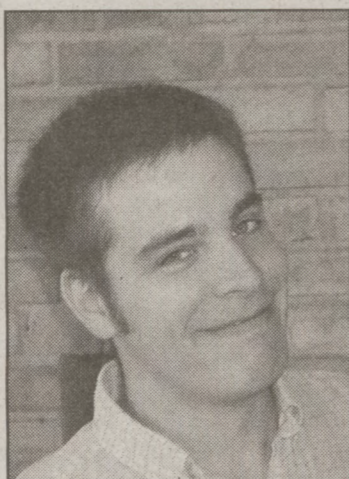


*"No, I would fly because I wouldn't let evil people ruin my life."*

-Marie Nowicki  
junior  
mechanical engineering

*"I don't think that it matters whether you're afraid to fly or not. It's our patriotic duty to fly to show Osama bin Laden that we're going on with our every day lives and that they haven't won."*

-James Esbrook  
sophomore  
mechanical engineering



## GEESE

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power) and have wingspans of up to two meters. They use their wings like clubs, they bite, they scratch. Wow, this idea is sounding better all the time!

### GOOSE POOP

This is probably the biggest concern of students on campus. Yeah, dodging the delightful green nuggets can be hard, but it's not impossible. I've been here for four years and have not once had to scrape any off of my shoe. But even if I did, it wouldn't be that bad. We all see that the geese are eating grass and fruit. I suggest that someone spray down the sidewalks every now and again. Not such a tough task, if we can find people to stop complaining about the mess long enough to grab a hose.

### CAMPUS WILDLIFE

One of the coolest things about this school is that there are critters running around all over the place. I consider myself lucky to be attending OU, in part because of all of the wonderful wildlife I see every day. Think of how much more boring it would be without the birds, deer, squirrels and fish. They might not seem like much, but they really do increase aesthetic value. Take Beer Lake for instance. We have our very own pond, complete with fish and fountains, right here. We've got streams and woods, marshes and grassy fields. But I seem to be only one in a handful of people to hold these views. Everywhere I look I see discarded pop bottles and pizza boxes, among other things.

School spirit is about more than wearing black and gold and cheering at basketball games. In other words, quit your bitching, stop taking this beautiful campus for granted, open your eyes and see that we're lucky to have what we do and should be thankful for it.

Amy "Bird Girl" Majchrzak  
senior, biology

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General public: \$15.00

This lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance to attend this lecture should call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400.

Presented with the support of the Office of Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and University Student Congress.

For additional information, call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400, or visit Oakland University's web site at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu). Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University, one mile east of I-75, off exit 79 (University Drive).

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•A night of magic, clowning and dancing is in store for those who attend "How Many Clowns Can You Fit in A Volkswagen?" at 8 p.m., Oct. 12 and 13 and 2 p.m., Oct. 14. **VARNER STUDIO THEATRE** will present the performance for \$8 for OU students.

•Since last year's **ROAD RALLY** was such a success, SPB is planning another event. At 5 p.m., Oct. 13 the rally will begin and have drivers going all over campus and Rochester. Cost per team of four is \$20.

•Make room on the calendar for **SLAM POETRY** with Beau Sia. The reading will begin at noon, on Oct. 16, in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center.

## SHOWS

•Be larger than life with **THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS** at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23, at the Michigan Theatre. All ages are welcome to experience the mightyness for an admission of \$23.

•Just to sum it up, **Unwritten Law** and **GOB** are scheduled to open for **SUM 41**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 25 at Clutch Cargo's. Tickets are \$15.

•He is known from SNL and the movie "Half Baked." At 9 p.m., Oct. 27 at St. Andrew's Hall, **JIM BREUER** will present his Heavy Metal Comedy Tour.

## ODD INFO

•To obtain Don Corelone's raspy mumble in "The Godfather," Marlon Brando filled his cheeks with cotton for his screen test. During the actual filming of the movie, he used a special dental appliance to push his jaw out.

•The word "Mafia" is never used in "The Godfather." It was omitted to appease the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

The WORLD OF  
THORA BIRCH

Birch stars in indie film  
'Ghost World'

By Patrick Labadie  
THE OAKLAND POST

Of late, the teen movie genre has come to be defined by semen-fueled raunch-fests and the films of Freddie Prinze Jr. Fortunately for moviegoers who desire more from teen films than ravaged apple pies and sappy romance, there are trailblazing films like "Ghost World" and actresses such as Thora Birch ("American Beauty," "Anywhere But Here") to star in them.

Based on Daniel Clowes' comic book of the same name, "Ghost World" stars Birch as Enid Coleslaw, a alienated

## Ghost World



out of four movie cameras

**Starring:** Thora Birch,  
Scarlett Johansson,  
Steve Buscemi  
**Director:** Terry Zwigoff

teenager who is struggling to find a place for herself in a corporate McWorld populated by an endless landscape of strip malls and fast food joints.

After graduating from high school, Enid and her friend Rebecca (Scarlett Johansson, "An American Rhapsody") face the prospects of crappy jobs and slim

prospects for romance. Enid flounders to find an identity for herself, while gradually drifting apart from Rebecca.

"I think that she doesn't really know what she wants in life," said Birch, in an exclusive online chat. "She graduates high school and knows all the things that she really doesn't like and who she doesn't want to be. The only problem is that she has no clue about what she does want to do and who she is, really."

Out of boredom, Enid and Rebecca play a prank on a sad-sack record collector named Seymour (Steve Buscemi, "28 Days," "Armageddon"). Enid starts to feel sorry for



COMIC CRUSADE: (L-R) Scarlett Johansson and Thora Birch star in "Ghost World," a film based on Daniel Clowes' comic book of the same name. The two friends graduate high school and must deal with identity issues, the real world and romance.

Seymour and later develops a relationship with him.

"She admires that he sticks to who he is, even if that means being a real loser," said Birch. "Seymour becomes to her a last ditch attempt at trying to find someone who she thinks maybe understands things on her level, and sees the world the way she does."

Despite Enid's contempt for the world around her, Birch feels that Enid truly wants to be accepted.

"I think Enid is happy being a person that is somewhat hard to understand. But she definitely craves acceptance," she said.

In preparation for her role as Enid, Birch put on about 20 pounds and brushed up on the "Ghost World" comic.

"Before reading the script, I was not too familiar with 'Ghost World' the comic book," said Birch. "A lot of the research I did for 'Ghost World' was actually done by Daniel Clowes, exploring his opinion of her and his ideas on what her childhood might have been like. Also, I simply robbed a lot of people I know of the personality traits

and used them for my own artistic benefit."

Asked if she identified with Enid, Birch answered, "I think that there were parts of myself that were similar to Enid at the time of filming, but I'm not sure if that was me or me being affected by the role. Today, I think Enid would be different if I portrayed her now."

Birch, who recently received the Best Actress Prize at the Seattle International Film Festival for her performance, in the film, shows herself to be a total natural on screen. Enid is a true original in a genre populated by stereotypes and cliches. Her performance is a joy to behold. She brings an immense amount of vulnerability to a character that could have come across as self-centered and irritating.

Clowes, who was on the set for much of the filming, said that pages of the script were cut because Thora's face was able to convey the same message as pages of dialogue. With her work in 1999's "American Beauty" and now "Ghost World," Birch proves herself to be one of the leading young actresses in Hollywood today.

## 'Godfather' trilogy available on DVD

By Brian Urreta  
THE OAKLAND POST

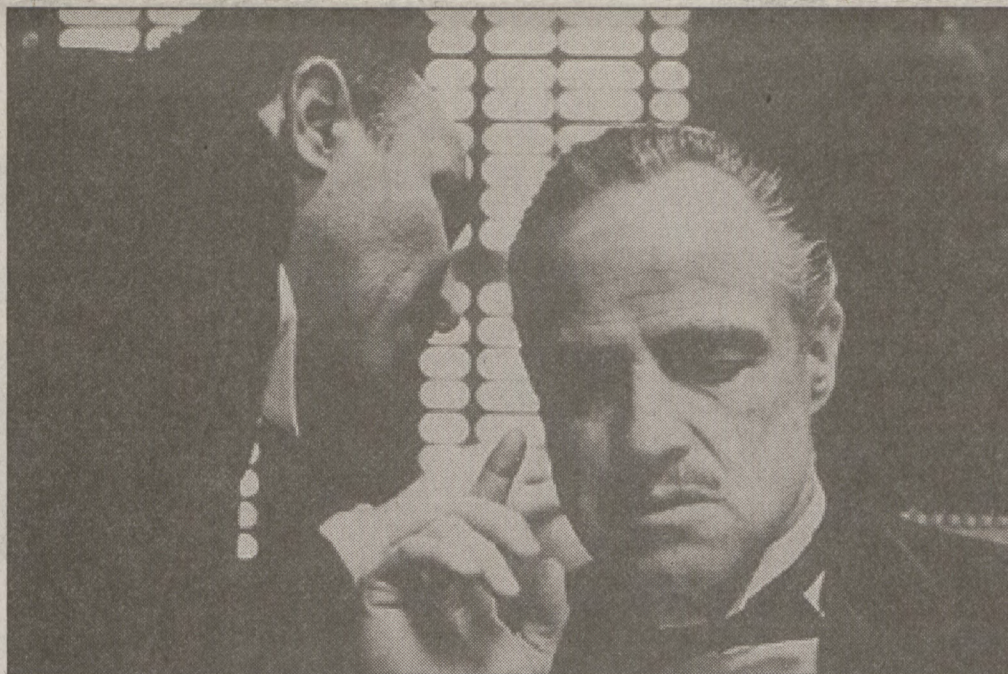
The greatest saga of all times is back like never before.

After 27 Academy Award nominations and six Oscar wins, "The Godfather" trilogy has made its long awaited debut onto DVD.

Based on the popular Mario Puzo novel of the same name, "The Godfather," tells the epic tale of the Corleone family, led by patriarch, and Mafia Chieftain, Don Vito Corleone, played classically by Marlon Brando ("On the Waterfront," "Apocalypse Now").

The film includes an extraordinary cast ensemble all playing exquisite characters, primarily involving Don Vito's four sons; the fiery, hot-tempered eldest Sonny, played by James Caan ("Misery"), the Irish born counselor to Don Vito, Tom, played by Robert Duvall ("The Apostle"), and the timid outcast Fredo, played by John Cazale ("The Deer Hunter"). But the key to each "Godfather" film is the youngest son, Michael, played by Al Pacino ("Scarface," "Heat") who goes through a metamorphosis before the audience's eyes.

"The Godfather II," which many argue to be better than the first, continues the life of Michael Corleone, his rise in the Mafia world and decline of his own family at home. The audience is also taken into the early stages of Don Vito's life, his youth in Sicily and rise in America, this time



FAMILY MAN: Don Vito Corleone, (Marlon Brando) stars in "The Godfather." The trilogy of films was released yesterday on DVD. The 5 discs include special features and deleted scenes.

superbly played by Robert DeNiro ("Raging Bull," "Taxi Driver").

Clearly, "The Godfather III," is not as good as its predecessors. Unfortunately, the film gets a bad wrap. One must remember that sequels rarely compare to its original. "The Godfather III," does not have as strong an ensemble nor story line as the first two, but nonetheless completes what would have been an unfinished story. What makes the "Godfather" films so

great? The answer lies within the films acclaimed director Francis Ford Coppola ("Apocalypse Now"), whose attention with the smallest detail rewards the audience at each film's conclusion. From acting, to set design and musical score, Coppola leaves no stone unturned making the final product a Hollywood masterpiece.

Such is the case with the new DVD format. The five-disc DVD set is a dream come true for any fan of "The Godfather"

trilogy, making one of the great epics of all time one of the great DVD's of all time.

To help those who are new to the trilogy, the DVD offers a Corleone family tree giving distinct accounts of all family members, as well as a "Godfather" timeline. To add, there are theatrical trailers to all three films, Academy Award acceptance speeches, as well as rehearsal videos from the first film. If viewers watch carefully they may notice a certain "The West Wing" actor trying out for the part of Michael.

The DVD includes never before seen footage that offers a whole new feel into some of the films' more prominent scenes.

The true diamond in this treasure lies within director Coppola's insightful commentary on each film. Whether it's learning about how he was almost fired in his first week of filming, or how he was told that Brando was not allowed to star in the movie, Coppola always finds a way to keep the audience's attention for each film's three-hour duration.

The running retail price for "The Godfather" Trilogy, which was released yesterday, is \$104.98, although most stores seem to be carrying it for a slightly cheaper price. Borders has it for \$94.00, F.Y.E. and Best Buy are selling it at \$79.99, and Blockbuster Video will be selling it for \$74.99.

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## 'Blessid Union of Souls' plays Varner Hall

By David Jewell Jr.  
THE OAKLAND POST

Students are going to "Wanna Be There" when Blessid Union of Souls takes the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday at Varner Hall. Yes, the same Blessid Union of Souls with hits like "Hey Leonardo" and "I Believe" will be playing a concert open to OU students, staff and guests. Tickets are \$9 for OU students and staff and \$15 for guests.

Sponsored by OU's Student Program Board, this is the first major label group it has brought to OU. But what's more interesting about the group's visit to the campus is that the concert experience will be in an intimate atmosphere as Varner Hall only seats 420 people.

Blessid Union of Souls is currently one of the premier pop bands. Its rise to fame has come somewhat slowly, starting in 1995 when it broke through with the haunting first hit, "I Believe." The song helped the band's first album, Home, to go platinum.

"We're not just straight forward pop, but country flavored, rock and spiritual. All that pretty much meshes into one," said Eliot Sloan, the vocalist for the band.



BLESS THE BAND: Blessid Union of Souls will play at Varner Hall on Saturday night. Tickets are only \$9 for students.

Despite its initial success, everything was not so blessed with the band. Its record label, EMI Recordings, shut its doors shortly after the release of its second album. However, the band still managed some success with the songs "I Wanna Be There" and "Light in Your Eyes."

The band signed with Capitol Records but quickly left the label when it wasn't allowed to create a more high-energy third album. Capitol had wanted the group to remain true to its original emotional accessible tunes. The amicable split to V2 records brought the release of the band's third album and the hit upbeat song "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me For Me)".

Since then the band has released a few new hits, "Standing at the Edge of the Earth" and "Storybook Life" as well as a collection of previous hits on a disc entitled "The Singles."

Blessid Union of Souls formed in Cincinnati in 1995 and is composed of Sloan (vocals), Jeff Pence (guitar), Eddie Hedges (percussion), C.P. Roth (keyboards) and Tony Clark (bass). Sloan and Pence mainly write the songs for the band.

This all comes together to make one good band that has a knack for producing catchy and just plain good songs. Its talents range from the mellow and serious "I Believe" and "Standing at the Edge of the Earth" to upbeat and light

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# A Moment of Grace

Ed Fraga's exhibit hits Meadow Brook Art Gallery

By Carmen Abrego  
THE OAKLAND POST

One of the many benefits to students at OU is having the Meadow Brook Art Gallery on campus. The gallery has exhibited works of local well-known artists and has received local and national acclaim. Ed Fraga, a local Michigan artist, will have his works on display in an exhibition entitled "A Moment of Grace: A Retrospective of Ed Fraga." The exhibition opens Oct. 12 and runs through Nov. 12.

Fraga is a contemporary artist whose paintings are somewhat surreal, as he explores a higher consciousness and a quest for spirituality in his work. His paintings are filled with symbols and images expressing human experiences such as birth, death, sickness, love, loss and despair. Christian themes are also evident throughout Fraga's paintings.

In the early 1980s, Fraga created icons from various objects such as door and mirror frames, broken panes of glass, automobile parts and even animal teeth.

These icons were encased in oil pastel drawings of homeless people he observed on the street. Fraga studied the iconography of the Medieval and Renaissance periods and created contemporary works with reverence for all that is sacred.

"I really don't know much about art, but I think Ed Fraga's works are interesting to look at. I like how he uses door frames to portray his images. It's very unique," said Abby Holodnick, senior, Spanish.

James Haddrill, senior, art history, said, "I am excit-

ed to see the upcoming show of Fraga's work. The work shows wonderful ideas of modern art. It mixes ideas of different mediums into one visual display."

Dick Goody, the director of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery and also a special instructor of studio art, teaches drawing, painting and historic painting and techniques. His paintings have been on exhibit in Detroit area galleries as well as London. The Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester will have Goody's paintings on exhibit in January 2002.

In the March 2001 catalog, "The Art of The Cathartic Circle," Goody writes, "Fraga is a painter of sublime images. He is essentially a panel painter, but there is something of the muralist in his panoramic vistas. Each time he paints a human being, he leaves a residue of his person in the painting; his ephemeral being is revealed in suspended animation, somewhere between life and loss. Whoever or whatever these depicted beings are, they are exposed wearily, in quasi-purgatory, as if spied enduring the ordeal (or ecstasy) of somnolent rapture. The surreal landscape of the sleeping is a recurrent theme in Fraga's work."

George Bennett, senior, general studies, agreed with Goody.

"Fraga's art is extremely interesting. He incorporates classical elements such as the way he uses drapery, yet his art is completely contemporary. Fraga uses illusionistic space brilliantly and combines realism with some abstraction," Bennett said.

The opening reception for the exhibition, "A Moment of Grace," will be on Friday, October 12, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.



THE DOORS: The icon pictured above entitled, "Stone 'em/Bury 'em" is from artist Ed Fraga's Side by Side - Lost Lives series. Fraga uses discarded items, such as this door frame, to incorporate into his paintings.

"The concept of social gathering is very important," said Goody. "An art opening is the interaction and exchange of thoughts and ideas of art and culture. Art openings were at one time called "private views" for the wealthy elite to see art in an exclusive setting," said Goody. Students are encouraged to view and appreciate the works of the contemporary artists such as Fraga.

As for the future of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, "I want to create a dynamic program to reflect the excitement of contemporary art. At the same time, it is my desire to draw in established art, for example, exhibitions we borrow from The Detroit Institute of Arts," said Goody.

In fall 2002, a techno-digital show from England which will include techno-music and merchandising and a unique collection of Russian icons will also appear at the gallery.

"You can live without love, and you can live without art, but once you've experienced it, you can't live without it," says Goody. "Meadow Brook Art Gallery is for you, it's your gallery."

Meadow Brook Art Gallery is located at 208 Wilson Hall, across from Meadow Brook Theatre. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday noon - 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and during Meadow Brook Theatre performances Tuesday - Friday from 7 p.m. through first intermission and Saturday and Sunday 5:30 p.m. through first intermission.

The upcoming exhibition, "A Moment of Grace: A Retrospective of Ed Fraga," is supported by the Detroit 300 Partner Program which is supported by the Comerica Charitable Foundation.

For more information on the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, call 248.370.3006.

## WXOU fights the top 40 conspiracy, provides eclectic listening

By Patrick Labadie  
THE OAKLAND POST

At the WXOU studios in the Oakland Center, students will notice the windows are covered by miscellaneous promos and flyers. Prominent among them is a record stuck to the glass. It is an "NSync record. It is shattered into bits and pieces.

The record acts as somewhat of a mission statement for the station, which shuns the trappings of Top 40 in favor of an eclectic mix of music that cannot be heard anywhere else. Its philosophy centers on providing quality radio programming without the corporate influence. Students won't find heavy rotations, mandatory playlists, or teen divas. Utter the name "Britney Spears" and General Manager Dave Gullo is liable to boot the person out of the studio.

Gullo, a two year veteran on the job and the man responsible for the broken record, sees the stations' role in the community as providing alternatives to the monotony that is pop radio.

"There's so much crap out on the airwaves now, and that's pretty much why we exist," said Gullo. "We exist to provide radio content that you cannot find elsewhere and to serve the needs of the community."

DJ Bretton Jones added, "WXOU provides a broad musical spectrum existing in total freedom outside of corporate American music."

The station knows no genre boundaries, and this fall's lineup is no exception. Ranging from blues to electronic to Christian rock, the fall programming encompasses all types of music.

"We've got to keep it fresh here, or else we'll fall into the same rut as commercial radio is in," said Gullo.

The "Wurlitzer," WXOU's flagship program, has been broadcasting since the station's initial FM broadcast in 1995. Gullo describes it as "the watermark that all WXOU shows strive to match." The show, hosted by Joshua Yax, can be heard from 6 - 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Another WXOU mainstay is "Rhyme State University. The show is an experience in true hip hop stylings. From old school to new school, hosts Phil Tha Phreshman, San'wich, Babbaa Ganoush, and Dean of Students hold it down every Friday night from 9-11:30 p.m. Also, RSU has featured appearances from local artists such as Pontiac's own Binary Star.

For those who dig blues, make sure to check out the show "How Blue Can You Get" hosted by WXOU Music Director Jim Vergeldt. Featuring dirty, gutbucket blues, the show is sure to please the blues head in everyone. The shows airs from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The radio station doesn't only play music though. A student produced news show can be heard from 4 - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. A current events talk show can also be heard from 11 a.m. - noon on Thursdays.

Also politics and music merge together in Jones' show entitled "Music and Politics" which can be heard from 5 - 7 p.m. on Fridays.

"I think at a time like this with so many media groups brainwashing the public, my show gives an alternate response to the military action in Afghanistan," said Jones who is also the founder of OU's Green Party.

New shows will delight old listeners as well. Julie Yaroch hosts "Radio One," a



PLAYING MY SONG: Corbin Davis, a student from OCC majoring in production, hosts the "Electronic Illusions" show from the WXOU studio located in the Oakland Center. Corbin's show can be heard from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Tune into 88.3 FM for a wide variety of music.

Christian rock show aired from 5 - 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"Personally, I think it's important to have the show because it unites and reaches the youth far better than the sometimes stale lectures they may receive at some congregations," said Yaroch.

The show plays everything from rock, street rap and hardcore to worship and hip-hop. Artists such as P.O.D., Skillet, DC Talk and Earthsuit are among the bands played.

"I'm sure everyone has a stereotypical mental picture of organs or elevator music when they think of Christian music. So did I until I discovered the music through my church. I was surprised at how versatile it was and expressive," said Yaroch.

Topics discussed on the show are brief and basic.

"The topics are simple, mainly uniting youth and bringing them back to Christ," said Yaroch.

Yaroch invites those who are not religious to check out the show and let go of the preconceived notions that Christian music may bring to mind.

WXOU is commercial-free radio, although the station does air public service announcements that range from the serious (drunk driving) to the comical (kids drowning in buckets).

Located at 88.3 on the FM dial, WXOU can be heard in and around the Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills area and as far north as Lapeer.

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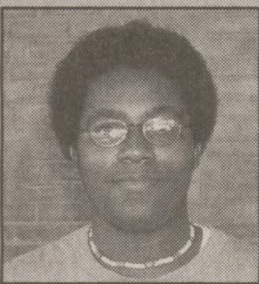
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2. "You know, if I die, you can have my Megadeth collection."

3. "What you know you can't explain, but you feel it. You've felt it your entire life, that there's something wrong with the world. You don't know what it is, but it's there, like a splinter in your mind, driving you mad."

### 4 SCORE

The top 4 movies at the box office this past weekend were:

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hearted tunes with "Hey Leonardo" and "Storybook Life."

This combination, being able to create both serious and not so serious songs, keeps the material fresh and leaves something different all the time. This also helps the group to put on a wonderful live show.

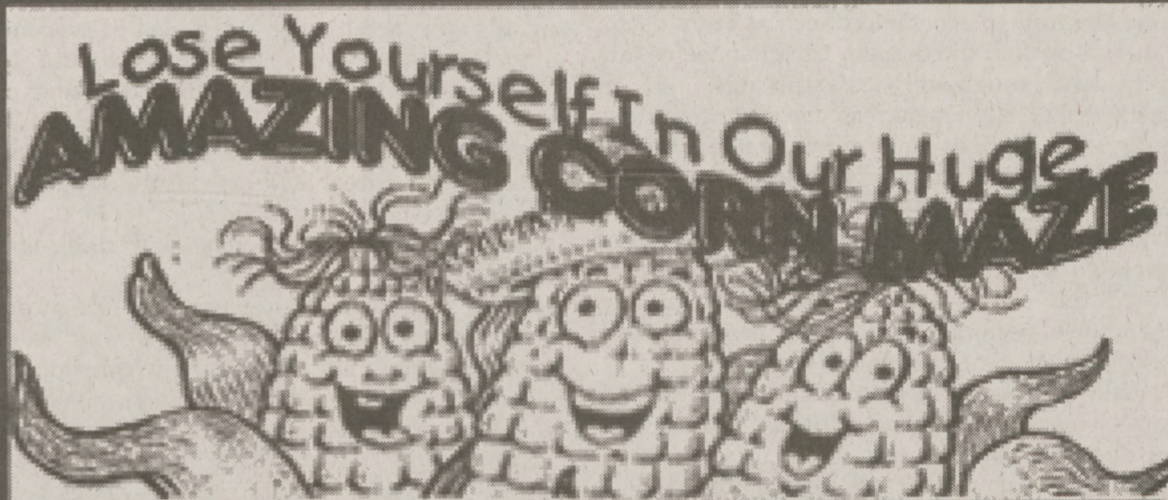
The band is not your typical pop wonder. For one, many of its concerts are held at small venues and on college campuses, this includes the 2000 Pontiac Arts Beats and Eats Festival and a benefit concert held this past Saturday at Kings High School in

Cincinnati Ohio. Proceeds for the show went to the Scott Pollak Wheelchair Fund.

Blessid Union of Souls is a refreshing change from many of the other bands heard on the radio. Being able to create serious and fun songs with meaningful lyrics will keep them in the limelight.

To purchase tickets for Saturday's show, visit the CSA Window in the lower level of the Oakland Center. For more information visit [www.oakland.edu/ousc/spb](http://www.oakland.edu/ousc/spb). For more information on the band itself, visit [www.blessidunion.com](http://www.blessidunion.com).

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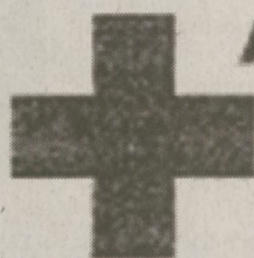
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UPCOMING  
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## MEN'S SOCCER

•4 p.m., Oct. 10 - at Michigan State  
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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

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## VOLLEYBALL

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## Men's soccer ties Michigan

By Zvonko Blazeovski  
THE OAKLAND POST

O U men's soccer team defeated Valparaiso University, 1-0, in the Mid-Continent Conference opener Saturday to improve its record to 4-2-2.

The Crusaders outshot the Golden Grizzlies, 9-7, in the first half but had nothing to show for it.

The scoreless affair was broken in the 30th minute when OU's freshman forward Philip Braathen sent a pass across the box to senior midfielder Chris King, whose shot beat Valparaiso goalkeeper Marc Cilfone, who made seven saves for the Crusaders.

The Golden Grizzlies outshot Valparaiso, 10-7, in the second half and outshot the Crusaders, 17-16 for the game.

Valparaiso appeared to have tied the match early in the second half but the goal was voided with the Crusaders being whistled off-side.

"It was nice to get a win in the conference," said head coach Gary Parsons. "We had our chances to put the game away, but we didn't. We allowed them (Valparaiso) to get some chances in the last ten minutes."

OU's senior goalkeeper Mike Skolnik recorded three saves for his fifth shutout of the season. Skolnik now has 33 career shutouts, two shy of the OU record of 35 by Mike Sheehy. Skolnik moved into second place

Sept. 28 following a 1-0 victory over IPFW, passing Amir Tal.

The Golden Grizzlies share the top of the Mid-Con Conference standings in a three-way tie with Western Illinois and the University of Missouri Kansas City.

The top four seeds will advance to the conference tournament. The winner of the Mid-Con Conference during the regular season will host the Mid-Con Conference Tournament as the number one seed with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

OU tied the University of Michigan, 2-2, despite having a one-man advantage for all but the first five minutes of last Wednesday's game.

Things started off poorly for the Wolverines as defender Dave George picked up two yellow cards in a span of less than a minute.

George picked up his first yellow in the 4th minute and was sent off 41 seconds later after receiving his second yellow card.

Michigan, who entered the game ranked sixth in the Great Lakes Region with a 7-1 record, struck first in the 12th minute. OU's clearance attempt was blocked by a Michigan player 25 yards from goal, leaving midfielder Mychal Turpin all alone on a breakaway against Skolnik, the OU keeper. Turpin beat the diving Skolnik to give the Wolverines a 1-0 lead.

OU drew even in the 37th



IN STEP WITH EACH OTHER: Freshman midfielder Brett McNabb battles a U of M player for the ball. Freshman midfielder Ryan Rzepka provides assistance on the play. McNabb has one assist for the season and Rzepka has one goal.

minute. Sophomore forward Anders Vollen beat a Michigan defender and then made a square pass to freshman forward Marcus Halland. Halland then fired a 25-yard blast past the Wolverines' goalkeeper, Joe Zawacki.

The Golden Grizzlies took the lead three minutes before half as Braathen's cross from the right hit a Michigan defender and then bounced past Zawacki into the net.

OU outshot the Wolverines, 6-2 in the first half and 19-14 for the game.

In the second half, OU continued to outshoot Michigan and looked to have the game under

wraps until the 76th minute when midfielder Tom Gritter tied the game unassisted.

The game went into two overtimes, with neither side able to score. Skolnik made five saves in the two overtimes, to finish with nine for the game.

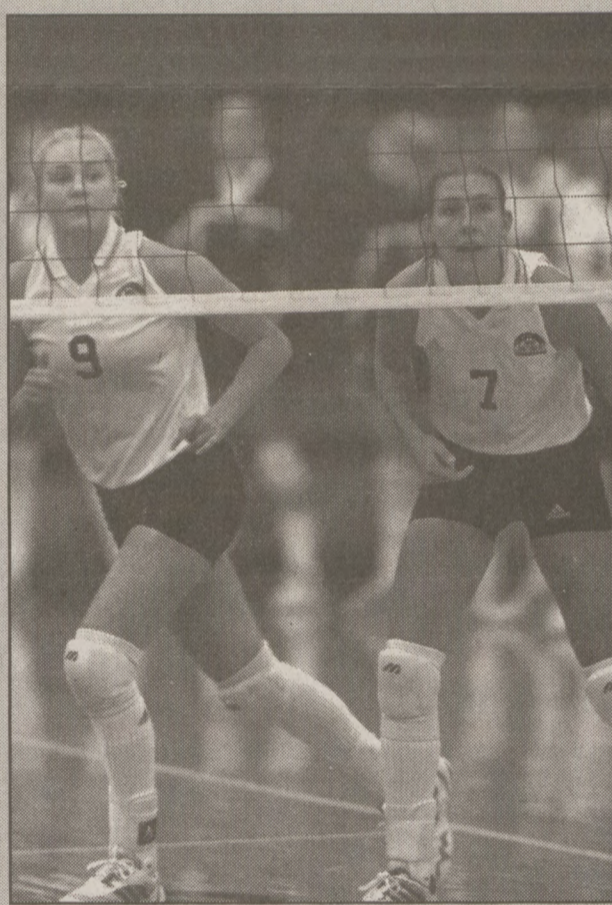
"A 2-2 result against the University of Michigan was disappointing for us," said King. "We were a man up for 115 minutes and didn't take full advantage of it."

OU traveled to East Lansing to play Michigan State University today. The Spartans enter today's game ranked fourth in the Great Lakes Region, according to the

NSCAA. The Spartans are 6-2-1 and are coming off a 3-0 victory over then No. 15 ranked Ohio State in which the Spartans scored three second half goals at home.

"I think that the Michigan State game will be the true test for our team. Being a freshman I know the importance of an in-state match up," said freshman midfielder Greg Vuagniaux. "I predict a strong outcome for us as a team."

The Golden Grizzlies will then return to play IUPUI on Oct. 13th. IUPUI was last year's Mid-Con conference tournament champion after defeating OU, 2-1, in triple overtime last November.

Grizzlies  
drop  
two on  
the road,  
fall to  
5-10

ON GUARD: Sophomore outside hitter Kaili Klieman and Freshman setter Becca Moeller get ready for a block.

By Scott Anderson  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU Volleyball team suffered disappointing losses to Indiana University, Purdue University Fort Wayne and the University of Wisconsin Green Bay over the weekend, dropping its record to 5-10.

"This team is trying to find a victory. There was definitely disappointment with the way we played on Sunday," coach Ed Tolentino said. "IPFW is looking for respect because they're trying to find a conference. They've already battled with IUPUI and Valpo. We had a great opportunity to compete with them, and we just couldn't finish it out."

Oakland started the weekend with a 3-2 loss against IPFW. The Golden Grizzlies started off strong, splitting the first two games of the match 31-33 and 30-24, before taking the third game 24-30.

However, the Mastadons proved too much for the Golden Grizzlies as it took the final two games 30-22 and 15-3.

"I'm happy they came out versus IPFW, we defiantly

fought and came back to win the first game, the disappointment came that we didn't finish. With the stats we put up, it was unbelievable. It was probably our second best blocking game so far," Tolentino said. "We're not closing off the games as we should for victories."

Senior Tess Pierce led the Golden Grizzlies with a 47.8 percent attack percentage behind 25 kills. Also strong in the losing effort against IPFW were Senior Cloretta Porter, and Freshman Becca Moller. Porter had 13 kills and 2 blocks, and Moller had 6 kills with a 36.4 attack percentage.

The Golden Grizzlies have had strong performances from their players this year, but have been lacking in the team fundamentals that ultimately win the games.

"It's definitely team things, when one person isn't playing up to there level then everyone is not playing up to their full potential," said Sophomore Kaili Klieman.

Sunday the Golden Grizzlies fell to the University of Wisconsin Green Bay Phoenix.

The Golden Grizzlies struggled throughout the match falling 30-21, 30-21, and 30-27 in straight games.

Senior Carmen Trippett was strong for the Grizzlies with 5 kills and a 62.5 percent attack percentage. Freshman Becca Moller and Klieman were also strong for the Golden Grizzlies. Moller contributed a 25 percent attack percentage, and Klieman had a 30 percent attack percentage.

Klieman said that the team wasn't playing, as they should have.

"The outcome was because of how we played. We didn't play to our level, and we haven't done it this season," she said.

Tuesday Oakland played U-M at Ann Arbor.

"If we're playing the name we don't have a chance. If we're playing the team then we have as good a chance as any," he said. "I don't want the team to be intimidated by the maize and blue. Michigan is a beatable team. If we go about it with the confidence we have in practice we can beat this team," Tolentino said.

Cross country runs  
to fourth place finish

By Jim Vergeldt  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's and women's cross country teams both took fourth place in the rain at the Notre Dame Invitational on Friday.

It was the first time that the Grizzlies have run at Notre Dame, and both teams were running in the lower-division, "Gold" race.

Coach Paul Rice was pleased with his teams' performance.

"It was pretty rainy and pretty slippery, so the fact that we ran as fast as we did was impressive."

The women's team finished fourth out of 14 teams, behind Calvin College, Hillsdale College and Valparaiso. They did beat Notre Dame's 'B' team, Central Michigan and Bowling Green.

Junior Kristie Kieffer paced the OU women, finishing second out of 117 runners in the 5K race with a time of 17:55. Kieffer just missed breaking her own school record by four seconds.

"This was a big meet and to finish second is pretty good," Rice said.

The University of Toronto's Sasha Gollish edged Kieffer for the win, finishing with a time of 17:54.

"They were neck and neck coming to the finish line, and the other girl just beat Kristie by a step," Rice said.

Freshman Melissa Nassers set a personal record of 18:38, beating her previous best by nine seconds and finishing 24th.

Senior Jennifer Kunst, running through illness, grabbed 26th with a time of 19:07, and senior Theresa Derwinski equaled her best time of the year, finishing 47th in 19:38.

Freshman Sarah Kane topped off the scoring for the Grizzlies, taking 72nd with a season-best time of 20:12.

Freshman Kara Coraci ran her personal best time of 20:17 to finish 75th, and junior Stephanie Colombe knocked nearly a minute off of her previous best time of the year, taking 76th place in 20:19.

The men's team made a strong showing finishing fourth out of 18 teams. They were beaten by Notre Dame's 'B' team, North Central College and Windsor but finished ahead of rivals Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan.

"Our top five guys all ran personal record times," Rice said.

Junior Jason Bruscha was the top finisher for the Grizzlies. He finished 15th out of 155 runners with a time of 25:31 for the 8K race.

Freshman John Cook ran a 25:42 to take 24th, and senior Kurt Brinker took 39th in 25:54.

Rounding out the top five for the Grizzlies were freshmen Adam Frezza and Paul Kulisek. Frezza grabbed 43rd in 25:59, while Kulisek was 50th with a time of 26:05.

Senior Kevin Donovan also posted a personal best, finishing 64th with a time of 26:16.

Windsor's Ryan McKenzie won the men's race with a time of 24:49.

While six runners set personal records, the men also reached a team milestone.

"We beat Hillsdale College for the first time in the history of our program," Rice said. "It was a nice accomplishment to beat them."

Hillsdale is a Division II school, but one that Rice describes as "a powerhouse."

Both teams are continuing toward their goal of winning a Mid-Continent Conference Championship, and coach Rice likes their chances.

"We've got a very competitive and very deep men's team," he said. "We've got probably the best depth in the conference."

Their final meet before the Mid-Con Championship race is the Pre-Nationals meet on Saturday, Oct. 13 in Greenville, SC.

OU will be taking their top seven runners to the competition. The men will run a 10K and the women will run a 6K.

The Pre-Nationals meet is hosted by Furman University and is run on the same course as the nationals meet.

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## Updating OU

### Campus Rec News

- \* There are new hours for massage therapy. Mondays 1-7 p.m., Wednesdays 2-7 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The staff consists of three therapists, Kathy Dery, Karen Swanson and Sharon Heskett. For info. or to set up an appointment call Mila @ 370-4910.
- \* Scuba lessons will be offered every month this fall. First session will be on Oct. 13 and 20 with a sign-up deadline on Oct. 10. Next session will be on Nov. 10 and 11 and the sign-up deadline is Nov. 2.
- \* Discover Scuba diving on Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. A "Discover Scuba" session will take place in the aquatic center. This is a free instructional class.

### Placement and Career Services

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## This Week

### Thursday, October 11

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### Friday, October 12

7:00 p.m. RHP's Friday Night Live Comedy Series presents Lynn Trefzger, the first FNL performer in 1999, and she is back to celebrate WOCO VII with us! Bringing together amazing figure manipulation and exceptional vocal skills to create a fascinating comedy act, Lynn will entertain you. Winning Ventriloquist of the Year three years in a row, Lynn has been seen on ABC's "Good Morning America" and A&E's "Comedy On The Road." Join us in the PIONEER FOOD COURT of the Oakland Center. **FREE.**

### Monday, October 15

11 a.m., Fireside Lounge. Dr. Bela Chopp will speak on the topic of "Learning Disabilities." Highlights of the discussion will include symptomology, assessment, and intervention strategies.

### Monday, October 15

12 noon, Fireside Lounge. Erin Dunn from **Leader Dogs for the Blind** will bring a "canine friend" to provide a demonstration of the training and skills that are required for assisting individuals that are blind/vision impaired.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, October 18

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center-A **Disability Simulation Workshop** will provide a hands-on opportunity to experience physical, vision, speech and hearing, and learning disabilities. Students and faculty can participate in a wheelchair obstacle course, wear glasses that create momentary vision impairment, speak with an electric larynx and/or experience several reading disability exercises.

### Friday, October 19

7:00 p.m., Vandenberg Cafeteria. RHP's **Friday Night Live Comedy Series** presents Bernie McGrenahan, a funny-man-with-a-message. Kicking off OU's Alcohol Awareness Week, Bernie will share his personal story, making you laugh and making you think. If you think this is just a lecture, you're wrong. Bernie is here to share a different perspective, and make you wonder. He's toured with musical acts R.E.M. and Boyz II Men, and now the "Beware of the Binge" comedy tour is here. **FREE** admission.

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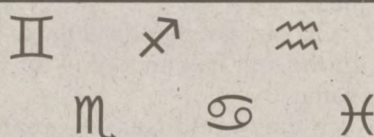
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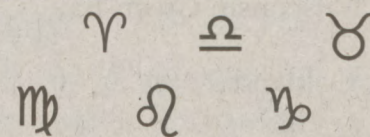
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## Horoscopes



Most of us are capable of great patience this week and may be able to endure more hardships than usual. Having extra determination is less of a blessing and more of a necessity this week, since we will be dealing with things, positive and negative, that are beyond our control. Keeping your cool is the best advice for all.

### Aries

Your sensitivity may be high, so avoid putting yourself in high-tension situations for right now. Make sure not to use aggression to overcompensate your current vulnerability.

### Taurus

Look into expanding your view of things, especially in regards to your finances. This is a great time to plan for the future, though things might not actually get started until well down the road.

### Gemini

Be prepared to take advantage of new opportunities. A decision may seem intimidating, but you will probably be better off if you follow your gut.

### Cancer

You may feel like being dramatic or extreme, which may be the best action right now. This is a week to truly avoid doing what you don't want to do if you can (within reason!).

### Leo

By taking a step back and looking at things objectively, you can make some progress in your life. Things tend hot to work out if you try to rush because of impatience.

### Virgo

You may be more sensitive this week, but this makes you more open to having insights about your life. Don't be afraid to change your long-standing view on an issue.

### Libra

Patience is your best asset this week, as some problems will resolve themselves and others will become clearer over time. A difficult situation may be a good situation in disguise.

### Scorpio

Now is the time to move forward with changes in your life. Listen to people who don't agree with you; they have a great deal of insight for you.

### Sagittarius

Don't take for granted the positive things happening now. You may be open to unusual things this week and they may have the knowledge you need.

### Capricorn

Your biggest strides this week are in the career and work department, and not so much in the romantic. Focusing on a goal can make things happen quickly.

### Aquarius

You may know what you want, but listen to other people, too. Make sure you are totally sure of a decision before you announce it.

### Pisces

You may question long-standing beliefs this week; don't be afraid to admit that you've outgrown them. This is a good time to go out on a romantic date or trip.

Chicago-based freelance writer Damon Brown has been studying the occult for a decade. He contributes to many publications, including Playboy.com, The Source, and Microsoft's MSN.com, and can be reached through his website at <http://www.geocities.com/nomadgames/>.

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# Golden Grizzlies win, lose, draw

By **Brendan Stevens**  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's club ice hockey team strutted their stuff this past weekend at the Second Annual ACHA Showcase.

Eight teams participated in the tournament, including teams from Illinois, Canada, and Michigan. Each team played three random teams, and the four teams with the best records participated in either the championship game or the consolation game accordingly.

Assistant Coach Tom Ricketts measured the competition.

"We have a lot of teams that call and inquire about the tournament but there are only a few spots open. Only the best teams in the Midwest are invited. All the teams that were invited were top-ranked last year," Ricketts said.

OU went 1-1-1 (W-L-T) and lost the tiebreaker to play in the consolation game.

Oakland's one win came on Friday night in their first game of the tournament. In a contest that was not decided until the last tick of the clock in the final period, OU defeated Minnesota State University at Mankato 6-5.

"We found out how we stood with other teams in the league," Goalie Ryan Deliso said. "I thought OU played quite well."

Mankato drew first blood when forward Tony Green scored at 4:29 of the first period. OU senior Scott Marlinga quickly made the score even, however, scoring two minutes and seven seconds later. Late in the period, Mankato capitalized on a 5 on 3 power play with a goal by forward Jason Bergeron. After one period OU trailed 2-1.

A four-goal barrage in the second period carried them onto victory.

Marlinga scored two goals to lead the charge. After Mankato put OU down 3-1 with a power play goal, Marlinga scored a shorthanded goal to bring it back within a goal.

After OU and Mankato traded even strength goals, with Eric Wojno scoring for Oakland, Marlinga completed the hat trick with a power play goal. Junior Rich O'Connell added a power play goal late in the period to send OU into the final period with a lead.

Early in the third period, O'Connell added his second goal with a 5 on 3 goal. O'Connell said he was slightly surprised.

"Ackers won the face-off. Mankato let me skate into the middle of the circle. I just picked blocker side. The goalie had left it wide open," he said.

Although MSU was able to add one more power play goal midway through the period, their late attempts to tie the game failed and OU skated off with a 6-5 victory. Ricketts was pleased with the team's performance.

"We faired pretty well. We achieved some goals we had set by beating Minnesota State at Mankato."

Oakland's performance on Saturday was less successful, however. In their early game, facing off against Robert Morris College, they worked for a 4-4 tie.

In the late game, pitted against eventual tournament champions Humber College of Canada, OU fought extremely hard in a closely fought game. Humber came out victorious, winning 6-5.

"This was the first time our club team had faced a varsity level team," Ricketts said about the one goal loss to Humber.



**GIVING CHASE:** The Golden Grizzlies evened out at the tournament last weekend, finishing 1-1-1. Senior Scott Marlinga had a hat trick against Minnesota State University.

Illinois University defeated Lake Superior State University in the Consolation game. Humber College literally beat up Michigan State University in a brutal contest that featured at least one bloody

chin, a fight, and a coach ejection. The final score was 4-3.

OU's next home game is at the Onyx Arena in Rochester, on Nov. 2 at 8:30p.m.

# OU gets ready for Midnight Madness

By **Chad Mack**  
SPORTS EDITOR

This Friday the OU men's and women's basketball teams officially kick off their seasons with the traditional Midnight Madness.

The teams officially cannot practice until midnight due to NCAA regulations.

At 10:30 p.m. on Friday the festivities will get underway starting with performances by OU's dance team, Images, and the cheerleading squad.

The event will be held at the O'rena, where the Golden Grizzlies play their home games.

"We expect a lot of students to come. There will be free give-aways and contests," said OU sports administrator Mark Doman.

WRIF will be in attendance and T-shirts will be given to the first 800 students to come to the event.

OU will also be giving two scholarships, one to a man and the other to a woman. President Gary Russi will be on hand to give away the scholarships.

There will be a pre-midnight madness party at Gameworks starting at 7 p.m.

Students will be able to get food and drink specials up until 10 p.m.

Doman is taking over the department

for Barry Newberger who left during the summer.

"I stepped in during the busiest time of the year," said Doman. "We are going to promote two soccer games, the women's soccer game on the 21st against Michigan, and the men's soccer game on the 28th against Akron."

"I jumped into this thing and I'm running." It hasn't slowed down since I got here."

Last year Doman did his internship at OU after receiving his master's degree in sports administration.

"This is a great school and I think it has a lot of promise. It's athletics at its purist

form. We're Division I athletics and I think we got all the good stuff about Division I. Not much of any of the stuff people don't like," Doman added.

Attendance at home games has not been too good the last few years. The only game the Golden Grizzlies sold out last year was the win against Michigan. They came close to selling out the loss to Valparaiso, but there were a few scattered empty seats at the O'rena.

The men are coming off a disappointing season in which they finished in the middle of the pack in the Mid-Con Conference.

The women are on the road to their

third straight division title. Last year they were thwarted in the conference tournament by arch-rival Oral Roberts.

Midnight Madness is an event for everybody to show support.

"It's our first performance. It's the first time we get to dance and show the crowd how we have come together as a team," said junior dance team member Kim Lewis.

"It would be great if the student participation lasted throughout the season. A lot of students come to midnight madness. They come to the big games, but it just diminishes after."

# Baseball fans have plenty to cheer about, not in Detroit

What a great regular season for baseball fans. Actually I would go as far as to call it amazing.

This weekend alone three great players retired, records held for as long as 81 years were broken, and personal records were reached.

Barry Bonds broke four records this weekend. He broke Mark McGwire's record for most home runs in one season, the record now stands at 73.

Bonds also broke Babe Ruth's record for highest slugging percentage in a season, a record that had stood for 81 years. The record for walks in a single season was also broken this weekend.

This man averages a homerun every 6.5 at bats. Basically every 14 swings Bonds hits a homerun.

Two of the greatest men to play the game retired, each holding a place in the record books. Cal Ripken Jr. holds the record for playing in the most consecutive games, as well as being the oldest player to hit a

homerun in All-Star game history. Also retiring this weekend was Tony Gwynn, who had the highest batting average among all-active players and he also reached the 3,000 hit mark.

Ricky Henderson reached his 3,000 hit mark this weekend, broke Ty Cobb's record of 2,245 runs, and broke Babe Ruth's major-league record for walks in a career.

That's just this weekend. Throughout this season numerous records have been broken and tied. Sammy Sosa became the first player to hit 60 homeruns in three different seasons. Rookie Ichiro Suzuki broke Shoeless Joe Jackson's record for most hits in a rookie season. Roger Clemens is the first pitcher since 1900 to start the season 20-1.

I could continue but after awhile the statistics would get boring.

But what an amazing season. How often do you see this many great accomplish-

ments occur?

Look at the Atlanta Braves. This team is the first team to make the playoffs with a losing record at home (40-41).

Even the Tigers must have had something good happen. If anyone knows of anything be sure to let me know.

Actually it's almost heartbreaking to witness all of this impressive action and then we look at our team. I am a Tigers fan without a doubt and no matter how horrible the season goes I will still hope for a win.

The Tigers, during a fabulous season of baseball, had a dismal season. I actually had to leave a game once because the playing was just sad. Sometimes I almost want to tell my nine-year-old sister to go play in the field, because for her age she's pretty good.

Maybe that's what the Tigers need, just to go back to basics and re-learn the fundamentals.

Look at the team's final record of 66-96. My little sister's team had a record of 9-3

last year. For a coach pitch league that's pretty good.

I look at the Tigers and think what horrible records will the team break this year. Not "will the team improve or maybe even show signs of hope?"

Attendance this season was down 24.2 percent. The Tigers tied a Major League record with multiple eight game losing streaks. In August the Tigers were 9-20 for the month.

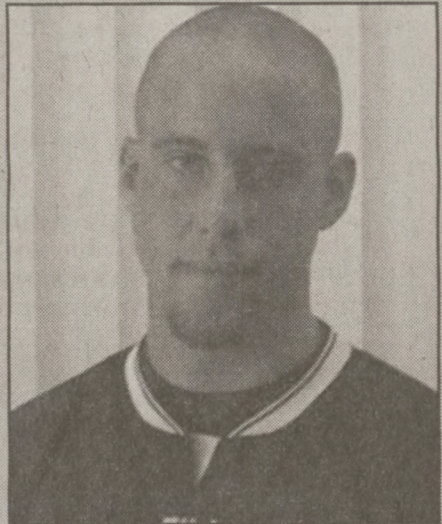
Jose Lima said, "This is the worst playing I have ever seen."

So in this great season of Major League Baseball, Detroit fans sit at home wondering 'when's our time?' Where is our place in the good record books? Don't look for it to happen anytime soon.

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## GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

### MIKE SKOLNIK

Mike has had four shutouts this season to help his team claim first place in the Mid-Con. He helped the soccer team win against Valparaiso, recording his 33rd shutout. Mike moved into second place in the game against IPFW. He is now only two shutouts behind the OU record of 35.

-Allison Lingenfelter

## MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| Oakland    | Oral Roberts     |
| 3-0-0      | 0-0-0            |
| 9-2-0      | 7-4-1            |
| Valparaiso | Southern Utah    |
| 3-0-0      | 0-2-0            |
| 7-5-0      | 1-10-0           |
| IUPUI      | Western Illinois |
| 1-2-0      | 0-3-0            |
| 1-9-0      | 3-8-0            |

### MEN'S SOCCER

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Oakland          | IUPUI        |
| 1-0-0            | 1-1-0        |
| 4-2-2            | 6-4-0        |
| UMKC             | Valparaiso   |
| 1-0-0            | 0-1-0        |
| 6-2-0            | 4-5-0        |
| Western Illinois | Oral Roberts |
| 1-0-0            | 0-2-0        |
| 5-5-1            | 1-10-0       |

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

# GET OUT

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## MUSICAL POWERS OF KARAOKE

By Nicole L. Dubiel  
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Admit it. Everyone sings in the shower, in the car, and those who are especially bold sing whenever the moment strikes. Singing along with a favorite band is fun, and singing their songs solo, that is without their vocal accompaniment, can give a person a sense of superstar status. So have you tried karaoke?

Karaoke has become an increasingly popular outlet from which individuals can publicly expose these once private morning shower recitals. It provides showcases for the talented and opportunities for the under talented to become centers of attention and the spotlight in a crowd full of strangers.

It is a good time, and it's not hard to define why. The combination of drinks, friends embarrassing each other, strangers on stage with microphone in hand, attempting to nail the fast-paced lyrics to songs like "One Week" by Barenaked Ladies, is a harmonious mixture that can only lead to quality entertainment.

"It's something fun to do when you're bored, and there is always tons of laughing," said John Stewart, junior. "It is something that could easily put you in a good mood no matter how upset or stressed out you are."

To fully understand and enjoy the entertainment karaoke can provide for fans, historical knowledge isn't essential, but is worthy to note.

The term karaoke is an abbreviated compound word: Kara, derived from the Japanese word "karappo," meaning empty, and oke, derived from "okesutura," meaning orchestra. The origins of the Japanese silent orchestra remain uncertain and are ones of legend.

It is believed that the use of karaoke started at a snack bar in Kobe, Japan more than 20 years ago. When scheduled entertainment failed to appear, the owner of the bar prepared tapes of accompaniment music and customers took the stage and sang to the tapes.

Karaoke then became a highly commercialized form of entertainment. Karaoke bars quickly appeared in Japan, the rest of Asia, the United States and Europe. Today, people do not have to travel far to sing top karaoke songs like Patsy Cline's "Crazy" or the B-52's "Love Shack."

Karaoke devotees gather regularly in restaurants, bars and clubs throughout the Metro Detroit area. They have become hosts to karaoke nights, and to weekly karaoke competition, in which performers can pour their hearts out in a sappy love ballad in hopes of winning a prize.

"I think my friends and I do it, not so much for the prize as for the whole shock factor," said Stewart. "Basically, it's how can I make people laugh and how much can I destroy this already bad and cheesy song."

If you find yourself wanting to practice before taking your act public, karaoke has made its appearance on the web. The web site [karaoke.getmusic.com/start.php](http://karaoke.getmusic.com/start.php), allows a registered user to choose a song and make a recording of it. Other users listen and rate the performance.

Even though the experience is not quite the same, the site offers a wide selection of popular songs, including the bad and cheesy, each complete with sing-a-long lyrics just as you would find in a real karaoke bar. However, the only way to get the full experience is to take the stage and enjoy the moment in the spotlight.

"I always think, I might as well sing, I'll probably never see these people again, but I'll remember it forever," said Stewart.



### Top Local Karaoke Bars



**Roger's Roost - Sterling Heights** 33626 Schoenherr, 1/2 mile north of 14 Mile, 810.979.7550.

The east side's premier sports bar for more than 30 years, Roger's Roost offers something for everyone. Offering food and Thursday karaoke nights, Roger's Roost was voted "Best Karaoke" by Metro Times Readers in 2001.

**The Hamlin Pub - Rochester Hills** 1988 S. Rochester Rd. at Hamlin, 248.656.7700.

The Hamlin Pub is host to weekly karaoke contests with lots of give-a-ways every Monday night with no cover charge.

**Royal Kubo - Oak Park** 25234 Greenfield at 10 Mile, 248.968.7550.

Royal Kubo is centrally located, with safe and lighted parking and a friendly atmosphere. It was voted "Best Karaoke" by Metro Times readers in 1998. Karaoke starts after 9 p.m., six days a week. Contests on Wednesdays. Philippine cuisine is also offered.

**Game Works - Baldwin Rd. & I-75, Auburn Hills** 48326, 248.745.9675.

Game Works, at Great Lakes Crossing, offers karaoke at 9 p.m. on Saturdays. There is also karaoke at 9 p.m. on grooving Flash Back Fridays.

## Destiny, unfortunate mistakes explored in 'Serendipity'

By Lynsey Tenniswood  
THE OAKLAND POST

Some people believe in destiny, a special plan that has already been mapped out for them. In the movie "Serendipity," two soul mates put their feelings aside and leave everything up to destiny to bring them together.

The movie stars John Cusack ("High Fidelity," "America's Sweetheart's"), as Jonathan, and Kate Beckinsale ("Brokedown Palace," "Pearl Harbor"), as Sara. The two bump into each other while shopping for a Christmas gift for their significant others.

Sparks fly after their chance meeting, and they end up going to a restaurant called "Serendipity" for hot chocolate drinks. Sara tells John about how she believes that all through our lives we are given signs. It is how you read those signs that will tell you something about your destiny. They leave the restaurant, hoping that fate would bring them back together, and return after they both realize they had forgot something at the restaurant. This was a sign that they couldn't resist.

After leaving the restaurant they go to the Central Park Ice Rink in New York and skate under a dusting of white snow. They skate until



Photo courtesy of Miramax Films  
DESTINY TAKES CHARGE: Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack follow their paths to find out if they cross in the romantic comedy "Serendipity."

almost everyone has left and decide that once more they should separate. After one of the best nights of his life John asks Sara for her phone number. She writes it down and as she goes to give it to him the wind whisks it up and blows it away. She takes this as a sign that maybe they are not supposed to be together. She comes up with an idea that John should write his name and number on the back of a five dollar bill and

if she gets it back then they were obviously meant to be. To be fair she writes her name and number in the inside of a first edition book and plans to sell it to a used book store the next day. When the rest of the evening does not happen to go right, they are each left with a black cashmere glove to remind them of each other and they go their separate ways.

A few years later they find themselves both engaged to different people and are trying to make the best out of their lives. There is just one problem though, they are still thinking about that one night that they spent together. In a last attempt to ease John's soul, John and his best friend go on a wild hunt to find the love that he let get away.

Sara who is now living in California, also realizes that maybe she was too hasty to let John go. She spontaneously takes her best friend to New York, under false pretenses, to find him.

The search that both John and Sara have to go through is humorous and energetic. Circumstances always leave them a heartbeat away from each other, but unfortunately they never can make that final connection. They almost lose hope until they each find the one link that they had been searching for. Sara finds the missing five-dollar bill and ironically his fiancée, as a wedding present, gives John the book he had been searching for.

This movie is definitely worth seeing. It holds something romantic for the girls and lots of comedy for the guys making it the perfect date movie. Don't take my word for it though, go to the theater and see it for yourself. More importantly you will find out if the missing glove will ever find its match.

## For Your

## ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE

### Spirit Returns

"Sister's In the Spirit" is returning at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 11 to the Fox Theatre. Grammy winning gospel singer Shirlye Caesar, Yolanda Adams and Mary Mary are featured in this popular musical. For more information on ticket prices and seat availability, call 313.983.6611.

CONCERT

### Jane's Addiction

Special guests Live and Stereo MC's will open for the alternative rock band Jane's Addiction at 7 p.m., Oct. 20 at The Palace. Tickets are \$46.50 reserved and general admission is on sale at The Palace box office and Ticketmaster locations. Jane's Addiction released its major label debut, "Nothing's Shocking" in '98.

POETRY

### Guest Poets

David Lehman, New York poet and editor of The Annual Best American Poetry Series and The UofM's "Poets on Poetry Series," will read with award winning Ann Arbor poet Bob Hicok. Readings begin at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 11 at The Scarab Club in Detroit. For information, call 313.831.1250.

COMEDY

### Night of Comedy

Comedy Night 2001 is celebrating 11 years of Action Against Hunger. Put on by Forgotten Harvest, the event will begin at 8 p.m., Oct. 20 at the Millennium Center in Southfield. It will star award-winning comedian Richard Jeni, and also appearing are The Grunyons. For more information call 248.350.3663.