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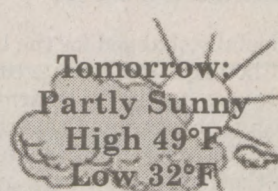
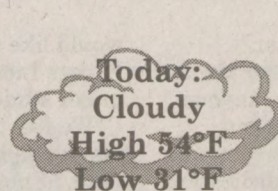
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NCAA
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GO GRIZZLIES!! The women's basketball team gets ready for Nashville.



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• The Center for Student activities is organizing a trip to Nashville, Tenn. to support the women's basketball team during the first round of NCAA tournament play this weekend. OU plays Vanderbilt at 8:36 p.m., Saturday. Sign up at the CSA ticket window by Thursday. Tickets start at \$40 and include bus transportation, a hotel room and a ticket to the game.

• East Oakland Drive (the street at the east end of the apartments that connects Meadow Brook Drive and Walton Boulevard) will be shut down from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today to install a storm water line across the street for the new student apartments. When entering or leaving campus, use the west Oakland Drive (by Vandenberg Hall) or Meadow Brook Music Festival entrances. For additional details and a campus map showing the affected street, visit www.oakland.edu.

• As part of Women's History month, the second President's Colloquium of the year will feature Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Virinder Moudgil's discussion of "Hormones in Health and Disease" today at noon in the Gold Rooms, OC. Moudgil will present his breakthrough breast cancer research, which he began in 1967.

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Candidates prepare

Presidential hopefuls plan for elections

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

As OU Student Congress elections draw nearer, candidates for student body president and vice president are preparing by pasting flyers all over campus and putting the finishing touches on their platforms.

This year, four pairs of students are running for the presidential and vice presidential seat, compared with last year's three.

This year also marks the first time that all voting will be done online, instead of at stations scattered around campus.

In preparing for the debates, which will be held at noon, March 18 in Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center, the candidates have



Avis Choulagh

announced their platforms.

Avis Choulagh and Elvis Saloum, Presidential candidate Avis Choulagh and his running mate, Elvis Saloum, want to help students voice their ideas and sug-



Amir Emami

gestions about OU. Their main concern is to make students happy and get issues addressed more often than in the past.

"One thing we would like to see changed is the amount of attention that is really given to the students," Choulagh stated in



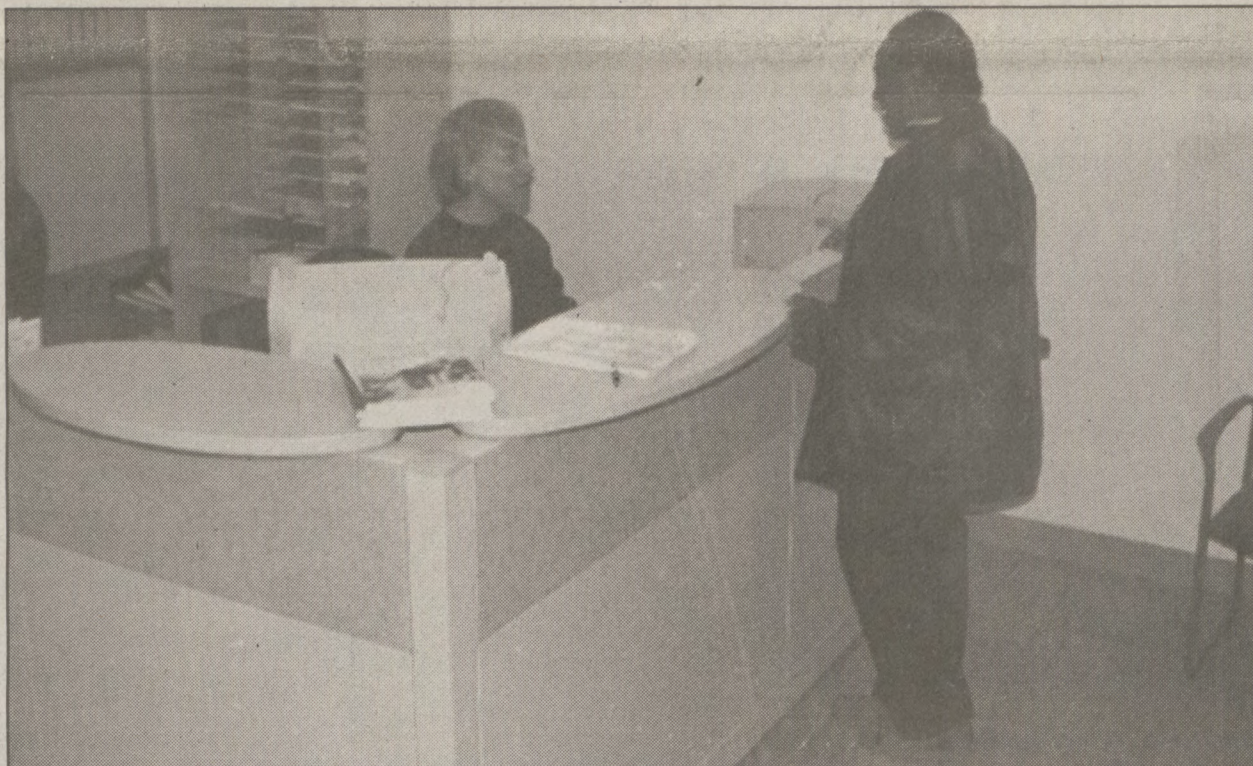
Kristina Ivanovic



Brian Tomina

response to questions distributed by The Post. "We would like to give everyone's suggestion a chance to be looked at and

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FINALLY FINISHED: Graduate Studies staff members moved in to the new office space in 160 North Foundation Hall recently.

Dan McDuffee/
The Oakland
Post

Graduate Studies center opens in North

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Completing the second phase of renovations to North Foundation Hall, the Graduate Student Service Center has moved from 520 O'Dowd to 160 North Foundation Hall, where the Financial Aid office was.

The office now offers graduate student services and graduate admissions. This gives graduate students easier access to the other services in North Foundation Hall.

"We are excited to join the university's student services building. Being located in North Foundation Hall will allow us to bring graduate admissions and graduate student services to a more convenient location for our students," said Christina Grabowski, associate director of Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning.

"In addition to providing existing services, this space will allow us to expand our services in order to become a more comprehensive graduate student center."

Grabowski said the transition to North Foundation Hall went well, however, students can expect some delays.

"We worked closely with ... Campus Facilities and Operations to ensure a smooth transition from O'Dowd to North Foundation Hall," she said.

"There has been a slight delay in admissions processing, as well as other graduate services, as a result of the move. As of March 11, however, we are fully operational once again."

The renovations totaled \$1.4 million.

BOT to vote on Aramark, Oakland Center expansion

By Jennifer Decker
COPY EDITOR

With an OU student population expected to approach 20,000 within the next eight years, the Board of Trustees will consider new contracts for food services and expanding the Oakland Center at its meeting in April.

During last Wednesday's Board meeting, the Trustees discussed renewing OU's food service agreement with Aramark. The current one, which was signed a year ago, expires April 30.

OU retained the consulting services of the Baker Group of Grand Rapids for improvement plans with the campus food service program. The Baker Group evaluated existing campus food service facilities, asked for bids from 10 food service corporations, developed four of those bids and researched the market.

Simultaneously, OU organized a food service committee of students, staff and Trustee Penny Crissman, to discuss university food concerns.

Four companies submitted propos-

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COOKIN' IT UP: The Board of Trustees will vote in April to approve phase one expansion plans for the Oakland Center. The proposal includes renovations to the 30-year-old kitchen currently used by Aramark.

Dan McDuffee/
The Oakland
Post

Computer thief gets 185 days

By Heather Clement
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPT.

Former student Javier Madison, 20, was sentenced last Wednesday to 185 days in the Oakland County Jail for stealing 10 Gateway computers last August.

Madison began serving his sentence immediately.

Madison was arrested by OUPD in his dorm room in east Vandenberg Hall Thursday, Jan. 10.

He pleaded guilty to theft charges last month. Madison was sentenced by Judge Steven Andrews.

Andrews offered Madison an alternative to jail time, known as Special Alternative Incarceration. The boot camp-type program runs 90 days and is provided through the Department of Corrections.

Madison is scheduled to appear before Judge Andrews to accept or deny the court recommendation of boot camp next Wednesday.

The judge also ordered Madison to pay court fees totaling \$720 and restitution for nine missing computers, totaling \$19,640.

Madison is permanently banned from entering OU's campus. The judge also required Madison to maintain a job and abide by the terms of a two-year probation.

At the sentencing last week, Madison told the judge, "What I did was unacceptable, and I would like to have an opportunity to continue my college career."

The judge denied Madison's request. Before this recent conviction, Madison was enlisted in the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act in Southfield for a past retail fraud conviction.

The Holmes Youthful Trainee Act is a program where 17 to 21-year-old defendants' records are wiped clean after three years of probation if they do not have any other convictions during that time.

Last January, officer David Birkholz, OU police department, said a witness reported seeing a man, later identified as Madison, dressed as a maintenance worker, boxing up computers in U-Haul boxes. When a witness asked what he was doing, Madison said he was taking the computers to Dodge Hall.

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hopefully changed for the better."

Choulagh and Saloum consider themselves as having "open arms to anyone with problems," and said that even though they don't have much experience on Congress, "hard work and dedication can result in better outcomes than experience."

Choulagh is new to Congress, while Saloum has served as a legislator for about a semester.

"We are friendly, educated and very caring of others," Choulagh stated. "We are a part of the student body, which makes us a friend to the student."

Amir Emami and Matthew Fionda
Presidential candidate Amir Emami and running mate Matthew Fionda have a number of improvements for OU in their platform. However, the main issue they are focusing on is the ever-present parking problem.

"The primary concern on our list of priorities is resolving the parking problem by working with the administration so that the opinions and concerns of the student body can be addressed," Emami and Fionda stated.

In addition, the candidates said they

would like to see improvements made on Kresge Library, as well as, the extreme prices students must pay for books.

"We feel that Kresge Library is grossly underfunded and consequently under-used," Emami and Fionda stated.

"Another problem that cripples the students is the burden of having to purchase overly expensive books with the start of each new semester. We hope to create a detour for students so that they may rent books one semester at a time for an extremely low rate."

Emami said he has past experience in leadership positions, including a term as the student congress vice president at Kalamazoo College, however, he is new to OUSC. Fionda, on the other hand, is a current legislator and representative for the Residence Hall Council.

Because of this past and present leadership experience, Emami and Fionda said they would make good candidates because "together we have much experience serving not only our communities, but also our respective student bodies from previous educational institutions."

Emami and Fionda are also stressing that they are the only candidates who

live on campus, and plan to next year as well, giving them the "advantage of viewing student life not only inside of the classroom, but also on the outside."

In addition to overall campus issues, Emami and Fionda hope to improve OUSC by running meetings with more order, possibly in a more open forum.

Kristina Ivanovic and Kenton Lewis

Kristina Ivanovic, presidential candidate, and running mate Kenton Lewis hope to see more support and recognition for student organizations on campus, including greater financial support and accommodations for on-campus facility usage.

"We believe that OU and Student Congress should take a more active role in fostering inter-organizational cooperation," Ivanovic and Lewis stated. "Within this role, we would attempt to see that greater financial aid be given to active organizations that increase on-campus activities."

In addition, they would like to see OU keep up with the growth it's been facing in the past years by "advancing towards greater national recognition and

increased attendance, while still providing a quality education."

Currently, both Ivanovic and Lewis are serving as legislators on Congress, as well as, participating in other campus organizations.

"Through our numerous student organization affiliations, we have been made aware of the need for many changes in the way that our student government is run," Ivanovic and Lewis stated. "The past administrations have done fairly well at addressing the concerns of student organizations, but we see many areas that can be improved."

Brian Tomina and Michelle Jamian

One of presidential candidate Brian Tomina and running mate Michelle Jamian's main focuses in their campaign is to increase student involvement on campus. They would also like to change OU's image from one of a commuter school to more of a traditional university.

"College is a time to build bridges and experience new things," Tomina stated. "I think a lot of people at OU are receiving a college degree but still lack a 'col-

lege experience."

Both Tomina and Jamian are currently on Congress, serving as research and review chair and steering chair, respectively. They are also involved in other on-campus organizations.

Tomina and Jamian said they feel they would make good candidates because of their experience and involvement on campus.

"Michelle and I have both started organizations, sat on e-boards, conducted events and met hundreds, if not thousands of people on campus," Tomina stated. "We are sympathetic to student organizations because we have been there, we are sympathetic to residents because Michelle lived on campus for two years and I commute every day, so I feel parking pain."

Tomina and Jamian also want to see more students become involved with Congress, even by attending the Monday meetings.

"I want our agenda next year to reflect a comprehensive, collective vision for OU and how it will be a better, more student-oriented university," Tomina stated.

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als during the bidding process: Chartwells, Sodexho, Aramark and Creative Dining Services. Proposals were evaluated according to bidding requirements, overall program quality and vision, management strength and financial plan.

"We chose Aramark because it had the best vision of improving retail and catering areas. It had the most realistic sales projections," said Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President of Student Affairs.

If the Board approves a new contract with Aramark, OU will receive 6 percent commission on all retail, catering and declining balance sales and is guaranteed \$714,790 during the five year contract.

The Board discussed giving revenue from commissions back to University Housing and the OC for continued food service improvements.

Snyder told the Board that the room and board rate for dorm

students in 2002-03 would not increase more than 5 percent, totaling \$5,227.

The Baker Group and Aramark suggested ways to meet the growing student population. Each suggested redesigning the two primary food service facilities, the OC and Vandenberg Hall cafeteria. Phase one of expansion in the Oakland Center would include adding 400 seats to the main dining area, constructing a new 100-seat coffee shop and renovating and modernizing the main kitchen area.

The Board discussed the OC expansion proposal last November, but the issue was tabled until a better plan that would improve the current condition of the main kitchen area was found.

Snyder is optimistic the proposal will pass.

"At the April meeting, we'll bring the design before the Board for approval. I'm anticipating

they'll authorize and proceed with designs," Snyder said.

The lack of sufficient space for food preparation in the 30-year-old kitchen was an issue during planning. The phase one proposal would add a better dish room, storage and preparation areas.

The expansion will cost as estimated \$8 million, with funding coming from \$6.8 million in bond revenue, Aramark's \$900,000 investment and \$300,000 from the OC's current reserve, which currently totals \$700,000.

Jim Sukenik, president of The Baker Group, told the BOT at the meeting that the proposed food service improvements would include adding a beverage and snack cart in the new education building.

Derek Dickow, student body president, voiced his concerns with having to see students sit on the floor, many times eating a meal. A September survey of the building counted 7,095 students

in the Oakland Center between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily.

Dickow also highlighted the need for added office and meeting space for student groups.

"Student organizations have increased 25 percent. We need multi-purpose space. We know the expansion's best for students," Dickow said.

After his short speech to the Trustees, Dickow asked the Board why expanding the Oakland Center has been brought to them three times and has not been approved yet.

"We have certain dollars available. We have certain priorities to discuss," said Trustee Henry Baskin.

"We waited until now to have more information on food service," added Chair Ann Nicholson.

If all goes according to plan, Snyder said she expects construction to start on the OC in fall 2002 and last until August 2003.

Currently, the OC encompasses 115,000 square-feet created by three expansions, the last occurring in 1969 when the student population was 5,800.

OU hired Brailsford & Dunleavy, an outside consulting firm, in 1995 and it called for a \$13 million facility upgrade. OU opted to make the desired improvements in stages when funds became available.

In 1996, the BOT approved the development of a \$1.34 million food court. Two years later, \$2.22 million in renovations was completed on the lower level of the OC renovations.

OU will require a preliminary design stage to expand the upper and lower levels of the OC by 29,097 additional square feet.

The expansion will also include:

- Restroom expansion
- Catering space improvements
- Added student organization

and activity offices

- Event space
- Computer lab
- 24-hour access lounge

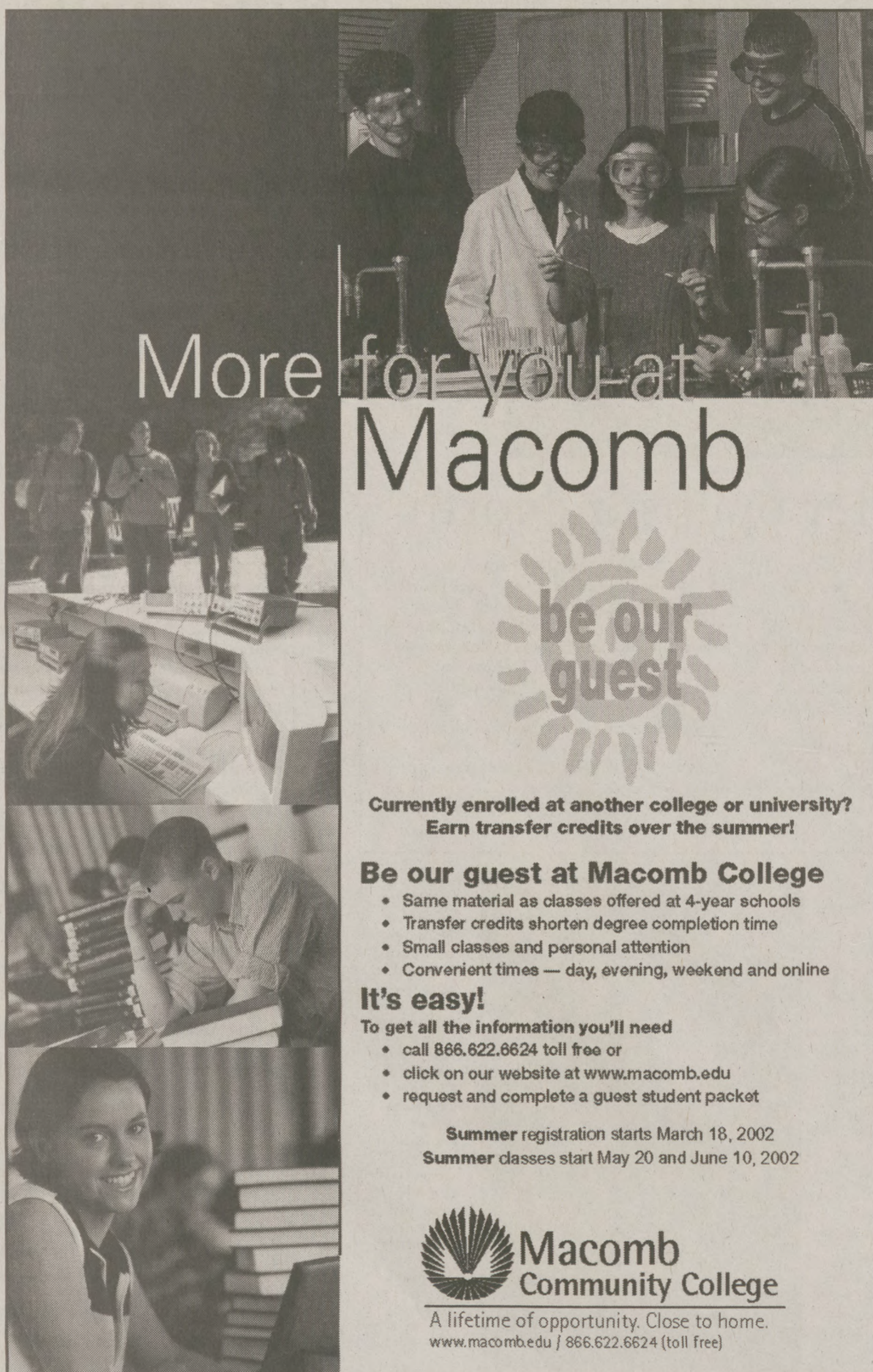
Baskin's concern with the \$8 million project is whether another expansion will be needed in the near future or if this proposal will cover growth for 10 or more years.

"In 1996, we approved the \$1.5 million expansion to the food court and center. Now we're back here, and it's not enough," he asked.

Snyder replied that the proposal will meet the food needs of the growing student population.

"Last time, the expansion took up valuable meeting space. We didn't have the revenue at the time," Snyder said.

"(In the OC) we have 500 seats for 16,000 students. The expansion will meet the needs for 20,000 students."



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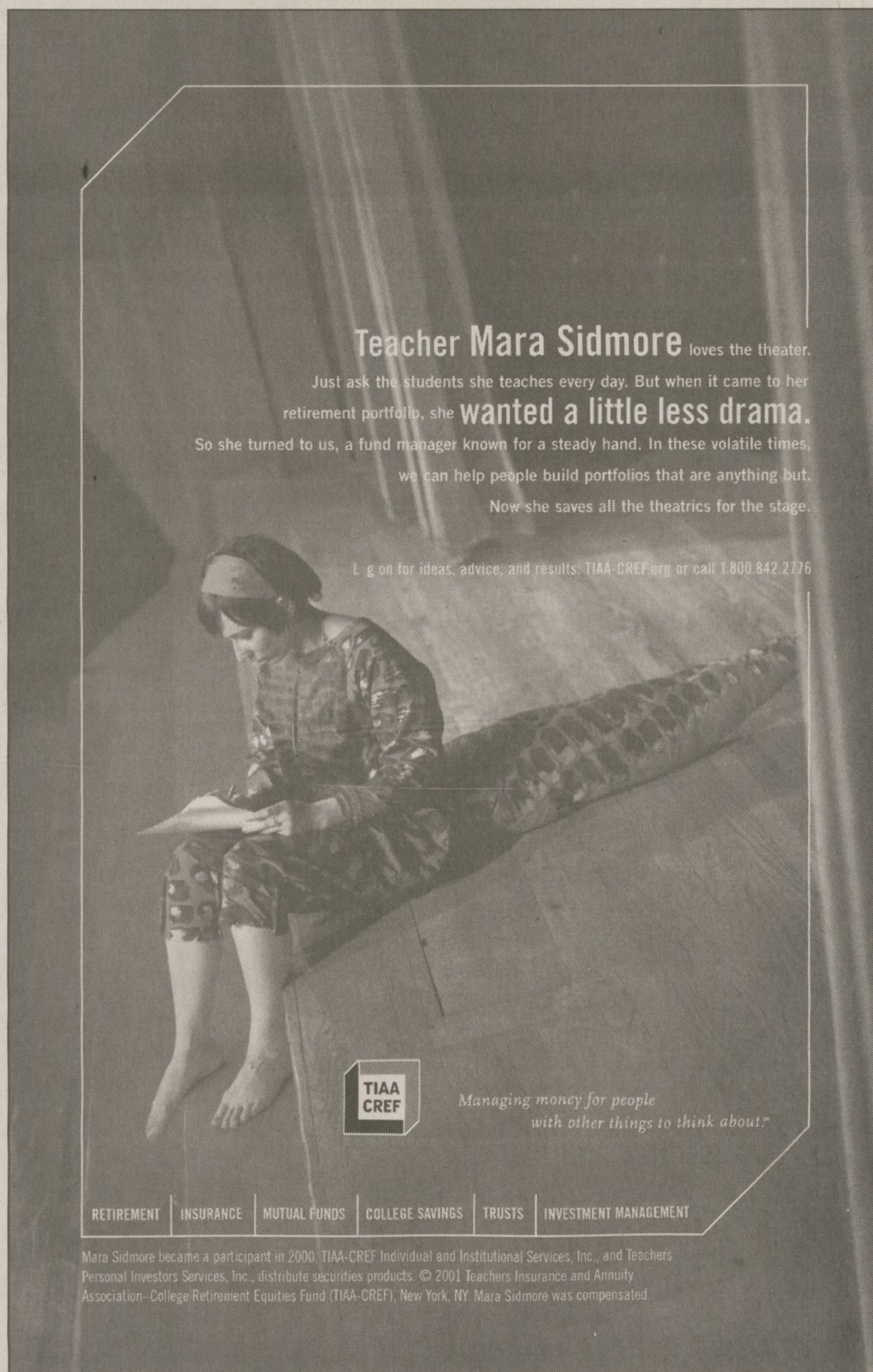
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False alarms anger residents

Marianne Poulin
THE OAKLAND POST

OU housing is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the identification of the person or persons responsible for the false alarms being set off in two of the residence halls.

The reward came on the suggestion of students through the House policy committee, a group of students from all the residence halls, who meet with Eleanor Reynolds, director of university housing, on a weekly basis.

Dave Moroz, Assistant Director for Program Services, said that right before break, between Vandenberg Hall and Hamlin Hall there were nine false alarms in a 36-hour period.

There have been 20 more in VBH since break. Fifteen out of the 20 were false alarms.

Moroz said that the number of false alarms is pretty unusual.

"Last year there was a two-week period where several alarms were pulled in Hamlin Hall, but students started putting pressure on each other in order to stop the false alarms," Moroz said.

Keisha Powell, junior, secondary education, who lives in Hamlin Hall said that they had three fire alarms before the spring break. Normally, they occur between 9-11 p.m.

"One we had was at 3 a.m.," Powell said. "They made everyone evacuate. We had to stand outside for about an hour. If it gets pulled again, the assistant hall director said that the students would stay out there even longer."

Moroz explained that the staff makes a clear distinction between fire drills, which are required by law, and a false alarm. In a fire drill situation the Resident Assistants and Hall Directors will split up and hit every floor, knock on every door and go into every room to insure that people are leaving.

One is usually held between 10 and 11 p.m. to insure maximum participation. The other two are done earlier in the evening, he said.

"At the end of the year, we have to have the information on the dates and times of all of our drills," Moroz said. "We have three in the fall and three in the winter, which are required by law. In addition to that, I track all the false alarms."

"In a false alarm situation, once it is

determined that it is a false alarm, I've not wanted them to go room to room, and keep everybody outside because there has already been a pretty major inconvenience," he said.

According to Cora Hanson, Health and Life Safety Manager, "The residence halls are protected by a fully addressable fire alarm system, which is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week by the OUPD.

The system is highly intelligent and distinguishes maintenance related issues or concerns and emergency (alarm) related issues or concerns."

The office of Fire Safety is responsible for testing the equipment at least once a year, in addition to the six fire drills held throughout the two semesters.

During the test, the full building alarm system is activated to insure all audible and visible signals are functional as well as each individual smoke detector and all pull stations.

The main water flow and main drain, which supports any sprinklers in place, is also tested annually.

The tests usually occur before or after a semester, when students are not living in the dorms.

Campus reactions

• "I think that if they continue to go off, people are going to stop paying attention to them, whether they are pranks or real." Rob Higbee, sophomore, political science.

• "Our concern is to try to continue to remind the students that they need to treat every alarm seriously."

Dave Moroz, Assistant Director for Program Services.

• "It kind of defeats the purpose of a regular fire alarm because you don't realize if it is real or not after awhile and people don't always pay attention to it." Jamie Clausius, theater production.

NEWS COLUMN



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Assistant to the News Department

Military tactics cause for alarm

On the front page in the New York times, Sunday, was an article regarding a secret 56-page Pentagon report called "The Nuclear Posture Review."

The Times article states, "Stresses a need to develop earth penetrating nuclear weapons to destroy heavily fortified underground bunkers, including those that may be used to store chemical and biological weapons."

The report specifies making weapons that are better suited for striking targets in Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Syria, and Libya.

What?! Is this necessary? I guess I am a little confused. Didn't our dearly beloved President George Bush just call countries building weapons of mass destruction "The Axis of Evil?" Doesn't this make us the leaders of evil, because we are the biggest producers of weapons of mass destruction?

In my opinion, GW is a goof-ball. Nobody else will hold him accountable or criticize this man. Well, I will. Back during the Gulf War, I was the only one who was in a panic over a statement that then-President George Bush Sr. said regarding using nuclear weapons on Iraq.

I am beginning to believe that it is a family affair.

I am opposed to nuclear weapons of all kinds. It is a sad state of affairs this world is in when we have to use weapons like this to insure our safety.

National Public Radio announced this week that this fear tactic worked during the Cold War. It worked only because the people were so afraid. There was a hopeless feeling of disparity, knowing there was nothing anyone could do about it.

We drank beer and smoked dope and hoped for the best.

There is only one nation that has ever had the balls to use nukes, the U.S.

Us, not them.

We used them not once, but twice and have spent 50 years daring anyone to say we were wrong. Think about it. That's fifty-years of threatening nuclear destruction. All my life as well as most of the people I know, has been spent thinking about destruction on that scale.

In my short military career, I learned how to dig a hole with my mini-shovel, just large enough that I could fit into. I was told to turn away from the nuclear explosion, lie down in the hole and cover my body with my cheap plastic rain poncho, and keep my head protected. This is the best the military could come up with? I hope now they have something better than kissing your butt goodbye.

Is anyone else frightened? I am. Our supreme leader scares me even more than when President Ronald Reagan was in office and we didn't doubt that he would use that little red button if someone made him angry enough.

Think about the wonderful intellectual statements Bush made after the attacks on Sept. 11. "Were gonna smoke 'em out of their holes," and "wanted dead or alive," Bush said.

Heaven help us, we have a cowboy at the helm. I hope he wore a hat out there on the range so his brain didn't fry, but I don't think he did.

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Blustery day



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

WINDY CITY: The John Dodge House along with the surrounding property, suffered damage this past weekend from the high winds. Trees were uprooted and fences were blown on different places on campus, causing an estimated \$19,500 in damages.

Trustees to decide on Comcast Cablevision

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Board of Trustees tabled discussion on a proposal to allow Comcast Cablevision to pre-wire the new student apartments, which are currently under construction, during a short formal session last Wednesday.

Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder presented the proposal to the board, stressing that the university could save money by signing the contract with Comcast as soon as possible. If installation of

cable wiring for the new student apartments was to take place at the same time as similar wire installations, the university would save money, she argued.

During the meeting, Trustee Henry Baskin questioned the wisdom of locking into a 10-year agreement with the corporation in light of the recently publicized problems Comcast is experiencing. He pointed out the "fire" the cable and internet provider is under in Oakland County now.

"I don't know why we have to have a 10-year contract without

any out clauses," Baskin said.

Snyder later clarified that Comcast's internet services, not cable, are under scrutiny.

In addition to being unable to get out of the contract for 10 years, Baskin objected to some of the language in the agreement. First, he argued that the lack of a price cap in the contract enabled Comcast to increase costs yearly. He also stated that because it is not expressed in the contract, Comcast would have control over program offerings and could drop or add channels at its own discretion.

The BOT was asked to approve a new contract with Comcast, which has provided cable access to the residence halls since 1995. The new contract would extend service to the new university apartments.

Also on the agenda, Director of University Diversity and Compliance Sharon Abraham presented the Affirmative Action report findings as of fall 2001 semester.

The report detailed racial changes in the overall university workforce and then broke the statistical findings down further

to show staff and faculty changes.

According to Abraham's presentation, OU has added 118 people to the workforce since 1997, from 1,121 to 1,239. The number of female workers has increased only slightly since 1997 and reached 55.6 percent of the total workforce last fall. Minority numbers stayed just above 20 percent, a small increase since 1997.

Faculty numbers showed 51 more members since 1997, 40

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CRIME WATCH

• Just 22 days before his 21st birthday, a student in Anibal was issued a ticket for MIP. On Saturday night the head resident reportedly saw a non-resident coming out of a dorm room on the first floor with several cans of beer, shortly after she reportedly saw the male student coming out of this dorm room with beer cans.

OU police administered a PBT which reportedly registered at 128.

• A female student reported that her wallet was missing Friday.

She reported to OU police, while she was in class she put her bookbag on the floor next to her desk and left it unattended

for about 20 minutes. Contents in the missing wallet: six unused checks, an ATM card, \$20, a Social Security card, and a Grizzly card with \$120 credit.

• A visitor from Utica reported his Visa check card missing on Sunday, about 12:30 p.m. He said he was in lot P-5, he pulled his keys from his pocket and

must have dropped the card.

When he realized the card was missing and called his bank to cancel, \$800 had already been charged to his account.

• Three more false fire alarms were reported in east Vandenberg Hall last week bringing the total to fifteen. One was pulled on Wednesday

evening while some students were taking a mid-term exam.

OU police evacuated the buildings, and no fires were found.

According to the OU's Student Conduct Code, a student caught for sounding a false alarm will face disciplinary action.

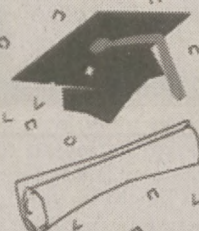
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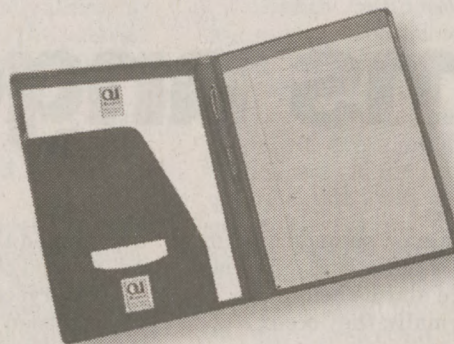


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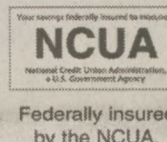
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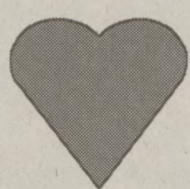


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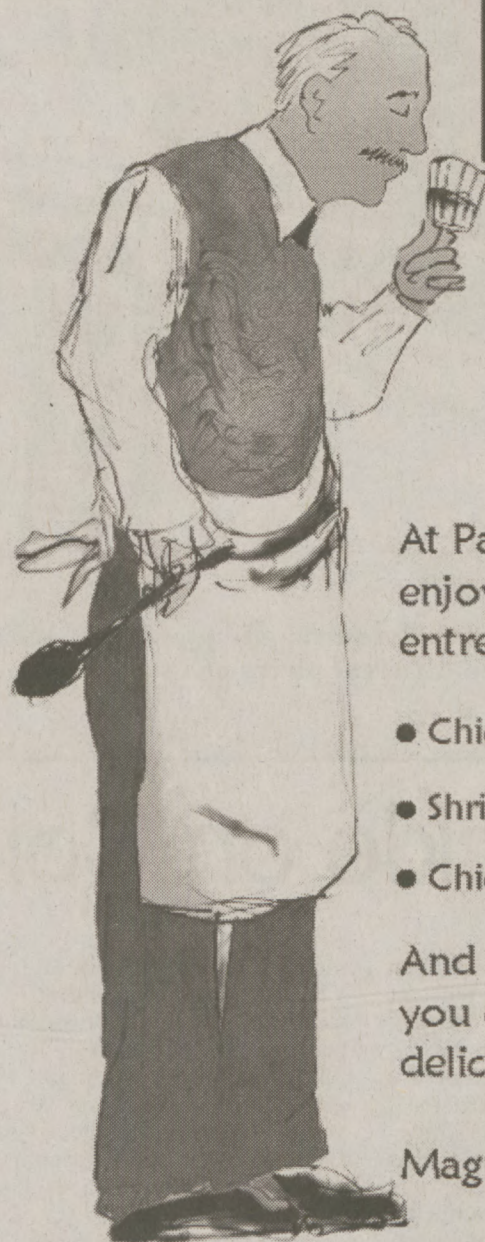
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Detroit-Windsor security heightened

By Rebecca Wyatt
THE OAKLAND POST

Security between Detroit and Windsor just got tighter, and crossing may take a little longer. National Guard troops, under an arrangement between the Department of Defense and Department of Justice, will be assisting at the U.S.-Canadian border beginning March 12.

The guardsmen will work under the supervision of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) with cargo inspections and managing car, truck and pedestrian traffic.

About 700 military personnel will be stationed along the northern and southern borders. Of these, Michigan will get about 90 land inspectors, 15 air and sea inspectors, and 45 border patrol agents.

Also, by this fall, the U.S. Customs Service plans to put 308 new agents along the border with Canada. Of those, 97 agents will be based at the Detroit-Windsor border, 16 in Port Huron and three in Sault Ste. Marie. The increase will add one-third more inspectors to the approximately 300 agents the state already has.

Michigan is getting a large number of new agents and inspectors because Detroit is one of the busiest borders in North America.

"It's just the man power needed to support this area," Greg Palmore, INS Office of Public Affairs, said.

Officials hope the increase will help reduce congestion for motorists and truck drivers and make crossing the border safer.

"We're hoping that it continues to enhance the security," Palmore said. "Safety is our number one concern and we take this job very seriously."

Security has already been tightened since the attacks on the U.S.



CROSSING OVER: National Guard troops began patrolling the Detroit-Windsor March 12. The troops will aid the Immigration and Naturalization Service with cargo inspections and traffic management.

Colleen Godfrey, history/secondary education, recently went to Canada and experienced this first hand.

"They asked for all ID's and want to see your passport and/or birth certificate. We didn't have either so we had to go to immigration and have them do background checks. Finally, we were able to cross the border," Godfrey said.

The INS is seeking 105 people to fill

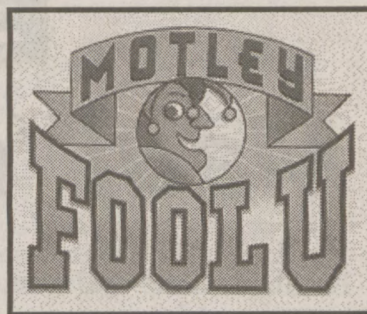
Immigration inspector positions. The National Guard will be guarding the border while the full time positions are being filled.

"This is unprecedented for Michigan," said Carol Jenifer, Detroit District Director for the INS. "Every position is needed."

Along with the security increase, Senator Carl Levin (D)-Michigan is work-

ing to make changes in when a vehicle is inspected at the border. Currently, a motorist pays the toll, drives through the tunnel or over the Ambassador Bridge and then has this/her vehicle inspected, a possible safety hazard that may leave the bridge or tunnel vulnerable to suicide bombers and other terrorist attacks.

The Office of Homeland security is investigating this proposal.



Extra credit

Q: I had a credit card of my own (with a \$500 limit) before I got married. Now I use my husband's credit card for our purchases. Should I simply get my name put on the account as a joint holder?

A: You definitely need to establish and keep a credit rating of your own. But it's not as simple as having your name put on the account and engraved in that gold card.

Any resident of the known universe can be added to your husband's account as an "authorized user." Adding authorized users is a win-win for credit card companies. More users equals more charges equals more money for the credit card company. But your husband, as the main account holder, is solely responsible for paying off those charges. As the owner of the account, his is the only name that is reported to credit agencies. In other words, being an "authorized user" does diddly for your credit rating.

Being a joint holder is different, but it's not simple to become one. In an informal survey of some credit card companies we called, one of the three said it didn't allow joint accounts anymore. All it offered was authorized user status. The others would allow joint accounts, but required more paperwork (similar to opening a joint bank account) and even separate credit applications in some instances.

With a joint account, both you and your husband will be responsible for paying that bill. That's something to consider if you have any concerns about your financial compatibility. The future lasts a long time, and people change.

A "joint" credit card will affect the credit records of both spouses. Think about that. Is your hubby someone you want to have influencing your credit? (That's probably a question everyone should examine before the wedding.) Every couple needs to work out their own style of handling money. You can go for all joint accounts, totally separate accounts or some blend. About the only thing you don't want to do is have everything in one name. It's not just because of divorce. People die, become incapacitated, or go missing in the Nevada desert and come back ... well, just different. All of us need to have a personal history of financial responsibility, so that whatever life hands us, we can cope.

But you have a simple solution. You already have a credit card in your name. Use it! Even with a limit of only \$500, you can use it to buy groceries and other small items. Just pay off your balances every month so you can show a history of timely payments. Once you establish that history, the credit card companies are usually very happy to increase your limit.

WHAT NOW: Even if you both have spotless credit histories, you (like most newweds) will be under a fair amount of spending pressure as you set up your life together. You may want to review what can go wrong with credit cards to help save off temptation. And for some guidance on handling your finances together, consider writing your own Financial Manifesto.

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Peace Corps changes OU alum's perspective on life

By Susan Bromley
THE OAKLAND POST

Editor's Note: This is the second installment in a two-part series.

Suzanne Haxer, a 1997 OU graduate and Peace Corps volunteer, served thousands of miles away from Uzbekistan in the Central American country of Belize.

Haxer treasures the relationships she formed while in Belize.

"When you move somewhere that is so far from home, so different from everything you've ever known, it is so impossibly scary. You have no one to lean on who has known you for more than a few months. You learn to depend on yourself," she said.

She did make new friends and formed new familial relationships. She feels that from her time in Belize, she gained two sisters, one mother, a brother and four very special nieces and nephews whom she almost regards as her own children.

Haxer is proud she kept her two-year commitment after living through a hurricane, getting mugged and being sick with various maladies.

She recalls one of her happiest moments as one of her hardest days as a volunteer. She received news

early one morning that a friend from home died in a car accident. She taught all day, had a good but stressful meeting with Peace Corps and computer

VIPs and then on her way home had a bike accident. When she arrived home, her neighbor's seven-year-old wanted to visit as she usually did. Haxer didn't want to see anyone, but after a shower, she sat on the porch eating oranges with the little girl and they watched a rainbow arch across the sky.

"Tears streamed down my face as I knew that I was having one of those perfect moments in life. You know, one of those times that you know that you will never in your life forget," she recalled.

"I cannot put into words how these strangers loved me, took care of me, tended my physical wounds, mended my broken heart ... wiped my tears, held my hand and cried themselves as I boarded a bus to the airport. They became my support system and

my family. I cry even now, after seven months of being away, just thinking of the distance between us," Haxer said.

The Peace Corps experience taught Haxer that the world is a small place. She also said she learned to love without prejudice to race, age, color, gender or socio-economic status.

"I learned how to be happy. It sounds simple, but it's not. I know how to be happy," she said.

Because Belize is a former British colony, the official language is English. In the northern and western sections of the country, Spanish is widely spoken. Haxer was fortunate to have taken two Spanish classes at OU and was able to quickly pick up new vocabulary and brush up on her skills.

She lived in a 300-square foot cement-block house in Orange Walk Town, the second-largest town in Belize. She had running water (albeit cold) and electricity, as well as a telephone in the house. She said many towns in Belize are without these basic utilities.

Haxer has a BS degree in Elementary Education and served in two official capacities for the Peace Corps. During her first four months in Belize, she was a curriculum officer

and traveled to 49 schools, training teachers in the New National Curriculum that they were to incorporate in their classrooms. For the remaining 21 months of her service, Haxer worked in a large K-8 school developing a computer curriculum and teaching students and teachers basic computer skills. She also trained a Belizean teacher so that she could administer the program after Haxer returned to the U.S.

Her secondary projects included operating a library reading program for 4-11 year-old children, coordinating a clothing collection program in the U.S. as aid to the Belizean victims of Hurricane Keith and organizing a pen pal exchange program between several Belize and Michigan schools.

Haxer recalls Belize as "always hot." She said a typical day included waking at 6 a.m., showering, eating fruit for breakfast, riding her bike to

CORPS continues on A8



SLEEP TIGHT: Due to overcrowding, the Oakland County Jail will expand its facilities. More rooms similar to the Trustees Room (above) will be added.

Oakland County Jail to expand

By Adam L. Neal
THE OAKLAND POST

Overcrowding at Oakland County's jail and work release facility in Pontiac has been an ongoing problem for many years.

In an effort to correct the situation, the county is spending \$21 million to renovate the jail and break ground for a new work-release building.

The new building will be located behind the main jail in the Court Complex off Telegraph Road in Pontiac, where construction started earlier this year.

"We have 112 other county jails that we have deals with under contract to house our overflow," Oakland County Sheriff's Captain Michael McCabe said.

The county has dealt with this issue in the past by sending inmates to different county jails across the state. Oakland and Ingham counties are working on a program that will allow Oakland to send inmates to Ingham.

Overcrowding in the jail system is not a new development. With the rapid population growth of

Oakland County, the wealthiest county in Michigan has quickly become a popular place to live and work.

Throughout McCabe's 25-year career with the force, he noted that there has been a problem with overcrowding.

The county is spending \$14 million for the work-release building and the remaining \$7 million to renovate the current jail.

The \$21 million project was approved last year and is included in the Sheriff's budget so taxpayers would not have to pay for the new facility.

The county is hoping to increase the work-release program with the new 320-bed facility, where 250 beds are for men and 70 beds are for women. The program is currently located in a remodeled former tuberculosis laboratory.

The work-release program allows inmates to continue to work at their jobs outside the jail. They are required to pay 20 percent of their net pay to be a part of the program, which saves taxpayers' money.

Kelley McChester, junior, sociology, agrees with

the philosophy of the work-release program.

"I think it is a good idea, let them learn their lesson and pay their debt. This allows for a more productive society, not to just lock everyone up."

At Oakland County Jail, inmates who have up to three people in one cell. The jail's gymnasium is often used for overflow. There were roughly 60 inmates who spent the night in the gymnasium last Sunday, McCabe said.

"The answer is not to take away gymnasium rights to squeeze inmates in, counseling is the best solution. If they have to build a larger jail, so be it, but I believe counseling them and educating them is the best way to go," McChester said.

The last major renovation occurred roughly 16 years ago.

The jail plans to increase the size of the existing health clinic and remodel 25 cells to make them single-person cells for high risk/severely mentally ill patients.

McCabe expects the new building and jail renovation to be completed by the end of 2003.

PERSPECTIVES

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Editorial Maul 'em, OU

It's about time. OU women have been kicking ass and taking names this year.

Last semester, the women's soccer team won the Mid-Con tournament and qualified for NCAA post-season play. Earlier this month, the women's swimming and diving team won first place at the NIC tournament.

Most recently, the women's basketball team found out that it is one on the top 64 teams in the NCAA. The team will be traveling to Nashville this weekend to play against the number one Midwest seed Vanderbilt University, at the big dance.

While OU is in the midst of celebrating Women's History month, we are also preparing our basketball team for the biggest tournament this university has ever seen.

This past Sunday in the O'rena, fans and players came out to watch ESPN announce which teams would play each other in the first round of competition this weekend.

After attendees watched the last two minutes of OU's win against Valparaiso in the Mid-Con tournament, TV interviews with the team were shown. Star player Sarah Judd joked with media about OU's anonymity. Judd clarified that Oakland is located in Michigan, not California.

Tournaments like this one will only help people learn who OU is, where we are and what we stand for.

Not only will this tournament help with name recognition, it will be good practice for the team, which has never made a NCAA appearance. Hopefully, this will be an annual event for the women (and maybe the men will be able to throw in their hats next year, too).

Although the Grizzlies are not favored to beat Vanderbilt, this is such a good opportunity for OU athletics. All Big 10 schools had to start somewhere, and if OU can keep showing up at national tournaments, maybe one day the Grizzlies will be as well known as the Spartans and Wolverines (the better-known universities in Michigan).

Being one of the top 64 basketball teams in the country has got to feel surreal to the lady Grizzlies. But the excitement is not felt only by the team. All of the fans and much of the campus seem a bit prouder and happier to be a Grizzly this week.

The competition will not rest, but we know you won't either. Nashville is waiting.

There's no better time than right now to be a Grizzly.

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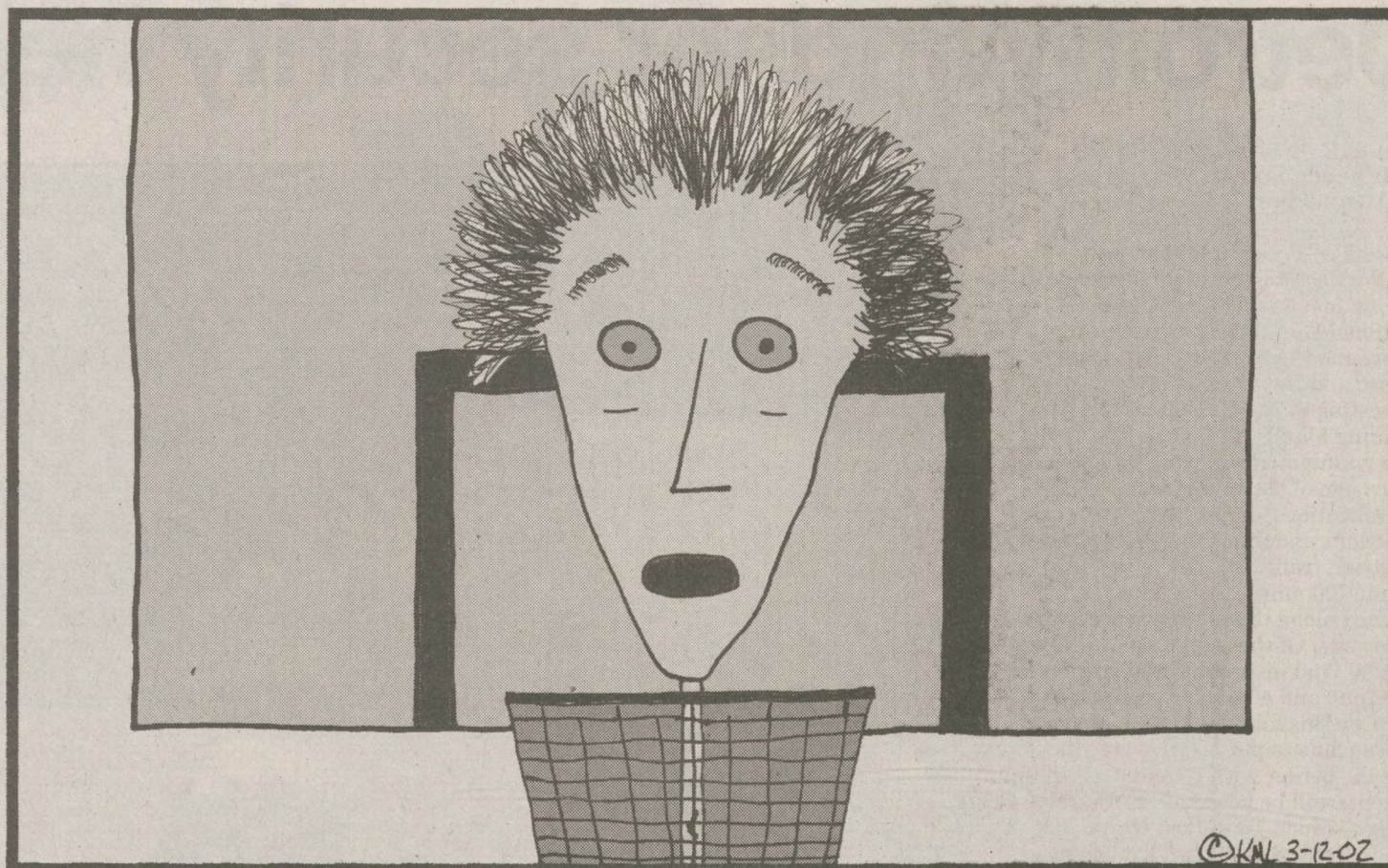
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March Madness

Letters to the Editor

Alumni email cut off 20 months after deadline

Dear Editor,

Prior to 2000, OU offered email accounts to alumni association members. The OU IT web pages still claim they do. But in April 2000, Linda Oliver, administrative manager of alumni relations sent an email to all alumni stating that effective June 30, 2000 alumni internet privileges would be canceled to spare resources.

An analysis on the Saturn cluster showed alumni load was 0.5 percent. The results went to Vice President David Disend. His response parroted the Oliver letter without addressing the analysis, but added: Email will stop on May 5, 2000 (Oliver said June 30); Merit, OU's ISP, charges OU by the packet; Free email endangers OU's tax exempt status with the IRS.

Claiming that Merit charges "by the packet" is untrue; I called them in May 2000. A customer the size of OU would use one or two T3 data lines for on site connections for an annual flat fee of \$50-100,000. For dial-in users, "affiliates pay a \$1,000 annual fee (this fee is waived for organizations that are Merit direct connect affiliates)," according to Merit's website.

OU is a direct connect affiliate and should pay nothing for dial-in.

Point three ignores the numerous free ISPs, demonstrating that OU does not have an unfair price advantage. And, free email forwarding services are offered by both MSU and U-M.

Both the May and June 2000 deadlines came and nothing happened. So, I believed OU had reversed itself. My OU account was active until Feb. 13, 2002 - over twenty months after the deadline. At that time, it was disabled without warning, stranding all email in it.

I called OU's IT Helpdesk, and the manager indicated that since I was no longer a student/employee, it would violate OU's academic software licenses for my account to continue. I gave up and requested a simple account archive. The response: "We cannot provide the tar file for your home directory. This would require the email account to be open."

First of all, anyone with UNIX "tar"

experience knows this is false. Secondly, if it's so imperative to kill alumni accounts that OU cannot risk two minutes to archive them due to licensing violations, why did OU's IT staff wait over 20 months from their announced deadline to do it?

Disend is concerned about OU's tax exempt status being risked by offering cheap email, yet OU offers 50 percent discounts on its golf course rates to alumni. How does that fit with IRS rules for exempt organizations?

The excuses have gone from resource consumption, to IRS regulations, to licensing violations. Of these excuses, two are false; the other is applied inconsistently. OU's administration, alumni association and IT groups demonstrate complete contempt for their graduate's intellect. But to be fair, OU warns alum about this: "Membership benefits are subject to change without notice. Please revisit this site occasionally for the most current list," see www.oualumni.com.

Steve Langer

OU PhD 1994 Medical Physics
Associate Professor of Radiology
University of Washington

Letter response:

Dear Editor,

While reading The Post over the last few weeks, I have come to find a disturbing trend. This trend is centered on one student and his articles/letters to the editor.

First, Justin Mularski wrote a letter complaining about being charged a \$75 per semester fee for a rec center he does not use. Instead of using the rec center that he has already paid a fee for, Mr. Mularski chooses to pay an additional \$43 a month for a gym membership off campus. It doesn't take a finance or economics major to see that \$43 per month a semester adds up to be more than \$75 a semester.

But if he wants to pay for the same service twice, I figured that was his prerogative. Only in his March 6 letter did I realize why Mr. Mularski does not see the problem in paying for something twice. He has pointed

out in the bottom of his letter that he is the President of the College Democrats here at OU. His spending habits seem much more clear to me now.

The last part of Mularski's letter is what really puzzles me. He says that the \$75 rec center fee could be put to a better use for many students such as paying for text books for an entire semester's classes. If this is the case, I demand to know where Mr. Mularski is buying his books! Either he has some secret source for textbooks or an "entire semester's worth of text books" must be for a part-time student taking only one class.

Second, for a political science major, one thing still bothers me about Mr. Mularski. In the Feb. 20 edition of The Post, Mularski wrote an article entitled "Diversity Key in Arab Organization."

The article discussed the efforts of the Arab American Student Organization. The AASO's main goal of promoting Arabic culture from a variety of backgrounds is a perfectly commendable one. His article then says that the AASO has members now from more than 10 different countries including "Lebanon, Palestine, and Jordan."

Last that I had heard, Palestine was not a country. I had been under the impression that that was one of the very issues at the root of all of the current strife in Israel.

For a political science major, Justin Mularski seems to be pretty much out of the loop when it comes to current events. I can only hope that he does not desire a career in foreign policy.

Danny Riley Jr.
sophomore, public administration

Good job

Dear Editor,

... Cara (is) doing an excellent job on The Post. This is the best I recall since I came here in '86. I especially like the selection of stories and the direct approach to important issues. Thanks.

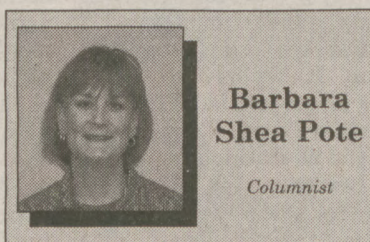
Sherman Folland
Associate Professor of Economics

OTHER VIEWS

Battling for life: real reasons why men envy women

Men are competition junkies, and I recently figured out why they are afraid of women.

The fear is born of envy because there is one competition that we will always win and



Barbara Shea Pote

Columnist

they can never win - the battle for life. Women have the potential for

carrying, nurturing and sheltering life within our bodies. We can grow and birth a person; they cannot.

It is because of fear and envy that men decree women of childbearing age and force them to cover themselves in sheets, in some cultures. They must become ghosts, floating wraith-like in the background but never significant.

After all, we are already more significant, most significant.

The argument that we need men, too, is false. We can make and birth a baby without a man, we just need a small, often indiscriminately scattered part of him.

The reverse argument is not true, men cannot grow and birth a baby without a woman.

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I think their dependence breeds the envy and fear. This fear prevents women from full participation in religious ceremonies, from assuming leadership roles in governments and from reaping the financial benefits of worldwide business activities. All over the world women are being subjugated by more violent and physically stronger men because we can have babies, and they cannot.

March is Women's History month, and at no other time in history have women played such a pivotal role. The significance of George W. Bush's mention of the plight of the women of Afghanistan in his State of the Union address in January was lost on many. I know he used it to make a political point, but it still rings in my ears. For the leader of the Free World to state that he cares about how women are treated is huge.

I can vividly remember the Equal Rights Amendment battle fought in the early 1970s when

I was a teenager. What started out as a way to ensure equal rights under the law for all the people living in the U.S., regardless of gender, somehow spiraled down into rhetoric about sharing bathrooms.

I tell you, once politicians are involved in anything, it's messed up like a soup sandwich.

President Bush has made the discussion of the treatment of women, whether in Afghanistan or Bolivia or China or Baltimore, legitimate now. If we all stood up and said "get over yourselves and give us our space and due respect," men would have to listen because no one would be fetching their beer or washing their socks.

Barbara Shea Pote is a columnist for The Post. Send comments to oakpost@oakland.edu.

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school, teaching three computer classes in the morning and then going home for lunch with the principal (her Belizean Mom). She would teach three computer classes in the afternoon and instruct teachers after school. Haxer then rode her bike home, took another shower, visited with her favorite Belizean family for a

few hours, ate dinner with them or cooked for herself, then read for a few hours if the electricity didn't go out. She would take another shower and go to sleep by 9 p.m.

Among her many accomplishments, Haxer coordinated a clothing drive that collected more than 600 pounds of clothing for

the hurricane victims, implemented a computer curriculum and program (which is still effectively operating) and helped put her neighbor's child through preschool and another child through high school. (High school is not free in Belize).

In one of her many emails home to friends and family,

Haxer wrote, "Sometimes the sheer magnitude of my work here shocks me to the bone. In my mind, I'm just an ordinary Midwest girl from Michigan, who decided to teach overseas for a couple of years. In the minds of the students and community members and teachers I'm this great big important person who

is sacrificing so much for the betterment of their school.

"It was moving for me to hear how much they love and respect me. I'm really a part of this school and this community, in a way that I never expected. Orange Walk is my second home and these people are my second family. This is what Peace Corps

is all about. At the end of the day, it's not how many crops you plant, or how many students you teach, it's about the lives that you touch, and those that touch your life."

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Another witness saw him tying down boxes in his truck. The witness picked Madison out of a group of photos, Birkholz said.

One of the 10 computers that Madison stole was sold to American Jewelry, a pawn shop in Detroit, on Aug. 18.

The sale to the pawn shop by a friend of Madison's was what helped solve the theft.

Pawn shops are required by law to register items that come in with serial numbers in a national database.

The friend, Joseph Robinson,

testified against him at his preliminary hearing on Jan. 22 in the 52-3 District Court, Rochester.

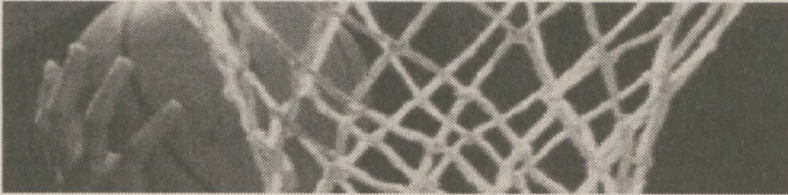
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COMCAST

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percent of the new hires were female, up from 36.8 percent last year. Minority faculty members comprised 22.6 percent, up from 21.8 percent in 2000.

The report showed that 42 new people were added to the staff between 2000 and 2001, from 750 to 792. The percentage of female staff members fell slightly to 64.4 percent. In 2000, females comprised 65.7 percent of the staff. Minority staff numbers also fell slightly, from 20.9 percent in 2000 to 20.7 percent in 2001.

Abraham highlighted some of the diversity initia-

tives the university has taken within the past few semesters, including the African-American celebration, Hispanic Celebration week and Women's History month.

The meeting started as a formal session so that the Board could vote to pass the Comcast proposal before it was adjourned. The Trustees then moved into working session to discuss other issues.

This was the first Board meeting since December because the January and February meetings were cancelled.

LEX

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

YOU KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS THESE DAYS? THEY DON'T RESPECT THEIR PROFESSORS! IN MY DAY, WE NEVER WORE HATS TO CLASS...

... WE NEVER SPOKE TO OUR PROFESSORS IN A DISCOURTEOUS WAY! WE NEVER INTERRUPTED-

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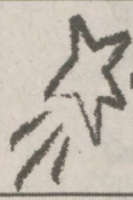
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2002 SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARDS

These awards are given to OU on-campus student employees who have demonstrated an aptitude and on-going commitment to improve human/race relations within the work environment. It recognizes and encourages students with a positive work ethic who have contributed to both programmatic and interpersonal levels to the improvement of race relations at the university. Available for both graduate and undergraduate students. Nominees must possess a 2.0 or higher GPA. Applications are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, 370-3352. **Deadline is Friday, March 29, 2002.**

2002-2003 COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AWARDS

These awards (a total of 20) recognize those commuting students who have made contributions to improve the quality of campus life through their participation in campus activities and student organizations. Students may be nominated to receive the award or they may apply for it. The Commuter Involvement Award, in the amount of \$250 each semester (fall and winter), is awarded for one academic year. Recipients must reapply each year. Qualifications and applications are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, 370-3352. **Application deadline is Friday, March 29, 2002.**

 **CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

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Women's History Month 2002

"Women Sustaining the American Spirit"

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

Wednesday, March 13

"Who is Naomi Wolf?"

Discussion moderated by Women's Studies professor Jo Reger

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Fireside Lounge, OC

Thursday, March 14

Terrorism: The War at Home -- Domestic Violence

Speaker: Nancy Diehl, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor and Director of Family Violence

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Heritage Room, OC

Wednesday, March 20

Women's Health Issues: "The Truths and Myths about Depression"

Speaker: Dr. Pamela Warner, Psychologist & Coordinator of Substance Abuse Services

OU Counseling Center

Co-sponsored with Women of OU

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Heritage Room, OC

Thursday, March 21

10th Annual Phyllis Law Googasian Award Luncheon

Honoree: Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs

Keynote Address: Dr. Mary Otto, Dean of the School of Education and Human Services

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Gold Rooms, OC

Reservations required. Contact Laura Schartman, 511 O'Dowd Hall, x2387.

AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

☐ Reservations for:

- Afro-Cuban Dance Party at EMU (April 6)

- Lord of the Dance (April 7)

- Copenhagen (April 15)

(Special on stage seating available)

- Music Man (April 18 and 21)

- Champions on Ice (April 27)

- Otello (Opera by Verdi) (April 28)

- Riverdance (May 5)

- Proof (May 12)

- Marriage of Figaro (May 21)

☐ Tickets for:

- Business Etiquette Dinner (March 25)

- Women's Issues Forum Production of "Vagina Monologues" (April 12 & 13)

☐ Sign-up for:

- OU Road Trip to NCAA Women's Tournament: OU vs Vanderbilt (March 15-17)

Road Trip to the

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

Oakland University Golden Grizzlies vs Vanderbilt University Commodores

Sign-up: At the CSA Service Window now thru Thursday, March 14.

Open to all Oakland University Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni Association Members

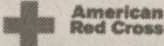
Cost: Includes round trip motorcoach transportation, tickets to the game, and one night lodging.

\$40 per person (four people per room)

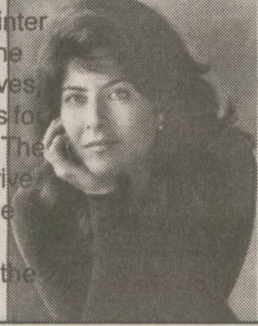
\$65 per person (two people per room)

\$120 per person (single room)

Get Ready for the Drive to 1000!



The Red Cross collected 204 pints of blood at the OU Winter Blood Drive, totalling 550 pints of blood so far for the academic year! For the Spring and Summer Blood Drives we need to collect 450 pints of blood to reach 1000 pints for the year! That means 115 pints a day for four days. The Spring Blood Drive is April 1-3 and the Summer Blood Drive is June 12. Help save lives and donate blood! To make appointment online go to <http://givelife.redcross.org> As you use the on-line sign-up, Oakland University is the sponsor and OUBLOOD is the access code.



SLLB Presents:

Naomi Wolf

Feminist Author

Monday, March 25, 2002

3:00 p.m.

Meadow Brook Theatre

FREE! Tickets are not required!

The
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• Student Life Lecture Series is presenting Naomi Wolf (author of *Misconceptions and Promiscuities*) and her lecture: "Fire with Fire - the New Female Power". Be there at 3 p.m. on Monday March 25 at Meadowbrook Theater. It's free!

• National Women's History Month is setting the tone for upcoming activities. The Social Work Club is presenting a lecture: "Domestic Violence - The War at Home" by Nancy Diehl, the Chief of Progress and Training for the Wayne County Prosecutor. Be there for a discussion about important issues at noon on March 14 in Lake Superior Room A, OC.

• Brenda Flanagan is giving a lecture called "Ethnicity, Place and Fiction" at 4 p.m. on March 19 in the Gold Rooms, OC.

• The coordinator of the Substance Abuse Services and psychologist at the OU Counseling Center, Pamela Warner, is giving a women's health lecture: "Truths and Myths about Depression" at noon on March 20 in the Heritage Room, OC.

• Get ready to swing this weekend. OU's annual Spring Swing is coming right up. Be there at 7 p.m. for a lesson and then 8 p.m. for open dancing on March 15 in the Gold Rooms of the OC. The dance will feature the Rhythms Society Orchestra and it's free!

• Want your pictures to be recognized? Then participate in OU's 19th annual Photo Contest. The display will be on show April 15th to 17th. Entry forms and all work must be submitted on April 12, at the CSA window downstairs in the OC.

• Don't forget that the DIA's collection of Artisan Painters is on display at the Meadowbrook Art Gallery at 208 Wilson Hall until April 1.

Hooked

GRIZZLY FEVER

Fans gear up for Nashville

By Gayle Issa
GET OUT EDITOR



U basketball women have rounded up a band of groupies. And it's time to give tribute to the fans. They are thrilled that the Golden Grizzly women are on their way to the NCAA.

It's understandable that OU-related people show for games. But when two of the most avid women's fans are people who have no connection to OU, one realizes there is an underlying current at these games that must be captured.

Theresa Walters and her husband Bob Walters are examples of this devotion.

"We feel like we've adopted the girls. When we moved from Missouri, we didn't know anyone in Rochester. We wanted a team to support and now they're like our home team. We've even met the parents and become friends with some of them," Theresa Walters said.

She and her husband are fans together. "I feel the same way as my wife. They are a darn good team. The arena is fantastic. It's been exciting to watch their progress, and we knew it was going to happen. It was just a matter of waiting," Walters said.

The couple have missed only two home games in the last four years.

"We've followed them to the Mid Con three years in a row. Once I drove to Indiana to watch them play during one of the really bad snowstorms. My wife thought I was crazy," Walters said.

Not crazy perhaps but certainly passionate in his support of them.

"We have a joke around the office about Bob Walters. That he and his wife own every piece of clothing," Simon Dover, Assistant Athletic Director said.

And, of course, OU students always want to support their school teams but especially at a time like this.

"I go to a lot of the games. It's exciting because it's live sports. It's not expensive to watch and it's cool to get to know everyone. I'm excited for the women and their chance to go to Nashville," Thor Rasmussen, senior, marketing, said.

"School spirit is why I go. What's the point of going to school if you're not going to support it," Michael Ginger, junior secondary education history and sociology said.

Blood is thicker than water, as they say. And there is nothing like supporting your family. The women's parents are overjoyed.

"We couldn't be prouder of all the girls. I just think of all the sacrifices they made and all the extra time they put in. I am happy they came together through tough

losses and they never gave up. And finally they were able to do it. I can't wait to go to Nashville," Sue Wolfe, Katie Wolfe's, Golden Grizzly guard, mother said.

Dover realizes how important fans are to the whole process.

"The following for the women's team is tremendous. I think there is an affinity to them. People are partial to the women. Sometimes people think that the men get all the glory. But the NCAA really boosts the women. I mean OU is even organizing a road trip to the game. That's how many people want to go," Dover said.

He's been at OU since fall 1998 and said he has seen the support grow.

"It's pretty amazing because there are so many teams who never get to go. There are those fans who will travel high and far just to watch them play beyond just the microcosm of this weekend," Dover said.

"They have a sense of purpose and they are part of the whole scene. So many of them have formed friendships with the women's parents," he said.

Faculty and staff alike show their OU spirit. President Gary Russi is a big-time women's fan beyond the fact that he is Coach Beckie Francis' husband.

"I am very proud of the girls. They are remarkable. It's a real tribute to the players and coaches when they can make an organization like women's basketball work," Russi said. "They have worked hard and compromised to maintain strength. And I am excited for them. It's just first rate that they are being recognized like this. Teams spend their whole lives trying to get into this competition. They're in a good place now for themselves and for OU."

And there are those who make an entire family outing of it, all sporting their OU colors.

"This is so exciting. We knew they were going to get there but to finally see them get there is something else. Neither my husband and I are OU grads and we attend the games with our kids," Carmen Etienne, transfer student services specialist, said.

And there are so many more who are making the sport into an entire package deal.

"There are more than I can remember. There is Tony Profita who drives up from Detroit for every home game. He has his own special seat. There's Hugh and Nancy Elliott who are at every home game and have center court seats and were there for the whole of the Mid Con. There's Bruce and Phyllis Roginsen and Neil and Joanne Kesler. What can I say other than the regulars are all tremendous and have so much passion. These people are the epitome of fans," Dover said.



File Photos/Bob Knoska

SLAMMIN': Some of the Golden Grizzly Women's fans at one of this season's games





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Applications and Nominations for:

Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees

The role of the Student Liaison is to serve as non-voting resource on student issues at work sessions and meetings of the Board.

Term of Office:



July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 or 2004

Must have at least a 2.5 GPA

Must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours (of which 28 are at Oakland University)

Must not hold any other major elected campus office

Applications are available at:

Student Affairs Office – 144 Oakland Center
Student Congress Office – 62 Oakland Center
Center for Student Activities – 49 Oakland Center

**Applications are due at the Student Affairs Office by
March 28, 2002**



For questions, please call: 248-370-4200

Horoscopes

Warm and fuzzy feelings are in the air making time spent with friends, family and lovers that much better. The only challenge comes from being too demanding, which is liable to ruin time spent at home and at work. For this week at least, appreciate the good times that are already here and don't worry too much about making things better than they already are.

Aries

Avoid being too stubborn, as you may be too idealistic with your plans. Spend some time alone to get your feelings in order.

Taurus

You may be more aggressive than your usual self this week. Find patience with situations that you are tired of dealing with, even if they should have ended by now.

Gemini

Deal with your feelings even though you have the urge to push them away. You can come up with some really creative ways to make money right now.

Cancer

Work can be super productive this week, so don't be afraid to sacrifice other things right now; just make sure that the rest of your life doesn't fall to the wayside.

Leo

Things may not be as romantic as you would like them, but you'll find that what you look for in others you can find in yourself. Don't put too much pressure on a loved one.

Virgo

Explore new ways of doing things and don't be afraid if you make a mistake or two. Follow your gut, as it may take too long to be logical about decisions this week.

Libra

Things may move quickly this week, particularly in the romantic area, but more than likely things have been building for a while. It's worth the effort to balance family and work obligations.

Scorpio

A romantic situation may not go as smoothly as planned; don't be afraid to look at your own insecurities. An aggressive partner or friend brings the best out of you.

Sagittarius

Actions may speak better than words right now. Take time for yourself this week, as your emotions are stronger than usual.

Capricorn

Quiet time with a loved one is ideal this week. You may not be able to pursue all that you want to do this week, but your efforts will make a difference right now.

Aquarius

Follow through on previous commitments, even if circumstances have changed. You probably know what's best for you right now, so listen to your instinct.

Pisces

The harder you push the farther the goal, so let things take their natural course. Family relations may be difficult, but right now you need them.

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

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'Folk Portraits' richly American

By Patrick Labadie
LIFE EDITOR

The new exhibit at Meadow Brook Art Gallery "Artisan Painters: American Folk Portraits and Landscapes of the 18th and 19th Centuries" is a uniquely American collection. The exhibit features works taken from the collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Flint Institute of Art.

The pieces featured date back to the mid-1760s and run all the way up to about 1880s. However, the bulk of the art dates from before the Civil War to the start of the Industrial Revolution.

Many pieces came from the early American countryside, where the new American prosperity created a market for portraits. Some of the paintings were done by artists who made their living travelling across the eastern US doing portraits of individuals whom would otherwise be able to afford them, according to Dick Goody, gallery director.

Goody said many of the portraits were rendered from photographs.

Goody stressed that the exhibit is an excellent opportunity to view artists who have slipped below the radar of art history textbooks.

"When people think about 19th Century painting, they think about the Hudson River School, impressionism, romanticism, etc," he said. "They don't necessarily think about itinerant portrait painters travelling around the eastern seaboard making paintings of the merchant class."

Goody sees the show as a chance to view often unseen works that are rich in American tradition. "The portrait painters have been very overlooked," said Goody. "Most of this art has come from the basement of the museum. The collection has numerous charming paintings."

Many of these artisans used these portraits as a way to make a living. Artisan painters were among the hundreds of individuals who capitalized on the instant popularity of photography after its introduction in this country in 1839. Many of these artists painted their portraits from photographs.

"At first (photography) started to influence (portrait painting) and eventually it killed it," said Goody.

The focus of the show is, like the title says, portraits and landscapes.

Portraits were the favored art of the era with a small number of landscapes being produced. The painters featured in the show, while definitely skilled artisans, had no formal training. Many even learned from textbooks. Modern audiences may see the work as charming, vigorous or rough around the edges. Some of these features stem from the painter's lack of training but also reflect the staunch values of the American Revolution, which frowned upon the flamboyance of European art.

It can also be viewed as a historical exhibition.

"It's really in that sense an historical exhibition, showing how things were in 19th century American life, but it's also a projection of how

they wanted to be seen," said Goody.

Despite the use of the word "folk" in the exhibition's title, the art in it does not fit squarely into the American folk tradition. The artists in this exhibition lacked formal training, but were working in the same tradition as those American and European artists with academic training. The work of these artisan painters reveals a great distance from formal instruction. These paintings are not folk art in the strictest use of the word, but a peculiarly American offshoot of prevailing academic traditions.

"It's not really folk painting," said Goody. "It's too professional for that, yet not professional enough to be considered academic classical portrait painting. I think it exists on a solid middle ground between the two."

"These paintings have their own innate power, which stems from the inventiveness of the artist," he said. "They were not academically trained, but (the artists) are gifted in their own way."

In addition the show features a variety of early photographs.

Goody notes that these American portraits were probably influenced by photography.

In addition to the exhibit that runs until Apr. 10 at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, there will be a lecture The Great American Tintype Revisited by Jan Schimmelman, professor of art history at 4 p.m. on March 16 at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Admission is free and open to the public.



IN A CHAIR: A portrait of C. Blair by Anonymous, 1830. Photo courtesy of the DIA

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Station offers new year of programs, searches for more student support

By Patrick Labadie
THE OAKLAND POST

Despite the fact that few people have any idea that it exists, the campus TV station OUTV is going strong with a new year of programming.

OUTV, located in 111 Varner hall, actually has a viewing audience of 11 communities and 125,000 households. The channel can be found locally on Comcast cable channel 74. One of the station's most prominent programs is "Explore OU." The show offers a glimpse into the goings-on around campus. Produced monthly, the show tapes eight episodes a year. Structured as an

dents and faculty, but also community members, to the activities in and around campus.

Scott Burke, TV producer/Video Resource Coordinator, sees the show's role as a springboard for involvement on campus.

"Explore OU" is aimed at anyone who's interested in what's going on at OU," he said. "We look to inform people as to what we're doing. Hopefully, they see that and want to come and get involved."

Topics included in the show's coverage have included plays at the Meadow Brook Theatre, Casino Night and special lectures that take place on campus. In addition, the show airs a campus calendar of events.

The pilot for "Explore OU" began as an independent study for OU graduate Linda Campbell and has since grown into a monthly segment for the station.

Another show broadcast on OUTV is the "Grizzly Den." A sports magazine type show, the program features game highlights, interviews and analysis of the month in OU athletics.

Other programs featured on the station include Fit for Life, a fitness show featuring aerobics and Tae Bo, Educational Multi-Cultural Societies, produced by Rob Schwartz, focuses on education and issues that affect it, and the Small Spotlight Series, which shines the spotlight on small businesses.

In addition to the full slate of new programs, Burke hopes for growth in the department.

"We have a lot of students right now who are interested. The problem is we haven't had the backbone," he said. "We have the



HARD AT WORK: (Above) The OUTV production team readies themselves for the taping of a show. (Right) The behind-the-scenes production is an important element of the shows produced at OUTV. Photos by Dan McDuffee

Student Video Club, which is a start, but we are still having growing pains as an organization."

Over the summer OUTV begins development on a Gong Show-style program and a hard-hitting forum based diversity program discussing a variety of issues.

OUTV has about 12-15 students consistently on staff.

Christine Cronauer, senior, communication, is a production assistant at the station.

"I work on the technical part of 'Explore OU,'" she said. "Working here you get the kind of experience that you just can't get in a communication theory class. Also, I like being able to watch something on television

that I've created."

Heather Haughey, AVID editor and TV producer, has seen growth in the young station.

"We've been able to really improve the quality, making it look less like student programming and giving it a more polished, modern look," she said.

Burke stressed that opportunities are plentiful at the station.

"Right now is the best time to get involved because we're still growing and there is a lot of access to our equipment," he said. "I've got a half million dollars worth of equipment, and I'm begging students to come and use it."



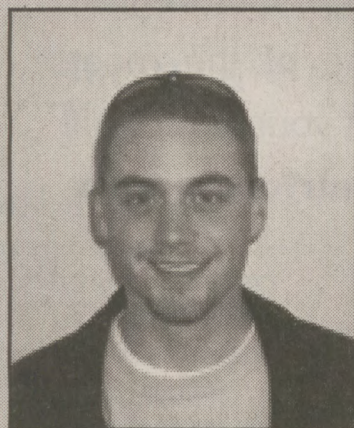
OUTV highlights

"Explore OU" (Tue. and Thur. at 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) - A magazine based program produced monthly detailing the goings-on at OU.

"Grizzly Den" (Mon. and Wed. at 9:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.) - A magazine based sports program produced monthly of OU athletics. Features include game highlight, coaches corner and player interviews.

"Entertainment Tonight"-styled magazine format, the show is a vehicle to alert not only OU stu-

Student Picks



William Illis

junior, German

Movie of the 1980s: Back to the Future

Fresh Prince Episode: The one where Will goes out with a singer and she treats him like crap.

Smell: Vanilla Fields

Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups Magazine: Maxim

Who will win the NCAA

Tournament?: Probably Duke

Nighttime activity: Sleeping

MOVIE ONE-LINERS

Guess what movie each quote is from, then visit www.oakpostonline.com to see if you're right

1. "Is there something you'd like to share with the rest of us Amazing Larry?"
2. "You know the first thing they should've taught you at hooker school? You get the money up front!"
3. "I was just thinking what an interesting concept it is to eliminate the writer from the artistic process. If we could just get rid of these actors and directors, maybe we've got something here."
4. "You know what happens to nosy fellows? Huh? No? Wanna guess? Huh? No? Okay. They lose their noses."

A Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

Commuter Involvement Awards/Sidney Fink Memorial Awards

Applications for both are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Call 370-3352 for more information or see display ad elsewhere in this issue for specific details.

Student Leadership Opportunity!

Apply now for the position of Student Liaison to the OU Board of Trustees. Deadline is March 29, 2002. The liaisons attend all meetings of the OU Board of Trustees in order to represent student interests on university issues. Applications are available in 144 Oakland Center.

Volunteer Service Awards

Applications are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center for OU students and student organizations who have been involved in volunteer services both on and off campus. Up to 16 awards of \$500 each to individual returning students and up to 7 student organization awards of \$500 each are available. Winners will be announced at the Student Organization Awards Program in April. Call Dean of Students Office at ext. 3352 for more information. The deadline for both individual and group applications is Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Attention Seniors: Are you getting ready to graduate and just realized you don't know what you can do with your major? Come to the **Career Resource Center**, 154 North Foundation Hall, 370-3263. We can help you figure it out. No time to stop in? Just send us an email at crcoakland.edu, and we'll get you an answer.

Students planning to graduate from Oakland this **April, June or August** should consider attending the Spring '02 **Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF)**, to be held on **Friday, April 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia**. This event is a statewide job fair for graduating students and recent alumni of Michigan colleges and universities, and is one of the largest job fairs in the state (it is a biannual event, with the next one to be held on November 8, 2002). A list of employers currently scheduled to attend MCJF is available at **Placement & Career Services, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250)**, or by visiting the MCJF web site @ www.mcjf.org (where you will also find a list of majors along w/other pertinent information). Most majors will be represented at the MCJF, w/the exception of Medicine, Law and Education. **Advantage registration is \$10 (or \$20 at the door)**. More than 100 employers are expected to participate.

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Never worry about cash on campus again! Open a SpiritCa\$h account today and use your University ID Card to make purchases throughout campus! Already have an account? Making deposits into your existing account is fast and easy. Stop by the ID Card Office in 112 OC or mail in a check with your deposit envelope or use the value transfer station located on the southeast end of the OC by Starbucks! This station can also be used quickly to check your balance! For faculty and staff members, automatic payroll deduction is also available.

CAMPUS REC HAPPENINGS

Scuba—Winter 2002

- Discover Scuba (open to all—a chance to try it out), March 23rd, 5-7 PM. Scuba Classes, March 16th (4-8 PM) and 23rd (9 AM-8 PM)
- All scuba activities take place in the aquatic center. For questions or sign-up call Mike Rossi at (248) 370-4534.

All-Star Basketball

- All-star basketball season is going on and there are games Monday and Tuesday nights from 7-10 PM downstairs in the Rec Center at court 1 and 2. Bring your friends and watch the all-star basketball league.

Fitness Center—Winter 2002

- Massage Therapy**—Most individuals carry their stress in the upper back and shoulder areas that can cause headaches, muscle cramps and tension. Massage therapy might be just what you need! Hours are Monday and Wednesday, 2-7 PM and Saturdays by appointment. Low prices! Call 370-4910 for more information or to set up an appointment.

Placement & Career Services' Experiential Education Unit Thirty-minute information sessions are held twice a week in 158 West Vandenberg Hall for students interested in an internship, co-op or career-related position. Information about positions available, resumes, interviewing and how to use Experiential Education to find a position is presented. Coordinators are available to talk with students on a one-to-one basis after attendance at a session. The March schedule is: Monday, March 4, 2 PM, Thursday, March 7, 11 AM, Tuesday, March 12, 2 PM, Wednesday, March 13, 10 AM, Monday, March 18, 10 AM, Thursday, March 21, 4 PM, Tuesday, March 26, 11 AM and Wednesday, March 27, 3 PM.

This Week

Saturday, March 16

1-4 PM, **Campus Recreation Family Free Day** is the perfect opportunity for family and friends to enjoy a free day at the Rec Center. Activities will include swimming, table tennis, basketball, football toss, softball throw and arts and crafts. There will be prizes for everyone so bring the whole family and come to the Rec Center. Call 370-4732 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 22

7 PM, **Vandenberg Cafeteria**. RHP's Friday Night Live Winter 2002 Comedy Series presents Mike Super. Enjoy the magic of Siblings' Weekend with, what else, a magic show! The Magic of Mike Super is a highly visual, fast-paced comedy magic presentation guaranteed to amaze you! The show is refreshing, unique and uses 100% audience participation. Mike uses students right out of the audience. You won't just watch the magic, you will experience it. Free admission and refreshments.

Monday, March 25

3rd Annual Business Etiquette Dinner, 6-9 PM, **Gold Rooms, Oakland Center**. Presented by Placement & Career Services and EDS, in conjunction with the National Society of Black Engineers. Gourmet dinner at a fantastic price—\$10 for students (\$25 value).

CLASSIFIEDS

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Preschool director opening. An immediate need for part-time director of a new preschool. Must have background in Early Childhood or Elementary Education. Some experience in writing state licensing requirements and lesson plans needed. Completed degree not a requirement at this point. Please call Nanci at 248.814.1193

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Help Wanted: Clean cut reliable student with good driving record for summer outdoor work in Mount Clemens area. 6 days. \$300 - \$400 per week. 586.783.1577

JOBS

The Post needs a Circulation Manager ASAP! Pays \$30/week for 2-3 hours of work passing out papers on campus. Must have car! Call Cara at 248.370.4268.

Looking for Part-Time Babysitter. Providing 10-15 hours a week during the work day (2 days/week). Great pay. West Bloomfield home with 2 boys ages 3 years and 1. 248.851.3493

OU Student wanted for part-time secretarial work in West Bloomfield law office. Good atmosphere and pay. Please fax resume and days / hours available to Mr. Sherman. 248.539.5360

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Madness hits Grizzlies

By Brendan Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

It's only fitting that the Big Dance should take place in the Music City.

In OU basketball's first trip to the NCAA national tournament, the 16th-seeded women will square off against the top-seeded Vanderbilt Commodores in the first round of the Midwest region, to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday.

The task ahead is a tough one for the Golden Grizzlies who must face Vanderbilt's overall record of 27-6.

Vanderbilt won eight out of its last nine games, and captured its first SEC title since 1995.

OU earned an automatic berth into the Big Dance by winning the Mid-Con conference tournament championship and currently have a record of 17-13.

The Golden Grizzlies have a record of 1-3 against teams ranked in the top-25, with the one win coming in a 77-71 victory over Colorado State, ranked 16th in the country at the time. OU hopes to capitalize on its experiences against high-level competition.

"We're ready for that kind of competition," said Coach Beckie Francis. "It's not going to be intimidating. It's not going to be surprising. We just know that we have to play really good defense, and play almost a perfect game."

"It helps that we know we've gone up against (top-ranked competition) already," senior forward Sarah Judd said.

"I don't think we'll be scared. We'll have our



DANCE TO THE MUSIC: Katie Wolfe (33), Amanda Batcha (50) and Romica Clint celebrate after defeating Oral Roberts enroute to an NCAA tournament bid.

confidence because we'll know what to expect."

Players, coaches and supporters gathered in the O'rena Sunday to watch the selection show special on ESPN, which announced the Golden Grizzlies' seeding and opponent.

After having a couple days to enjoy the tourna-

ment berth, capping the celebration off with a party, it's back to work for players and coaches.

"Starting tomorrow right before practice, we're going to go back to what we were doing down in Fort Wayne," Francis said. "We were on another level in terms of our focus and our dis-

cipline. We're going to do the same thing and see if we can ride this out a little bit further."

In both men's and women's NCAA basketball tournament history, only once has a number 16 seed pulled off an opening round upset of their first seeded opponent. In 1998, Harvard

stunned Stanford University 71-67.

OU will once again have to deal with the lack of size that has troubled the team all season. Vanderbilt's starting center Chantelle Anderson stands 6'6" and is also the Commodores' leading scorer, averaging 20.6 points per game.

However, OU has overcome that obstacle before, most recently against Valparaiso center Marious Nieuwveen in the Mid-Con tournament championship game.

"All year we've played teams that are taller than us," junior guard Katie Wolfe said. "We've all got to crash (the boards) and really concentrate on boxing them out."

In OU's 17 victories this season, opponents have been held to an average of 55 points per game.

"Defense has been our key all year," said Wolfe. "If we go out and hold tight, we'll be happy."

A team effort on offense will be necessary if the Grizzlies are to challenge the Commodores.

"(Vanderbilt) is going to be trying to do something to shut down Judd," Francis said. "Everybody else can step up. They've all stepped up throughout the year."

"We have everything to gain, nothing to lose," said senior guard Lori Kipp.

OU's first round matchup against Vanderbilt will take place at 8:36 p.m. WXOU will broadcast the game, as will Jon Bloom over the net through www.ougrizzlies.com.

If the Grizzlies win, they will play again in Nashville on Monday.

Coach, fans look to future with hope

Ending of season, era should not overshadow accomplishments

By Chad Mack
THE OAKLAND POST

With the end of another men's basketball season comes the usual fan creed, 'wait 'til next year.' That is precisely what the Grizzlies must do.

After finishing the season 17-13, and suffering an early first round exit in the Mid-Con tournament, OU finds itself back at the drawing board.

But don't feel sorry for this team and its five seniors. They had a good run. They helped put this school on the map with huge victories over interstate rivals U-M and UDM.

"If you look at what (the five seniors) did you would be scratching your head saying, 'this is pretty amazing,'" said head coach Greg Kampe.

"When that horn went off (at the Mid-Con tournament) that era ended. The transition was officially completed. They got their one opportunity (to make it to the NCAA tournament). It didn't work out the way we wanted it to, but that's not to say anything negative. We just got beat in a game we probably should have won. You have to tip your hat to them and say this is pretty amazing."

In its first year of eligibility in NCAA Division I, OU won the regular season championship. This season OU tied for second in the conference with Oral Roberts.

"If you would have told me before the season started that we would get 17 wins with the schedule we were playing, I would have taken it at that time," said Kampe.

"We had some great wins this year, the kids really played well. Now we've got to take the next step."

Even though the Grizzlies are losing five seniors, the future still looks bright for next year.

The second leading scorer in the Mid-Con will be back next season. Mike Helms is a sophomore guard and still has two more years of eligibility.

This season was also beneficial to sophomore center Jordan Sabourin. Sabourin started almost every out-of-conference game this season. His intensity picked up, and he averaged 16 minutes and four points a contest.

Sophomore Kelly Williams will also be returning along with his four rebounds a game average.

Some of the biggest contributors to next year's team may come from the bench and from other schools. Courtney Scott is a transfer from Iowa and Rawle Marshall is a transfer from Ball State.

"(Marshall) is really, really gonna help us," said Kampe. "Defensively he's gonna be a real force. He's gonna help us rebound, which has been our Achilles heel since we've been in Division I."

"We have the potential to be a great offensive rebounding team as athletic and strong as we are."

Both players were forced to sit out this season due to a mandatory one-year adjustment imposed by the NCAA on transfer students. Scott will also miss the first five games of next season because of the transfer.

"(Scott) is a tremendous talent," said Kampe. "He's been very good in practice. He's got a lot of leadership qualities."

"Losing all the seniors, that'll be a void in our team, and we need somebody to come in and (fill it)."

The Golden Grizzlies' depart-



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: Sixth-year senior Dan Champagne makes a lay-up in the Mid-Con tournament loss to IUPUI this year. Champagne leaves OU first in career field goal percentage (.623).

ing seniors combined to average 64 percent of the minutes logged per game this year.

OU's expectations for next season are high due to the incoming recruiting class and transfers, but the loss of experience will help to keep hopes in check.

"We're really excited about the

future," Kampe said. "I do think we have to temper it a little bit, because we're losing a lot of minutes and a lot of experience. You can't understand how important that is."

"We may be a little bit of a loose cannon early, until people settle into their roles."



Randy
Dudek

Assistant Sports
Editor

New kid on
the writer's
block

As the new assistant sports editor, I was all set to make a big splash with my first column.

Here I was, all set to tell a sports story that was going to make the reader laugh, cry, love me and hate me all within the opening paragraph. To be humble, it was going to be the best column since the invention of the sports section.

Then tragedy struck. I opened my handy-dandy word processor, cracked my knuckles, put my fingers on the keyboard and ... nothing. All I could do was stare at the blank page.

Writer's block had reared its ugly head. The scourge of the columnist. Oh well. Might as well write an 'about me' column. It may not win me any awards, but if nothing else it just might fill some space.

I was a 1994 graduate of the Mecca of sports journalism that is Madison Heights Lamphere High School, where I played every sport imaginable for just one season. Swimming, tennis, basketball...

Okay, I admit it, it's a bit of a stretch to say that I played these sports. I was merely a team member. I actually got a varsity letter in pine-riding.

But being a bench warmer in so many different sports has given me a sort of insight as to how sports work. How they should be played, how they shouldn't be played.

I have the sports knowledge to break these games down from the inside, and I can say this for all of my coaches, I wouldn't have played me either.

Hockey is my sport of choice these days. I play goalie in a beer league, and I'm actually pretty decent for somebody who has only been ice-skating for four years. I equate the pressure of having frozen rubber flying at my head at 90 miles an hour to the pressure of having to write a column on deadline day.

Wait a minute. That's a really bad example to use right now, isn't it? Back to filling space.

As a native Detroiter, I follow all of the local sports teams. The NBA isn't my bag, baby, but I do follow the Pistons from the box scores. I live and die with the Red Wings and the Lions.

I have to admit that I've been a New York Yankee fan long before they started their recent winning ways, although I am looking forward to the day when Major League Baseball puts a professional franchise in Detroit.

This is my second go-around at OU, and while I truly believe that "Pioneers" was a better nickname than the Golden Grizzlies, just about everything else about the sports department has changed for the better.

Gone are the days when local competition consisted of Spring Arbor and the Northern Ohio School for the Athletically Challenged. Today OU competes with Michigan State and UD-M.

I had to have been the happiest non-student or alum when the Grizz beat Michigan in hoops two years ago.

I'm curious how many other schools have ever sent two teams to NCAA tournaments in their first year of eligibility.

I hope to see OU continue to grow in its athletic endeavors over the next few years, and I'm glad that I'm getting a chance to be a part of it. Writer's block be damned.

Randy Dudek is the assistant sports editor for The Post. Send comments to rebshockey@yahoo.com



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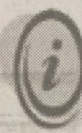
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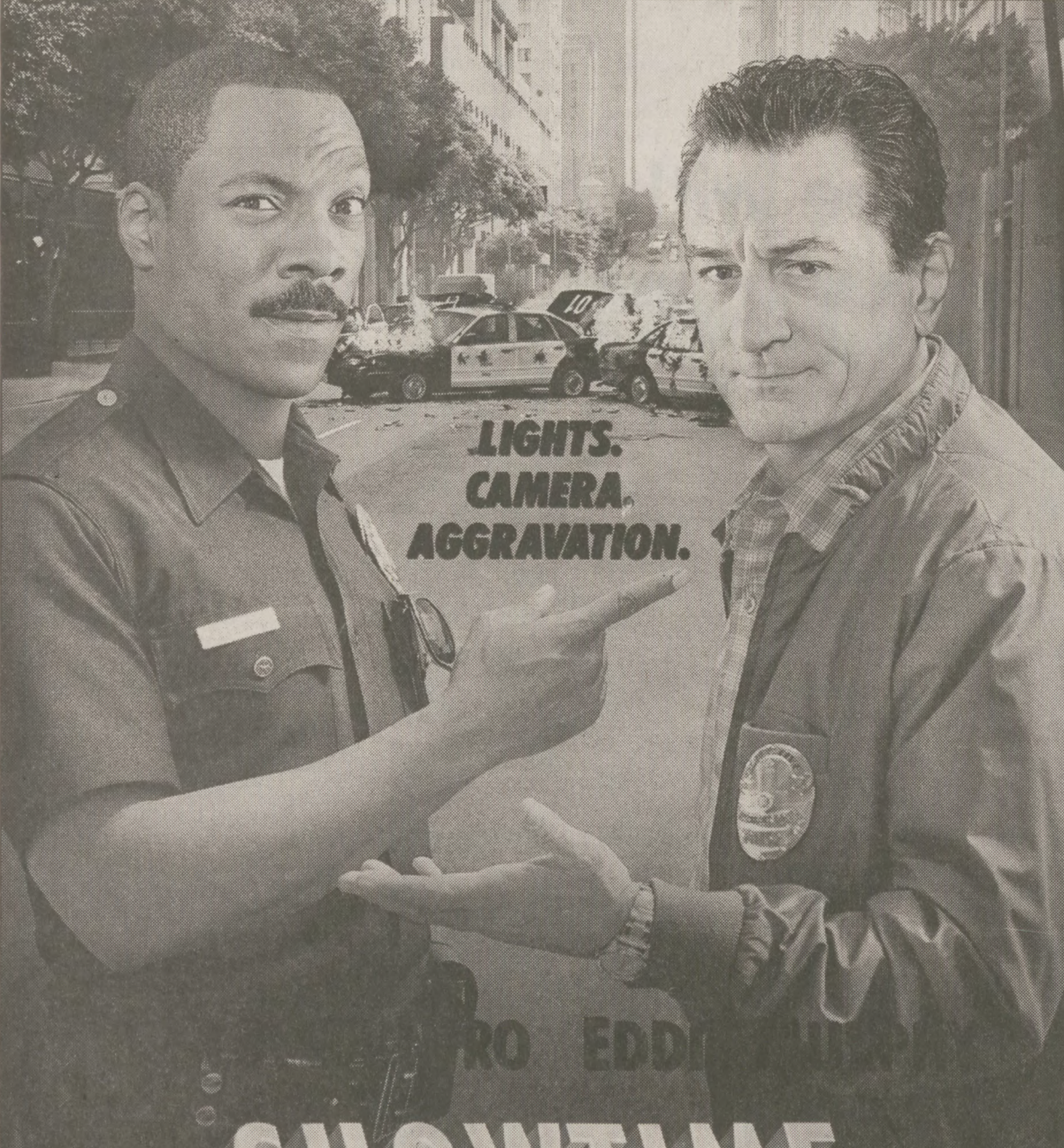
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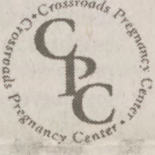
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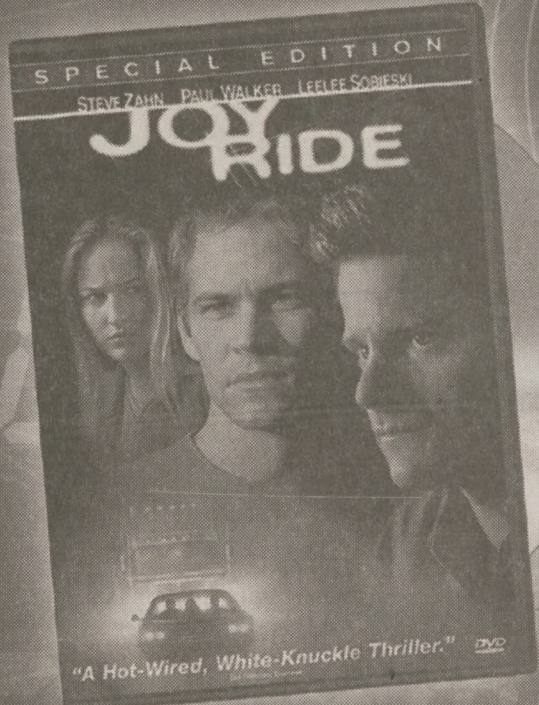
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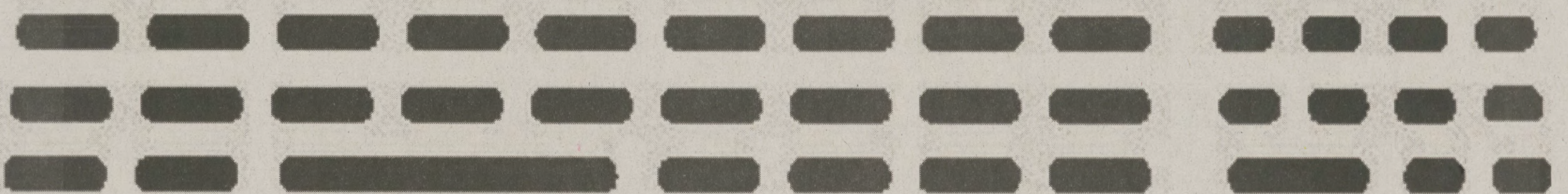
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DIA exhibit honors work of black artist

By Laurie Puscas
THE OAKLAND POST

The Detroit Institute of Arts' latest exhibit, "Over the Line, The Art and Life of Jacob Lawrence" is an exhibit commemorating the life and struggles of African Americans.

The exhibit begins with paintings depicting life in Harlem during the Great Depression and continues with The Migration Series, which shows the migration of African Americans toward the north. Also, exclusive to the Detroit Institute of Art, is the series "The Life of John Brown," a controversial abolitionist.

Lawrence's paintings are generally the same size, about 18 by 29 inches. The colors are vibrant and the style is a balance between abstract and figurative.

"He uses a very sparse, understated style, yet the message hits you over the head," said Pam Marcil, DIA Public Relations. "There is a sense of excitement in his work."

The exhibit title "Over the Line," refers to a technique used by Lawrence. He would first draw detailed lines on his painting surface then apply paint over them.

In an abstract sense, the title refers to historical situations and the social climate throughout Lawrence's life. In the series "Harriet and the Promised Land," Harriet Tubman is depicted crossing the border into Canada.

Lawrence had to overcome barriers and limitations throughout his life. In doing so, he often stepped over the line, according



to the DIA exhibit.

As a child he lived in foster homes for three years in Philadelphia, while his mother worked and saved money in New York City. In 1930, at the age of 13, he and his two siblings joined their mother and moved into an apartment in Harlem.

He attended school and a community day-care program while his mother worked. It was in

day-care that Lawrence received his first instruction in art by Charles "Spinky" Alston.

His early paintings depict life in Harlem during the depression. He painted street scenes showing rows of apartment buildings. He portrayed the busy street life with markets, peddlers, cars and buses.

He also painted scenes inside the apartments. Home Chores



OVER THE LINE: (Left) Jacob Lawrence's "Vaudville," 1951. (Above) "During World War I there was a great migration north by southern African Americans," 1942.

shows a woman at a sink washing dishes. He saw how his mother struggled to work and earn a wage and then came home tired to care for and raise the three children.

In 1941 he became the first African American artist to be represented by a major gallery. The "Migration of the Negro" series was exhibited at New York's Downtown Gallery.

Lawrence voluntarily entered Hillside Hospital in Queens, New York in 1949 to be treated for depression. He stayed for four months and

returned for another seven-month stay in 1950. During this time his paintings are noticeably different.

He uses a very sparse, understated style, yet the message hits you over the head

Pam Marcil
Public Relations Director
Detroit Institute of Arts

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ment buildings painted in yellow and red with black and red fire

"In the Garden," shows three patients working in a garden. The colors are lighter, the scene is busy, and the foliage is wispy and wild looking. Intermingled are insects and skull and brain-like forms.

"Slums" looks like a white window frame. Inside are flies, roaches and a mousetrap with a mouse hanging from it. Outside are endless apartment buildings painted in yellow and red with black and red fire

escapes.

The paintings "Typists," "Radio Repairs," "Tools" and "Builders" all portray the various trades that were being learned in the north. "The Seamstress" shows a woman using a sewing machine.

The Jacob Lawrence exhibit is an opportunity to experience an artistic and pictorial recording of significant moments in history.

A special event preview of the exhibit was held February 21. Appearances were made by newly elected mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and representatives of exhibition's sponsors ExxonMobil, At&T and Comerica.

"People love it," said Marcil. More than 1,500 DIA members attended the Friday and Saturday preview, according to Marcil. Since then, attendance has been low.

"Not the numbers that we hoped for," she added.

The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C organized the exhibit.

ExxonMobil made the national tour possible. A grant from the National Endowment for the Arts also helped support the tour.

In Detroit, the exhibition is sponsored by Comerica Inc. and AT&T. Additional support was provided by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the City of Detroit.

"Over the Line: The Art and Life of Jacob Lawrence" will be running through May 19 at the DIA. The DIA is located on Woodward just north of Warren. Parking is available in the rear of the building off Farnsworth.

Old man lusts after young woman in Bunuel's swan song

By Patrick Labadie
LIFE EDITOR

The story of Bunuel's final film, "That Obscure Object of Desire," is ridiculously simple. Man falls in love with woman. Man spends rest of film trying to bed woman.

The story was adapted from the French novel, "The Devil is a Woman" by Pierre Louys and was filmed previously in 1935 as "The Devil is a Woman" by Josef von Sternberg.

The film begins at a train station in Spain with a middle aged man dumps a bucket of water on a woman. "Better to dump water on her that kill her," he explains to the other passengers.

The man, Mathieu (Fernando Rey) tells the passengers in his compartment (including a midget psychologist) that she was what he calls "the worst woman in the world."

The story is structured as a series of vignettes, in which Mathieu, the middle-aged Romeo chases lustfully after a much younger woman (Carole Bouquet and Angela Molina).

However, in a stroke of genius, Bunuel uses two separate actresses to portray the same character. The dual character emphasizes the dual nature of her personality. The actresses are not used systematically, but interchanged randomly. In addition it reveals that Mathieu is blinded by his own passion not noticing that the woman he loves is

actually two different people.

Each vignette consists of Mathieu wooing his young maiden Conchita (his "obscure object of desire").

When Mathieu first meets Conchita she is working as a maid. He arranges a date, which falls through after she disappears without a trace.

Throughout the rest of the film, she continues to run into him by chance, but defends herself by claiming that she was a virgin and wanted to remain that way. Conchita comes to define the term "mood swing." At one moment, she is warm and loving toward Mathieu and the next she morphs into a raging bitch. In one vignette, she even stages a scene where she makes love to another man right in front of Mathieu's eyes.

He will go to no end to obtain the sweet love of Conchita. He tries everything: kindness, gifts, money, and, by the end of their numerous encounters, violent rage.

The story is peppered with terrorist attacks that are going on all around them. The two lovers seems immune from danger.

However, the film closes on an explosion, a fitting image for a relationship marked by turmoil.

The film becomes somewhat of a farce once the audience realizes

that he will never get any of Conchita's sweet thing. The psychological cat and mouse interaction all seems to be part of Conchita's plan to dominate Mathieu. Regardless of the pains he goes through for her it seems that she'll always come



Photo courtesy of Rialto Pictures

WHY DON'T WE HIT THE SACK: Conchita (Carole Bouquet) and Mathieu (Fernando Rey) share a moment together in Luis Bunuel's "That Obscure Object of Desire." The film deals with the sexual politics that go on in many relationships.

up with something new to fend him off. One is almost tempted to root for the cagey old guy after he's denied gratification time after time.

Bunuel's film deals masterfully with the sexual politics that go on in relationships. A man willing to provide material good to win a woman's love and a woman who will never be satisfied.

Dark comedy stems from Mathieu's multiple failed attempts at consummation of his relationship with Conchita.

The film was Bunuel's swan song. It closed the book on a body of worked largely unrivaled in the history of cinema. Starting in 1928 with the surrealist art film "Un Chien Andalou," Bunuel, a Spaniard, later made such classics as

"Los Olvidados," "Belle de Jour" and the "Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie."

"That Obscure Object of Desire" is showing exclusively at 7:30 p.m. on Mon. March 18 at the Detroit Film Theater. Contact the box office at 313.833.3237 for ticket information. The Detroit Film Theater is located on Woodward just north of Warren.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON...

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World-renowned magician David Copperfield will give performances at 8 p.m. on March 15-17 at the Fox Theatre. Copperfield's brand of magic has brought the world of magic to its knees in awe. Tickets are available by charge at 248.645.6666 or at the Fox Box Office at 248.433.1515.

Half Baked

Comedian Dave Chappelle brings his stand-up comedy tour "The Dave Chappelle Experience" to Ann Arbor at 8 p.m. on April 25 at the Michigan Theater. Chappelle has appeared in films such as "Half Baked," "Nutty Professor," as well as being a stand-up veteran taking part in Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Scratch the surface

All true heads will be in attendance to see the skills of turntablist crew the X-Ecutioneers, including Rob Swift, Roc Raida, Mista Sinista and Total Eclipse. It all goes down at 8 p.m. on Wed., April 24 at St. Andrew's Hall. Oakland-based The Coup will be the openers. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

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