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NEWS edge

• A forum on race relations in the residence halls will take place from 7-8 p.m. on Monday in the Hamlin Lounge. The discussion will be led by Dr. Kevin Early, Professor Shea Howell, and the Diversity Ambassadors.

• Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, Professor Emerita of History at Rutgers University will present "In Search of the Invisible Africans" at noon on Friday in the Gold Rooms of the OC. The lecture will be followed by an afternoon seminar at 3 p.m. in 204 O'Dowd Hall.

• Graham Health Center is seeking mentors for the PAUSE program, to introduce incoming freshman to a fun, sober campus life. Call the counseling center at 248.370.3465 or stop by to get an application.

• The women of OU are sponsoring a campus wide paper product drive for the Haven shelter. Items will be collected through March 19 and can be dropped off in the 100 O'Dowd, 221 Varner, 248 Dodge Hall, or 205 Wilson.

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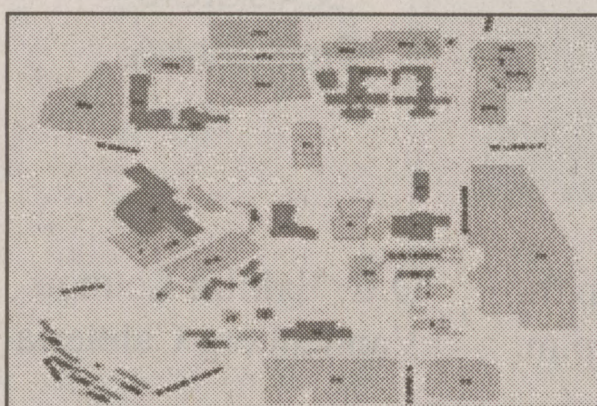
Parking study uncovers need for expansion

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

After considering all research, suggestions and surveys, Walker Parking Consultants presented a list of recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning OU's parking problem at its Feb. 28 meeting.

These included retaining an open parking system, financing new parking by raising the general service fee or higher credit hour fees, and converting the Oakland Center parking lot into visitor parking. They also suggested that a resurfacing and repainting project be implemented to existing parking lots, as well as an effective snow removal plan to maximize parking in the winter.

Walker also identified six possible locations for the construction of a parking structure, the most favorable



CRUISING FOR A SPOT: Map of the campus with parking lots. Light grey areas are parking lots.

and cost efficient being near the Recreation Center and the Science and Engineering Building.

An ad hoc parking committee, chaired by Greg Kampe, men's basketball coach, was formed last year by the campus master planning task force and was given the responsibilities of evaluating long-term parking needs, review options for financing any parking improvements, and research parking at other institutions.

The committee worked with Walker to conduct a

PARKING continues on A5

Professors, dept. face criticism of APM 541

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Math classes are often the target of student complaints. Gripes heard focus on language barriers with instructors and a "arrogance" of the faculty towards students learning in the classroom.

This dispute came to a head in January when Dean of the School of engineering Michael Polis was fired, in part, because of an evolving dispute over a graduate level engineering class taught by the math department.

Last December, when Polis threatened to create a specific engineering course as a substitute for APM 541, he was doing so after complaints from students and a DaimlerChrysler executive.

In response to the criticism, The Post made a Freedom of Information request for Polis' email transactions as well as the course

evaluations for APM 541.

Part one of this two part series focuses on the course evaluations for the course. Part two will follow next week.

Some students who have taken the APM 541 class in the past have lodged a campaign to try to get their complaints aired and, hopefully, some bugs worked out of the syllabus.

Numerous engineering students sent letters to Polis requesting that the class be evaluated.

After Polis was fired, some sources said that he had been sending internal emails regarding the math department and OU to per-

sons outside of the university. This, Polis has maintained since the start, is not true. After examining his email, this accusation was proven false.

The emails that Polis collected from students before his resignation pointed out a number of complaints students had with the course.

Some complaints included short professor office hours, poor communication skills, incomplete teaching methods and avoidance of answering questions.

For the most part, students were angered by the increased difficulty of the class due to the poor communication skills of some of the professors and also

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"We don't sit here in a corner and invent the course."

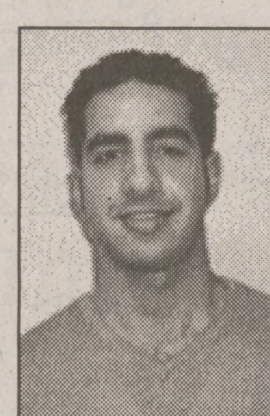
Marc Lipman
Chair of Mathematics

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Elections near, 3 pairs running

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

This week is campaign week for the OUSC elections, and candidates have been pasting their flyers all over campus. This year, there are three candidates for student body president, along with their running mates on the ballot. The candidates announced their platforms this week.



Derek Dickow

Dickow and Saveski

Presidential candidate Derek Dickow and his running mate Vesna Saveski's main concern is to establish a name for OU.

"We plan on taking the social status of Oakland to a new level by working with licensees and encouraging community involvement in OU events," stated Dickow.

For over a year, Dickow has been working with Greg Kampe, chair of the campus task force parking committee, and is the only student representative on that committee. The parking problem is also one of Dickow and Saveski's main concerns.

"We believe it should never take more than 15 minutes to find a place to park," Dickow wrote in his official platform statement.

In addition, Dickow and Saveski are planning to address the difficulty students have experienced with the mathematics program at OU, as well as continue to obtain course evaluations from professors.

Dickow and Saveski are looking to begin a program where statewide politicians can participate in a fireside lounge forum once a month to keep students updated on issues and expose students to politics. Monthly public forums for students to voice their opinions on any topic affecting OU are also in their plan.

Finally, they would like to increase Kresge library's resources.

"Our aim is to improve the overall quality and quantity that Kresge library can offer to students," Dickow stated.

Langley and Ewald

Candidates Kim Langley and Justin Ewald would like to increase student involvement and communication on campus. Langley is proposing to have a student organization newsletter, where organizations would be able to share their upcoming events with each other, as well as provide information to students interested in joining an organization.

As for student involvement, Langley and Ewald think it is important for students to attend more theater and athletic events to raise OU school spirit.

"We would like to offer students a chance to win free tickets to all of these wonderful events on campus," Langley stated.

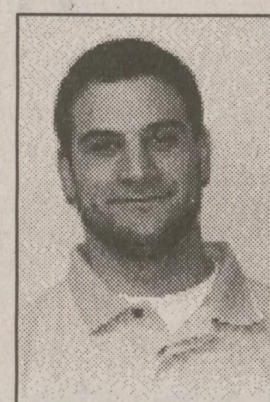
In addition, Langley and Ewald want to continue to make improvements to OUSC, including a revamp of the OUSC constitution and bylaws, an expansion of the OUSC scholarship, and an online addition to the book swap.

Finally, Langley and Ewald plan to attend different meetings on campus as representatives of the student body.

"We want the administration to hear the student's views and concerns on various issues that affect the future of OU," stated



Kim Langley



Tim Whiting

Langley, Whiting and Heck

Presidential candidate Tim Whiting and running mate Cory Heck plan to address student concerns like parking and the high costs of Aramark.

"Although we are familiar with the recent contract signed with Aramark to keep them on campus longer, we are willing to take any actions that will either help to reduce the charges that Aramark imposes or to bring another company in to help the students," Whiting stated.

In addition, Whiting and Heck want to increase student involvement on campus and do anything they can to help the growing number of stu-

ELECTION continues on A5

Election voting times and dates:

• 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday

March 20

in the OC by the O'Dowd Hall exit and

5-7 p.m. in Vandenberg Cafeteria

• 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday

March 21

in the Fish Bowl in SFH and 1:30-7 p.m. in the OC by

O'Dowd Hall entrance

• 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday

March 22 in OC by O'Dowd Hall entrance and 5-7 in Elliot

Debates:

• Noon-1 p.m., Friday March 16 Fireside Lounge



GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS: President of the Swing Dance Society Anton T. Botoson and Lynn Bieszki, of Student Program Board have organized this year's Spring Swing.

Dancers swing to OU Students learn moves, put on their zoot-suits

By Mike Savage
THE OAKLAND POST

Spring is here, or at least is supposed to be, and in a few weeks some swingers will be celebrating the end of the long winter by putting on zoot-suits and 1940s varsity sweaters and bouncing and spinning into the new season.

The second annual Spring Swing is happening from 7-11:30 p.m., March 24 in the gold rooms, OC.

The president of the Swing Dance Society Anton T. Botoson and Lynn Bieszki, of Student Program Board have organized the event.

The Rhythm Society Orchestra will be playing at the Spring Swing. It is a 16-piece big band that is known nationwide, said Botoson.

Some of the members have played with well-known swing musician Benny Goodman and other jazz legends.

If you don't know how to swing dance yet, don't worry. There will be

free lessons on Thur., March 15 and Wed. March 21.

The lessons are at 7:45 p.m. in the Vandenberg Cafeteria.

Some of the best instructors in the Midwest will be teaching, Botoson said. There will also be a lesson on the night of the dance from 7-8 p.m. in the gold rooms.

Learning to swing well enough for the dance shouldn't be a problem, Botoson said. "Within an hour everyone can do it." Over 130 people attended the Swing Thing in the fall and 270 tickets are on sale for this event.

"Everybody likes to dance with everybody." If this sounds like something interesting, then raid your grandparent's closet and hit the thrift shops because Botoson said the older the clothes the better.

Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for guests. They are on sale at the CSA window in the O.C. or at the door on the night of the dance.

VOTE!

Oakland University Student Congress Elections

On the ballot:

Student Body President/Vice-President
Legislators
Proposal A

March 20

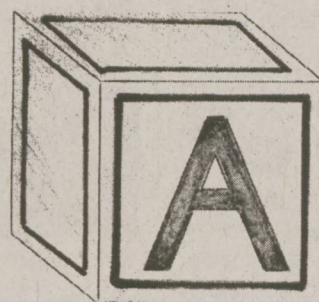
8 a.m.—4 p.m. O.C. Exhibit Lounge
5 p.m.—7 p.m. Vandenberg Cafeteria

March 21

8 a.m.—1 p.m. South Foundation Hall (Fish Bowl)
1:30 — 7 p.m. O.C. Exhibit Lounge

March 22

8 a.m.—4 p.m. O.C. Exhibit Lounge
5 p.m.—7 p.m. Eliot Hall (B.I.T.)



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ON ELECTION DAYS—MARCH 20, 21, 22.**

CRIME watch

•Early Sunday morning, police were called to the P-5 lot behind

Vandenberg Hall where a student found her car windows smashed in.

Throughout the night and next day, police received and investigated approximately 20 complaints of broken windows and missing personal items from parked cars in the lot. Missing from the vehicles were CDs, loose change, sunglasses and even a personal CD player. One student reported that more than 100 CDs were taken from her vehicle.

Police spent the next day contacting students whose vehicles were broken into. Police have no suspects at this time. If anyone has further information on this case or saw it happening, please contact OUPD at x3331.

•A representative from the Wayne County Crisis Line called OUPD on Thursday to report that a female student living in Hill House was on the line and was contemplating suicide by taking pills. Police and the Head Resident went to her room where she stated that she was fine and just needed someone to talk to. Police found two bottles of pills in her room, which were all accounted for. She volunteered to go to the hospital and was transported to Crittenton Hospital by AMR.

•A larceny was reported to the OUPD on Thursday from Wallace's Book Store in the Oakland Center. An employee noticed a university phone missing from the tech desk in the middle of the store two days earlier. The manager of the store stated that she would talk to a suspect the next day.

•A female student went to the police on Thursday complaining of a suspected stalker. She reported to police that she has a class with him and that he has asked her out on dates several times. Last week, the man handed her a four page letter stating that he has broken up with his girlfriend because of her, and that she reminds him of his mother. He also said in the letter that he had made eye contact with her in the parking lot and that "he has not had eye contact with somebody like that in a long time." The female student requested that police talk to the male, which they did, and he agreed to leave her alone.

OUSC tastes change in funding

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

The smell of pizza filled the room at OU Student Congress' Monday meeting as hungry congress members tasted OU's possible replacement for Pizza Hut.

Eleanor Reynolds, OUSC's liaison to Aramark, brought a representative from Noble Roman's Pizza in to pitch his product to congress and of course, let students have a free sample. Noble Roman's is Aramark's first choice as a replacement for Pizza Hut, and from members reaction to the taste testing, they agree.

"I thought it was very good and not greasy at all. There were more toppings on it and, overall, it just had a better taste than Pizza Hut's pizza," said Kelly Cole, OUSC Administrative Assistant.

The main difference between Noble Roman's and Pizza Hut is that the former would have a much wider selection of food. In addition to personal pizzas and breadsticks, Noble Roman's would offer large pizzas, BBQ wings, spicy wings, lasagna and fettuccini alfredo. Its personal pizzas would be 7 inches, as opposed to Pizza Hut's 6 inch pizza, for the same price.

Reynolds said that if OUSC gives positive feedback about Noble Roman's, the switch will most likely be made.

"I think it's a great change and a great opportunity to get more variety in the food court," Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer said. "I'm glad Congress has had the opportunity to work with this committee to better student services."

In other action, OUSC also introduced the bill that would give \$10,000 of OUSC's surplus to the Student Allocations Funding Board. The money, if donated, would cover SAFB for its next two weeks of student organization allocations.

As for the remainder of the semester, organizations may not get their allocations if forms weren't turned in early. According to Vesna Saveski, Student Allocations Funding Board Chair, SAFB had always encouraged allocation forms to be turned in early since the money goes out on a first come, first serve basis.

"This is another highlight of why we need to raise the Student Activity Fee," Saveski said.

"We're lucky that Congress was able to financially support SAFB when they ran out of funds," Kochenderfer said. "But I



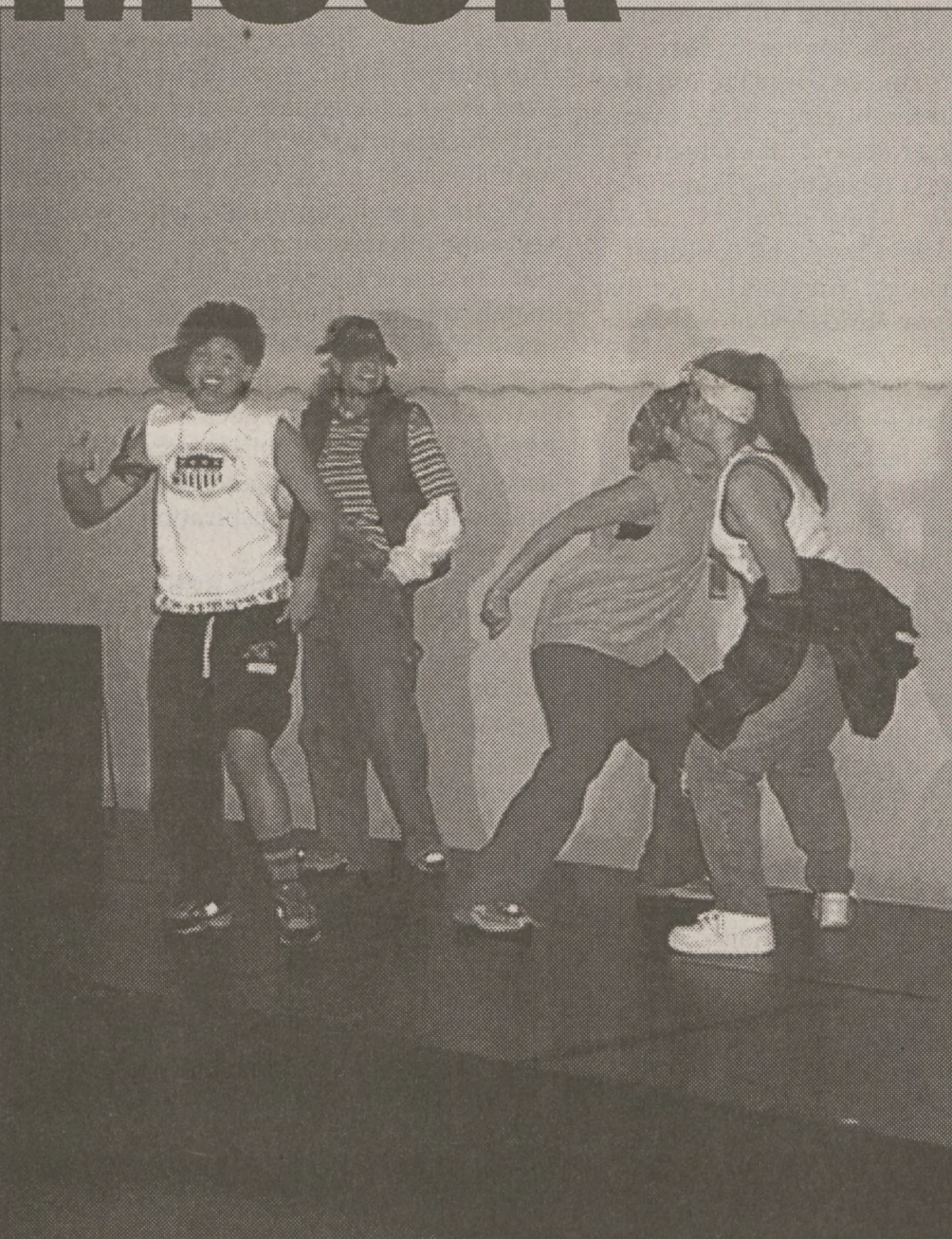
PIZZA TO GO: OUSC held a taste test at their meeting on Monday of Noble Roman's, a possible business to replace the existing Pizza Hut in the Pioneer Food Court.

don't know what the future holds if Proposal A doesn't pass."

Saveski urged organizations to keep turning in allocations as early as possible.

Allocation forms can be turned into the OUSC office or the hanging files in the student organizations office. Contact Saveski at x4294 with any questions.

Mock talent



ROCKIN' THE NIGHT AWAY: In celebration of Greek Week, members of Alpha Delta Pi perform "Shoop" by Salt 'n' Pepa at Mock Rock on Monday night.

Nursing student awarded with national fellowship

By Angela D. Harris
THE OAKLAND POST

Leadership plus hard work, little sleep, a husband and two kids equals Heidi Kook-Willis, a sophomore nursing student and recent recipient of the Fuld Fellowship.

The Fuld Fellowship is a national honor in which only the best students of each nursing school can be nominated. Justine Speer, nursing professor, nominated Kook-Willis who was then required to answer six essay questions about leadership and nursing. She also had to write a personal essay statement and submit three letters of recommendation, including one from the Dean of Nursing.

"(Heidi) balances the roles of full time student, wife and mother with remarkable skill," said Speer. Once her application was submitted, Kook-Willis had to wait. After reviews of all the candidates, a member of a national selection committee contacted Kook-Willis and conducted a 15-minute phone interview. Kook-Willis was notified soon after that she had received the award along with only 19 other people from across the nation.

As a recipient of the Fuld Fellowship, Kook-Willis will be participating in leadership seminars in New York City, June 24-31. While there, Kook-Willis will also become connected with a professional mentor in Geriatrics, her nursing field of interest. She will attend a follow up seminar in Washington D.C. sometime in October. Both trips are paid for by the fellowship.

While traveling, Kook-Willis will abandon a tight and rigorous schedule. At age 32, she is a mother to Garrett, 5 and Haley, 3. Every morning Kook-Willis takes Haley to day-care and Garrett to school by 7 a.m. She then rushes to OU where she attends class from 8 a.m. until sometimes 2 p.m. Kook-Willis then hurries to pick up Haley and meet Garrett's bus by 3:30 p.m. At night she cooks dinner, works around the house and eventually puts the kids to bed. After all of that, Kook-Willis still has to do her homework.

Her husband Richard, an employee of General Motors, is Kook-Willis' biggest supporter. She says that she couldn't do it without his help.

Kook-Willis is also involved in the Student Nurses Association (SNA) of OU. She serves as the sophomore nursing class' representative and liaison. Recently, Kook-Willis was elected as a board member of the SNA, where she will be recruiting students and will become more involved with the national officers.

Not only is Kook-Willis involved at OU, she is also involved with the PTA at Brooklands Elementary School in Rochester. She is co-chair of the Health and Wealth Committee, which is responsible for volunteer organization and health related events at the school.

Kook-Willis says she is somewhat embarrassed with all of the attention that she has recently received from winning this award.

"It's not always easy but I have lots of support," she said.

Raise in fees equals growth in student activities

The next time you walk through the Oakland Center, take a close look at the banners you see hanging. Glance at the flyers that plaster the bulletin boards at every corner. You'll find evidence of a growing number of events on campus, all put on by our 100+ student organizations. These organizations form a basis for student life at OU and have enlivened activities outside of the classroom in recent years. On March 20, 21 and 22, students will decide the direction of this trend when they vote on Proposal A.

Proposal A would increase the Student Activities Fee by \$6. It currently stands at \$15 each fall and winter semester. The Student Activities Fee provides funding for all of the student organizations.

Not only do these organizations bring concerts, nationally renowned speakers, heavily discounted trips, the OU newspaper, radio station and many on campus events, but they also have funded scholarships, a computer lab, course evaluation listings, the Bookswap and other services that students of all interests can benefit from. There isn't just one segment of the OU community that takes advantage of the fee's uses. A vibrant and student-friendly campus has far reaching benefits to all students who attend.

However, the last time the fee was raised was in 1994. At that time, we had 73 registered student organizations on campus. Today,

the number is 107 and growing! And not only are there more members in these groups, they are also becoming more active and are putting on bigger events that attract larger student audiences.



Inflation has taken its toll on the fee's value. As a

result, funds for campus events have continued to run short for the past year. The Student Allocation Funding Board distributes all its available funds earlier each semester, cutting off our student organizations' potential. In fact, we've experienced the most drastic shortages this semester. Winter semester's funds were gone in February, not even halfway through the semester! Student Congress is currently working with

the allocation board to cobble together enough resources to get through April.

Such a situation seriously endangers the remarkable changes that OU has experienced in recent years. Student organizations have done a lot for the campus. The Men's Ice Hockey Club's participation in the Nationals and the heightening of OU's profile is one testimony to that. We need to continue supplying the resources that have fueled these changes. Proposal A would do that, raising the amount that all student organizations may allocate for each semester. It will also guarantee that new and innovative services have the resources they need to

FEES continues on A5

Editor's View

Math dept. takes heat for language barrier

When seniors leave OU they often reflect on the friends they've made, the experiences they've tallied and the professors who made a difference during their college years.

There are a lot of great professors at OU. The school boasts that classroom sizes average between 30-35 students and only 2 percent are taught by teaching assistants or graduate students. The ratio of students to professors is 18-1.

One department that has always received a lot of criticism for its teaching is the math department. Students often catch wind of the wide-spread urban legend within days of admission. We've all heard that math classes are impossible to pass, the professors don't care about students, most don't speak English very well or teach with their noses in a book.

The Post tried to uncover the truth behind all of the myths in an article this semester ("Legends of the Hall," Jan. 31).

After receiving phone calls and letters, we decided it was important to find out what students really think of Applied Mathematics 541, a graduate level requirement for all engineering students. The dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences lost his job, at least in part, because of this dispute.

Most students felt that such a difficult course was made even harder by the immense communication barrier. Some of the professors who teach the course primarily speak Chinese, making their accents and their understanding of English all the more troublesome.

Department chair Marc Lipman said that even though there are a lot of complaints about the language barrier in the math department, the success rate remains high.

Sure, not all students agree that OU's math department has major problems, just read this week's Letters to the Editor. In addition, most of the professors of mathematics at OU are fair and strive to pass students who are willing to do the work. But there may be a few bad apples spoiling the bunch.

OU has been fighting to open the campus to more diversity for decades, which is great. Minority student enrollment and the number of minority faculty members is increasing.

Whenever an institution tries to broaden its horizon, there is a cause and effect. If we were all a little more accepting of different types of people and tried harder to understand others, the problem would most likely lose its ground.

Moreover, these professors may be great mathematicians and engineers, but that does not automatically make them good teachers. To be a teacher takes more than just knowledge of material. It takes good communication skills as well.

Foreign students have to pass language proficiency tests before taking classes at OU.

Why shouldn't the professors and staff have to do the same?

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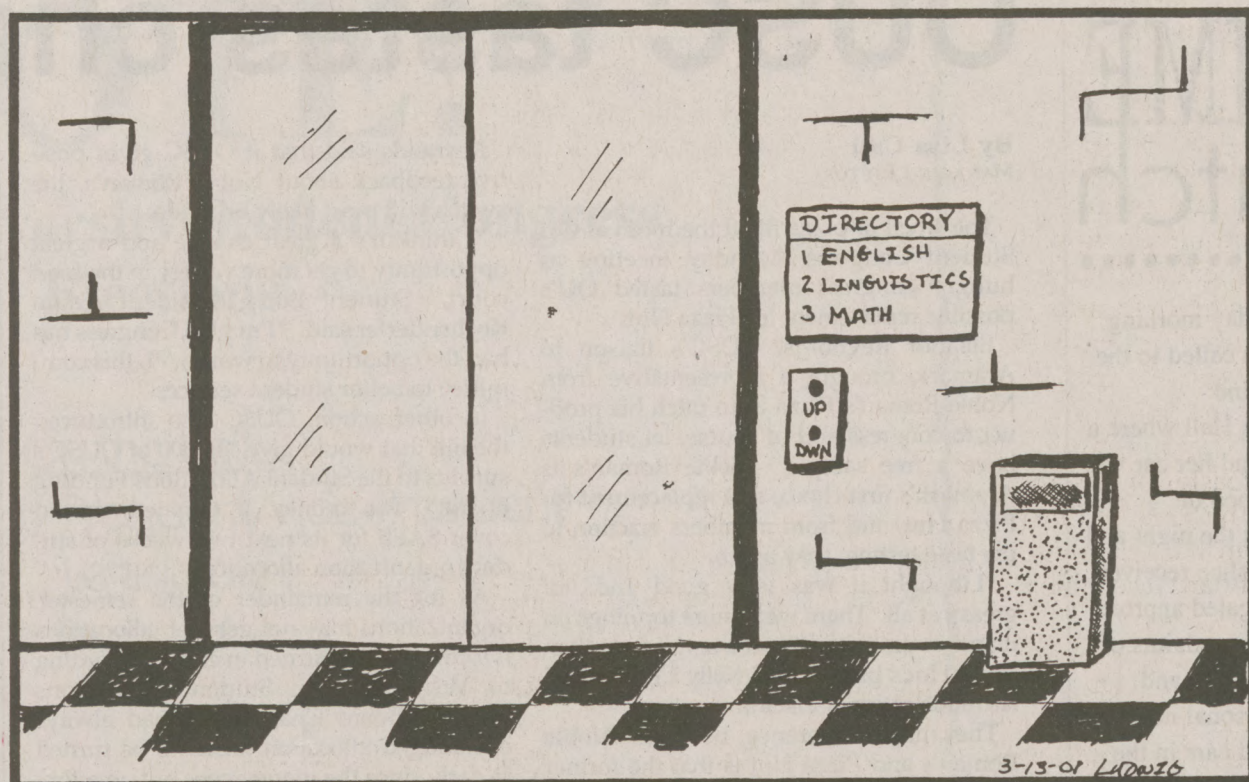
They said it

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Ill-luck, you know,
seldom comes alone.

- Miguel de Cervantes
Spanish Novelist

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In a perfect world, they would all be in the same building

Letters to the Editor

Letter Responses: religion at Keeper banquet

Dear Editor,
I'd like to respond to Tim Warner, who objected to professor Barry S. Winkler's concern over the use of Christian terminology in the invocation at the Keeper of the Dream Banquet ("Letters to the Editor" March 7).

Both sides have valid concerns, but the issue in my mind is not that religion was necessarily involved but that it was exclusively Christian religion.

How would any Christian at this university feel if he or she attended a public gathering and suddenly found the speaker formally calling upon Allah, Yahweh, Buddha, or the Lord and Lady?

It must be as intimidating to a Muslim, Jew, Buddhist, or Wiccan to be inundated by Christianity as it would be for a Christian to be suddenly submerged in the atmosphere of another religion, yet most don't realize that.

It must also be difficult for an Agnostic or Atheist to be inundated with these displays of faith. Also remember that Christians have a history of persecuting other religions - remember the Crusades and the Burning Times?

If our minds are closed to other faiths, such things could very easily happen again.

It is a sad day when we are reluctant to display our faith in public, but it is an even sadder day when we assume our faith is the only one - or the only one that matters.

Christ taught tolerance, and whether one believes he is the son of God or not, I hope Christ's example will be followed in that one way, if in any.

Jennifer Miller
Junior, computer engineering

Letter Response Cont.:

Dear Editor,
I would like to offer my support for my colleague professor Barry

Winkler who indicated his dismay at the invocation of Jesus Christ's name in prayer at the recent Keeper of the Dream Banquet.

It is not enough to cite Martin Luther King's Christian beliefs, as Tim Warner did, in response to Winkler as an adequate excuse for OU officials praying to Jesus at such a public event.

We are a public university and serve the interests of many who are not Christians and would legitimately question the value of an event limited to those of that faith.

King's legacy as a world figure, and as a national hero, goes well beyond his religious beliefs, regardless of what they were, and he is upheld as a source of inspiration to all people.

Inevitably, events at this institution reflect this institution and the imprimatur of one religious affiliation only serves to erode public trust in this event, its aims, and the integrity of an institution sustained by the taxpayers.

As a Christian I find it most disturbing that such an act of insensitivity would continue, and in doing so, can only serve to set us back when it comes to issues of tolerance, equity, and unity.

Sean Farrell Moran
Associate professor,
department of history

Student says math professors doing well

Dear Editor,
I am writing in regard to the "Graduate Student" who spoke out against the math department at OU ("Letters to the Editor" March 7).

I stand in total disagreement about the math department being too difficult, and I especially disagree with the part about the professors not caring about the education of their students.

Last semester, for MTH 154, I had Dr. Schmidt. His enthusiasm to teach was apparent and it was obvious that he wanted nothing more

than to see his students succeed in calculus. Since it is a "weed out" course, the subject matter was indeed difficult at times.

However, if a person can't handle CALC 1, then maybe he or she shouldn't be studying to be an engineer. In addition to this, I remember a couple of tests where students fell dangerously close to failing, in which case Dr. Schmidt curved the test drastically to make sure just about everyone passed.

If there was some ulterior motive that involved making students fail for profit, I'm quite sure there would be no curve. At the close of fall semester, there was a discrepancy concerning my final grade in the class and Dr. Schmidt was more than willing to go over it entirely if that was what I wanted to do.

This semester for MTH 155, I have professor Nachman. So far we have taken two tests and on both of them there was a 15 point adjustment factor (add 15 points to your score) and just like Dr. Schmidt, he too is a good instructor.

In regard to the "when I was a student" argument, one has to think that it holds some truth. After all, I don't think any of my professors were able to use graphing calculators.

Oh yeah, and mine does derivatives, integrals, and limits too. So on a test, even though I have to show work, I can still check my answer with my trusty TI-89 calculator, something I'm sure none of my professors could do with their slide rules.

One would think this line of reasoning would be clear to you, you being a graduate student.

Ryan Murdick
Junior, psychology and math

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take root within Student Congress and beyond.

The changes within Proposal A will also provide the Student Life Lecture Board with a specific percentage of the fee's revenue. The Student Life Lecture Board has brought nationally renowned speakers to campus, such as Jimmy Carter, Oprah Winfrey, and most recently, Kweisi Mfume. But funding for the program changes each year, resulting in a roller coaster of ups and downs for the Student Life Lecture Board. By guaranteeing this board a reliable source of funding, we can ensure a quality, consistent lecture series that all students can take advantage of.

The Student Activities Fee makes OU what it has

become and what it will be outside of the classroom. Resources are struggling to keep pace with student interests that continually expand at OU.

The next time you hear someone talking about a campus event, or use the cash you saved at the Bookswap, or pick up a few free scarves at the Congress office, or page through the campus newspaper, or get lunch from an event like Congress's BBQ last September, keep your \$6 in mind. Keep student life in mind.

I encourage you to vote "yes" on Proposal A on March 20, 21, and 22 in the Oakland Center and other locations. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at x4292 or email akochend@oakland.edu

PARKING

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parking study.

Walker, along with the committee, studied OU's current parking situation, created an online survey on the university website, and considered "demand characteristics" based on observations taken Sept. 20.

The study found that most parking complaints resulted from the distance between parking spots and student's final destinations as well as having to hunt for spaces. Other concerns included lack of designated parking.

When projecting future parking demands, Walker estimated that by 2005, the university will have a parking deficiency of 635 spots. In 2010, that number could possibly skyrocket to 1,490, and grow to a 2,317 deficiency by 2020, based on OU's growth projections.

After reviewing the more than 570 responses made to the online parking survey, 39 percent said there were too few parking spaces, 22 percent said the available spaces were too far away, and 13 percent of those

surveyed thought the bigger problem was finding those spaces.

The online survey collected opinions such as, "Better snow removal. When you can't see the spaces, space is wasted by erratic parking." One student added, "Resurfacing of existing lots so that the rough old asphalt is replaced with a smooth and even surface (would make parking easier)."

Students also offered their own solutions to the parking problem. "They should build a parking structure. The school could charge to park so that they can make a revenue. They can use that money to improve the library, curriculum, and to offer more classes," said Candace Ide, senior, communication.

"I don't want our campus paved over," said Laura Chaltry, junior, communication.

The parking committee was made up of faculty, staff and students. Walker was hired to evaluate OU's parking problems last fall. The BOT heard the Walker presentation last month and has not finalized any decisions as of yet.

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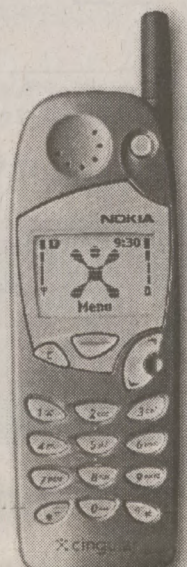
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ELECTION

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dent organizations prosper. They hope to increase participation in organizations like the Student Program Board so that better and larger acts can be brought to OU.

"Oakland University has great resources and it is our goal that they get used as much as possible," Whiting stated.

There will also be 11 OUSC legislators on the ballot for students to vote upon.

In addition to electing members of OUSC, students will have the chance to vote on the much hyped Proposal A.

Proposal A would increase the Student Activity Fee by \$6 in order to provide for the 107 student organizations on campus. The fee has not been raised since 1994, and at that time, OU had only 73 student organizations.

All three presidential candidates and their running mates support Proposal A.

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• **Friday, March 23, 7PM**-Vandenberg Cafeteria-RHP and RHC present John Bizzare, comedian. If you've ever seen any of John Bizzare's many television appearances (A&E, MTV, Showtime and Fox), you know he jumps right off the screen. He's doing it for you OU!! His performance will rock the house. **FREE** admission.

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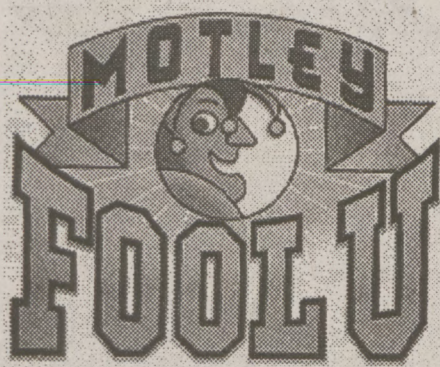
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EARLY MORTGAGE PAYOFF

Q. Does paying off my mortgage early make sense? I've heard it isn't a good idea, but I've also heard you can save a fortune in interest. -- R.M., via email

A. You can save a fortune in interest. The question is, what does that cost you?

You've probably heard all the arguments about the value of the mortgage interest deduction and how mortgage interest rates are lower than probable investing returns, yada, yada, yada. Obviously that hasn't convinced you. It hasn't convinced a lot of folks. So let's run a real-world scenario that doesn't even consider the mortgage interest deduction, assumes a moderately high interest rate (which would motivate one to pay the mortgage off faster), and assumes a mediocre return on invested dollars. In other words, we're stacking the deck in favor of paying the mortgage off early. Let's see what happens.

We'll compare two neighbors with identical mortgages of \$100,000 at 8% for 30 years. The scheduled payments are \$733 per month. Fred, at 601 Motley Drive, runs some numbers and finds that by paying an additional \$300 a month on his mortgage he can save over \$103,000 in interest and pay the house off in 13 years. That sounds almost too good to be true. He jumps all over that plan.

Philip, at 603 Motley Drive, never ran the numbers, he just made his mortgage payments as scheduled. He also put \$300 per month into a tax-efficient S&P 500 index fund that he read about on some website. He earns an average return on his index investment of 12.0% per year. (That's a smidge below the S&P 500's average return over the last 50 years and well below its average return over the last two decades.) At the end of 13 years, when Fred holds his mortgage-burning party, Phil's index fund account is worth \$111,000 -- several thousand more than what Fred saved in interest.

But now Fred can start putting \$1033 a month into savings, right? Putting \$1033 a month into an index fund for the next 17 years, and earning an average of 12.0% per year, gives Fred an account worth \$683,000 by the time Phil makes his last mortgage payment. Nice.

But... wait a minute. Phil kept socking away his paltry \$300 a month. By the time his house is paid off, his investment account has grown to over \$1,048,000. Both guys own their houses free and clear, both have paid out exactly the same amount every month for 30 years, but Phil comes out way ahead.

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Colleges combat binge drinking

By Michael Hoskins
LOCAL EDITOR

St. Patrick's Day is a time of traditions like four-leaf clovers, good luck charms, green beer and corned beef. Unlike these customs, though, another has been weaved into the holiday celebration, one that has transformed this date into one of the deadliest days of the year.

Binge drinking has emerged as a popular way to celebrate the holiday, and each year college students test their "Luck O' the Irish" by drinking heavily.

Defined as consuming five or more alcoholic drinks in one sitting for men and four for women, binge drinking is a problem that affects 40 percent of college students, according to the American Journal of Public Health.

A 1998 Harvard study reported that, although college drinking is down from a decade ago, it remains a problem at many schools.

According to the OU CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey conducted in 1999, nearly 77 percent of OU students do not engage in binge drinking, while 23 percent reported bingeing two weeks prior to the survey.

The number of binge drinkers at OU is significantly lower than the national average because the average age of a student is over 21.



Artwork courtesy of NASULGC.org
AWARE: OU is one of four Michigan colleges involved in an anti-drinking campaign, sponsored by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC).

Despite their age, though, students still feel the pressure to drink and many continue to binge despite the dangers.

The state focused more of its attention on this issue after a tragic series of alcohol-related incidents shocked Michigan two years ago.

Deaths at MSU, U-M, Ferris State, and other Michigan colleges forced educators to look more closely at the problem and possible solutions.

Campuses are combating the issue more aggressively now, pushing efforts to curb both underage and binge drinking.

OU has implemented a program to promote a safe and responsible drinking atmosphere.

P.A.U.S.E., the campus social mentoring program, pushes alcohol management. In this program, up to a dozen freshmen are paired up with a 21 year-old student who either doesn't drink or only consumes one drink an hour.

Likewise, at EMU last fall, 23,000 students were bombarded with slogans that 77 percent of its students say they drink alcohol once a week or less.

These schools, like many others around the state, efforts have similar goals of emphasizing that moderate drinking is okay. Also, the message is that most Michigan college students don't binge, and those who do are not in the majority.

"I know that you don't need to drink to have a good time, but I do prefer to drink," said Mark McNally, junior, business.

Even fraternities and sororities, often stereotyped as heavy binge drinkers, are jumping on the alcohol-ban bandwagon. Highly publicized drinking deaths, sexual assaults and hazing incidents have sparked some fraternities to crackdown on alcohol abuse.

Nearly one in five chapters across the country are phasing in policies that prohibit alcohol in their house, even if drinkers are of legal age.

Doing away with alcohol abuse, however, is no easy task. OU works closely with student organizations, as well as Graham Health Center, to ensure a safe environment.

GHC offers counseling and other services to students to fight alcohol abuse.

"We offer (these services) to give people help in making healthy decisions about drinking," said Schmitz.

GHC will also be offering an Alcohol Screening Day on April 5 in the Oakland Center.

Smokers save cash, companies shell out

Cancer patient first to collect money from tobacco industry

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Smokers may soon be able to cash in on their habit in more ways than one. In addition to being able to buy cigarettes on the Internet for a cheaper price, long-time smokers may be able to win lawsuits against tobacco manufacturers.

Early this month Grady Carter, who lost his lung to cancer, received a jury award totaling \$750,000.

Carter, 70, sued Brown &

Williamson Tobacco Company, which manufactures Kool, Pall Mall, Lucky Strike and others, claiming that the cigarettes he smoked were defective and the company was negligent. Florida's Supreme Court agreed.

A spokesperson for Brown & Williamson said the company plans to appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Another trend has recently been gaining momentum making convenience stores seem even less convenient because smokers are buying cigarettes online.

With a flood of online stores boasting great deals and dirt cheap cigarettes, some students are logging on to fulfill their fixes.

Websites like the Cigarette Outlet (CigOutlet.com) boast duty-free cartons for around \$20. That is a savings of about \$1/pack, depending on where the deals are.

Some sites even claim to sell packs of name brand cigarettes for \$1.50 each (ChiefsCheapButts.com).

The availability of the vice-fulfilling sin sticks over the Internet have spawned a number of websites that



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
SMOKE BREAK: Smokers can now log on for cheaper cigs.

are fighting the war against teen and underage smoking.

Because the online vendors deliver the cigarettes via UPS or the U.S. mail, minors don't necessarily have to go through the I.D. check that convenience stores and gas stations have.

The counter-revolution aims at stopping smokers from further damage to their health and preventing teens and children from starting the often life-long habit.

For more information on how to quit, visit Zyan.com. To find out more about the campaign for smoke-free kids, visit TobaccoFreeKids.org.

Agencies target marketing, ad majors for jobs

By Michael Hoskins
LOCAL EDITOR

This St. Paddy's Day, green beer will not be flowing at the American Marketing Association's Detroit Job Fair, but attendees will have the chance to secure some "green" for their future.

Local announcements of employee cutbacks have many students worrying about job availability after college. In the advertising and marketing field, however, the proverbial help wanted signs are still hanging.

"In spite of a slowing economy, there are still many job openings right now in marketing," said David Stander, chairman of the job fair. "When consumer demand softens, there is an increased need (for these types of jobs)."

Focusing on entry-level, as well as senior management careers in advertising, sales promotion and marketing research, the third annual job fair is a calling to students from all over Michigan.

Representatives from three leading Detroit-based advertising and marketing communications agencies, Campbell-Ewald, PentaMark Worldwide and J. Walter Thompson, will meet personally with attendees during a two-hour networking period.

"AMA Detroit is excited about making everyone aware of these important new job opportunities," added Stander.

The free event will be at OU from 9 a.m. - noon in Gold Room B of the Oakland Center. Students should bring multiple copies of their resume.

Attendance is limited to the first 300 people who make reservations by calling 248.478.6910.

GHB drug increases risks of date-rape on college campuses

By Leslie Winkworth
THE OAKLAND POST

March is GHB awareness month, and is the ideal time for students, especially female students, to become aware of this dangerous and potentially deadly drug.

One of the newest "club drugs" to hit the scene, Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate GHB has been seen more and more at parties and bars over the past few years, taking on names like Liquid E, Liquid X and Everclear.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, GHB was once considered for use as a surgical anesthetic, but was rejected because of its dangerous side effects.

Since 1995, approximately 58 people have died from GHB.

Although no GHB cases have been reported at OU, students should be aware of the dangers of this drug.

According to OUPD Officer Terry Ross, the RAD instructor at OU, "GHB is odorless, colorless and tasteless. If someone puts it in your drink, you won't be able to tell."

Ross added, "It can easily be slipped into a drink."

GHB can, if consumed, cause numerous side effects, including nausea, vomiting, hallucinations, loss of consciousness, respiratory and cardiovascular arrest and death.

Also, feeling drunk without having consumed much alcohol may be an indication of being

drugged with GHB.

Ross says that's what makes it especially dangerous is that "it affects your memory." This makes women especially vulnerable to the danger and risk of rape.

Nancy Schmitz, Director of Counseling Services, at Graham Health Center, said that the strength of the drug varies from batch to batch.

"It's a very powerful depressant," she said.

Ross advised women to be aware of the drug's dangers, and to be careful.

"I think women should be concerned," he said. "Any party with alcohol increases the risk of rape dramatically. I also think it's going to occur more often. I know it's occurring

because women in my [RAD] class have told me they or their girlfriend have been drugged. But, if you take precautions and limit the risks, you'll be safer."

Men are also at risk of being drugged by GHB. Ross says that he's heard of men being raped, too.

There are measures that both men and women can take to avoid being drugged and rendered helpless.

"Watch out for your friends and have them watch out for you," Ross said. "Watch your drink and if you leave it, throw it out. And, never accept a drink from someone you don't know or trust."

He takes it a step further and

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Warning Signs:

Depression

Anxiety

Nausea

Vomiting

Hallucinations

Courtesy of www.weather.com

Four Day weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain Showers High - 45° Low - 29°	Scattered Snow High - 41° Low - 25°	Mostly Cloudy High - 41° Low - 26°	Mostly Cloudy High - 44° Low - 28°

Damon's signs of the times

This week people won't be able to hide their desires, whether they are consciously communicated or expressed otherwise. Positively, people have the ability to be up front, honest and fair, and things that have not been dealt with can finally be resolved.



Aries - People seem to be quick to work with you this week or, at the very least, respect where you are coming from. Stay humble and take advantage of others' cooperation.



Taurus - Let your feelings be known, even if you aren't exactly sure where they are coming from; chances are that others will support you. Avoid trying to take over a situation that isn't yours to lead.



Gemini - A new opportunity may present itself at work, but you may not be ready for it; be honest and respect where you are at right now careerwise. Focus on your own personal issues before helping others with theirs.



Cancer - Time to yourself will be good mid-week, but by the weekend be sure to include others in what you are feeling. Co-workers have some insights that you might not possess right now, so listen to them carefully.



Leo - Sitting down and coming up with a detailed plan for what you want can have remarkable results. Tell a loved one how you feel this week before the opportunity passes.



Virgo - A friend or a partner has your best interest in mind. Take time this week to travel or escape your workload; time away from the desk is very productive right now.



Libra - A person close to you is trying to be honest, but it may not come out clearly; try to have patience. You have the clarity to see obstacles between you and your goals, making this an excellent week to plan.



Scorpio - You have the ability to let people know where you're coming from while still respecting their ideas. An issue at work is probably out of your control, so let it clear itself up.



Sagittarius - Go after what you want this week and more than likely you will get it; the challenge is not stepping on other people's toes. Supporting a friend will have immediate rewards.



Capricorn - Remember that your feelings are valid, even if you aren't able to express them right now. Trust your gut and move forward with your plans.



Aquarius - Communications with a loved one may break down unless you make a strong effort. Friends may have some insight into current romantic difficulties.



Pisces - You can move forward with plans you set a long time ago, even if the situation isn't exactly ideal. Take advantage of work productivity, even though things are probably hectic now.

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says that in the past, he would tell women to only accept drinks from a bartender. Sometimes, though, even that advice can be dangerous.

"Now, there are cases where the bartender was paid to drug a woman," Ross added.

If someone is caught using GHB, Michigan State law mandates that the crime is a felony and is punishable up to life in prison. If someone is caught in possession, it is also a felony and is punishable up to at least one year in prison.

Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, who wrote the Samantha Reid-Rape Drug Prevention Act while one of Michigan's U.S. senators, is a tough proponent of stricter laws regarding the date-rape drugs. Due to the recent verdicts of date-rape drug trials, Abraham thinks that the verdicts are sending a message to all would-be date-rape drug users that those found guilty will be punished harshly.

Ross said that the strict punishment is because "there is no practical use for these types of drugs [like GHB]," and that "the access to the [GHB] recipe is easily obtained."

Because the intense side effects of GHB happen quickly, getting to a hospital immediately is important.

"If something's not right, you need to make sure you're surrounded by those who care, those who know what to do," she said. "It's very important to get to a hospital."

Ross agrees. "Tell the people you came with right away because you may pass out."

He, like Schmitz, advised to get to a hospital quickly and, if at all possible, bring the drink that may have been drugged.

"The hospital can test [the drink] and will be able to tell exactly which drug was in it," he added. "Different drugs require different treatments."

If someone can't get to a hospital, call the police. "They will steer you correctly," said Ross.

An informative conversation and lunch will be held at 12:45 p.m. on March 19, in the Lake Superior B room of the Oakland Center. The speakers will include Ann Norlander of the Michigan Women's Commission, the mom of Samantha Reed, who died of GHB poisoning, and James McBryde of the Michigan Department of Community Health. Call Graham Health Center's Counseling Services at 248.370.3465 for more information.

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professors who didn't speak English very well.

Although the course is taught by the mathematics department, it is a prerequisite requirement for engineering graduate students only.

The class is regarded by some students as a 'weed-out' course. Students can only move on in their degree if they pass the course with a 2.5 or higher.

Professor and chair of mathematics and statistics Marc Lipman said the course was designed by engineers to make sure they can meet the math requirements in future engineering classes and is not intended to fail as many students as possible.

"We don't think of it as a course to weed-out students," Lipman said. "It really is basic material for them. This is a cookbook course. It teaches the math, not the applications."

Lipman said he is familiar with the complaints students have with the language barrier they have experienced with some professors. Student evaluations stated things like, "It was extremely difficult to understand the instructor and his lectures were often irrelevant to homework assignments," and "My knowledge of Chinese was lacking."

Assistant professor of mathematics Bo-Nan Jiang, who has taught the APM course and who is Chinese said he acknowledges the language barrier and is working to overcome it. He added that he will be receiving help from the Associate Provost Wallis Andersen.

Lipman also said that since the course is guided by recommendations from the engineering program, it is specifically designed for engineering students. In addition, Lipman said that even though a lot of students complain about how difficult the class is, the success rate remains high.

Last semester Jiang and associate professor Peter Shi taught the two sections of the course that were offered.

Out of the 24 students Jiang taught, 22 received grades higher than 2.0. Two students withdrew from the class. Shi, who taught 45 students had 38 score above a 2.0 and 5 withdrew. Only two people received grades lower than 2.0.

"We don't sit here in a corner and invent the course," said Lipman. "It is a perceptual problem. The perception is that it is hard. The longer you put it off, the harder it is because the rustier you get."

This issue of The Post is dedicated to the loving memories of Luckey Plowman, dog of Cara, and Jacob Ollar, son of Kelly, who passed away in the last week. You both are loved and will be missed.

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•SPB presents "RICE, FRIJOLES, AND GREENS," at 8 p.m. tonight at Varner Recital Hall. This presentation is a multi-cultural extravaganza that brings together African American, Latin American and Asian American artists for a program of music, spoken words and movement.

•The Rec Center will be holding a "FAMILY F.R.E.E. DAY INDOOR CARNIVAL" from 1-6 p.m., on Sunday, March 18. Be sure to catch the magic show at 2 p.m.

•The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship group is presenting funny guy Brett Ray and "MONTY PYTHON'S MEANING OF LIFE," at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the OC Food Court. There will be free food and a live band, "Sanctus Real."

•Catch writer REGINALD MCNIGHT from 4-5:30 p.m. tonight in the OC. A reception will follow his reading and discussion on his newest book "White Boys."

SHOWS

•TANTRIC with special guests, Diner Junkies will be performing at 8 p.m., tomorrow at the Magic Bag, Ferndale.

ODD INFO

- The muzzle of a lion is like a fingerprint, no two lions have the same pattern of whiskers.
- Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.
- The only real person to be made into a Pez head was Betsy Ross.
- Bubblegum contains rubber.

Luck O' THE Irish

St. Patrick's Day history, myths, traditions

By Kristal Byrd
THE OAKLAND POST

St. Patrick's Day is only three days away, but how many people really know the story behind the man and the holiday?

St. Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland. His real name was Maewyn Succat (which means "warlike") but his Roman name was Patricius and later Patrick. He was born around A.D. 390, either in Scotland or Roman England. Although he wasn't born Irish, he has become an integral part of Irish heritage.

Before age 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a band of pirates that invaded his village. During his captivity legend says God spoke to him in a dream and told him to escape by using a getaway ship.

He escaped and went to France where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre. After 12 years of training, he realized that God had called him to convert Ireland to Christianity.

St. Patrick was successful at winning converts. He journeyed across the country baptizing people. Royal families were among some of his converts, which upset the Celtic

Druids.

Patrick was arrested several times, but he always escaped. He established monasteries, schools and churches which aided him in spreading the gospel.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He is rumored to have died on March 17 in A.D. 461. This day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day is now celebrated all over the world. The custom first came to America in 1737. It is a day for parades, extravagant costumes and traditional arts.

There are several legends about St. Patrick. Some believe he raised people from the dead. He was also said to have driven all the snakes from Ireland.

One traditional icon associated with the day is the shamrock. This stems from an Irish tale that Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

Green is associated with St. Patrick's Day because it's the

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You can quote me on that

To find out what movie each quote is from, visit The Oakland Post's website, www.OakPostOnline.com.

1. "I don't believe we've met, what with the cruel politics of high school and all."
2. "It's one thing to want someone out of your life, but it's another thing to serve them a wake-up cup full of liquid Drano."
3. "Christian said he'd call tomorrow but in boy time that meant Thursday."
4. "I had better sex in prison."
5. "Hi, my name's Elliot and I'm with the Cub Scouts of America. We're selling some uncut cocaine to get to the jamboree."

Listen Up: What's in Your CD Player?



Bob Bramos
Junior Undecideds
YANNI Greatest Hits



Julie Ferreri
Senior Elementary Ed.
DIRTY DANCING soundtrack



Tracy Borgman
Senior Elementary Ed.
SAVE THE LAST DANCE soundtrack

SAT scores not required for OU, XFL to follow

I remember the SAT the way I remember high school. It was a hazy, confusing experience that left me unfulfilled and ended when time ran out, regardless of whether or not I felt I was finished.

Last month, the president of the University of California Richard Atkinson said that UC should stop requiring the SAT as part of admissions.

Joining Atkinson's movement is the XFL, a new football league that fuses the glitz and the glamour of professional wrestling with the skill and grace of a junior varsity middle-school football scrimmage. You know what the X in XFL stands for? Its Nielsen TV Ratings last weekend, where it lost out to reruns of "ALF" on TBS.

XFL officials have talked about

waiving a rule that limits professional football players who weren't academically eligible for college from going straight to the pros.

Even OU doesn't require the SAT for admission. So if OU, UC-Berkley and the New Jersey Hitmen aren't requiring high SAT scores, why bother?

The SAT apparently stands for "Scholastic Aptitude Test." It's administered to nearly two million high school students every year, many of whom are bewildered and confused by questions like this:

- Verbal:
INDOLENT : ASSIDUOUS
A. powerful : bicycle
B. monkey : flame thrower
C. Reggie Jackson : yo momma

D. Internet : I have no idea

Math:

On a coordinate plane, the distance between A(x, y) and the origin is 8. If both x, y are integers, which of the following numbers CANNOT be a value of y?

I think I used the Pythagorean theorem to solve the math problem, which, like all geometric principles, I learned in high school. I picked it up while copying math homework I bought from the smart kids. You'd be surprised how much you learn by transcribing. I considered it a form of tutoring.

(Actually, I'm kidding. The Pythagorean theorem states that the sum of the square of the legs of a right triangle is equal to the square



Mike Murphy

of the hypotenuse. What's up now, Mrs. McGrath? And I would get in trouble because I wasn't paying attention.)

Twenty-three hours later, the SAT ended.

The SAT is a measure of aptitude, not worth. Measuring aptitude from a test is like measuring a job applicant from a resume. Some people look good on paper and some don't. And a good SAT score, like a good resume, will get you in doors, but it won't keep you there.

Whatever. I still have no idea what assiduous means. But I think it has something to do with yo momma.

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Ten things to do on St. Patrick's Day

1. Go to Fifth Avenue in Royal Oak to see the full-spectrum rock 'n' roll band Gordon Bennett. The band begins at 10 p.m. Visit www.GordonBennettBand.com for more info.

2. Visit Pure Bar Room in Detroit to hear DJ Chris Walsch celebrate the holiday by playing the latest and greatest music around. Check out www.PureBarRoom.com.

3. Enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast at 7 a.m. at Dick O' Dow's Irish Pub in downtown Birmingham. Entertainment for the day includes the bands Odd Enough at 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. and Mogue Doyle at 3 p.m.

4. Enjoy a night out by listening to the tunes John Acquaviva will spin at 9 p.m. at Motor Lounge in Hamtramck. Log on to www.MotorDetroit.com for more info.

5. The westside's home for rock 'n' roll, U.S. 12 will present musical guests Rusty Lunchbox. Visit www.US12bar.com for more details.

6. Hear new music from Trash Brats at its CD release party at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Hall. Special guests Junk Monkeys and The Paybacks will also perform.

7. Demolition Doll Rods with special guests Scott Morgan and The Midnight Intruders will perform at 8 p.m. at the Magic Bag, Ferndale.

8. Don't feel like going out? Stay in and enjoy dinner and a movie with friends or family. Make corned beef and cabbage or check out Irish recipes online at www.IrishFood.com. Rent a St. Patrick's Day movie. Try one of the "Leprechaun" movies or "Matchmaker." You could even trace your heritage to find out if you have any Irish in your family.

9. Enjoy dinner and entertainment at Mr. B's Roadhouse in Clarkston with musical guests Government Honey. Mr. B's is located at 6711 S. Dixie Hwy. Call 248.625.4600 for more info.

10. Don't drink and drive. If you do go to a bar, have a designated driver.

Alexandrakis' CD, 'I.V. Catatonia' flops, leaving listeners feeling unsatisfied

Pop, rock collide turning over a new leaf in the music business

By Amy Clements
THE OAKLAND POST

Would you ever expect to hear a song with an old man singing the alphabet? What about a message from an answering machine hidden in the middle of a song?

Eric Alexandrakis, a new artist, embraces the full meaning of words, melody and beats. The words, unique and original, are sounds that cannot be heard anywhere else.

Alexandrakis' soothing and seductive voice can mellow out even the hardest noises heard in his songs.

His first CD, "I.V. Catatonia," brings the public 22 fresh songs. Listeners will find that tracks three, five, seven, 10, 12, and 19 are among the best.

Track 12, "Hooligan Hotline (You Walk Away)," will undoubtedly be an instant favorite. Its great beats and rock type twist is a surefire combination that spells chart topping success.

Alexandrakis makes his songs out of a combination of common, everyday noises and regular band instruments. He also adds a twist with things you'd never expect.

Track eight, "The Big Crunch Theory," gives a perfect example of these strange sounds. It is full of birds chirping, motorcycles, breaking glass and bag pipes. The craziest part of it all is the cartoon voices having what sounds like an orgy.

This CD is great as a conversation piece also. It ranges from everything soothing to manic. It can damper your mood or make your day, depending on the song that is playing.

Five out of the 22 tracks are just sound bites with no vocals only lasting for a time average of 45 seconds.

The downside to many of his songs is that there are repetitious lyrics that are hard to understand.

But on the upside, when you can hear some of them, they are unique and add to his style.

Even his song titles are unique. "Spaceport Cabaret," "Smurd s'Niawag Ris," (which is secretly Sir Gawain's Drums spelled backwards), and "Thanatopsis," which title is yet to have a meaning, is just a few of the 22 oddly named tracks.

Track three, "The Bells of Irony," ends with church bells ringing, causing one to think, "What the hell is he trying to say?"

"Sir Gawain and the Green Knight," track 10, is Alexandrakis singing the story of the tale it was named after.

This talented young artist embraces every noise he hears. He uses his mothers voice to repeat "Take your vitamins please," endlessly in the song "selenium, Vitamin E, Beta Carotene, B-12, Vitamin C, Cat's Claw, Multi-Vitamin, and Mineral Supplement." Do you see the redundant connection? Unfortunately, for those who love to sing along to favorite tunes, you are out of luck.

Since the words in the majority of the songs are unrecognizable, it makes singing difficult. However, while listening, it may cause one to hum along to the melody and drift away into the utopia of sound.

The most bizarre thing about the CD is the medical theme, which runs throughout the insert.

There doesn't seem to be much of the medical paraphernalia through the CD itself, but consumers could be fooled into thinking that it is because of the casing. A medical receipt is pictured on the inside back cover. On the inside of the insert there are some funky photos of Alexandrakis' x-rays, a photo of a hospital TV on the wall and a picture of a nurse on the cover holding a large syringe.

If one was wondering what inspired this strange theme no clue can be found.

Maybe he has some fascination with hospitals or the doctors office, who knows. What is known is that there is a strange theme going on with the outside of the CD and even stranger things lie inside.

But strange can be good.

Overall, this is a unique blend of mastery, and it is obvious that much work was put into this collaboration of noise. Alexandrakis could have compacted this album to a much smaller play list and that probably would have made it twice as good. But with the excessive repetitive songs, it puts a drag on the flow of the music.

If up for a new, different and definitely adventurous type of music that can not be categorized, this CD is one you need to buy. If looking for trendy, routine sounds, then don't waste your time or your money because this will be too much for the average person to handle.

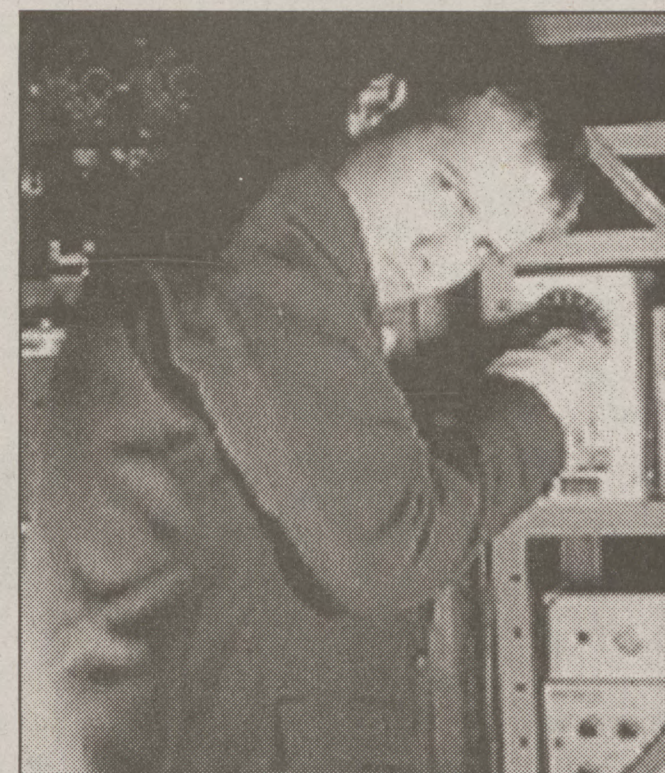
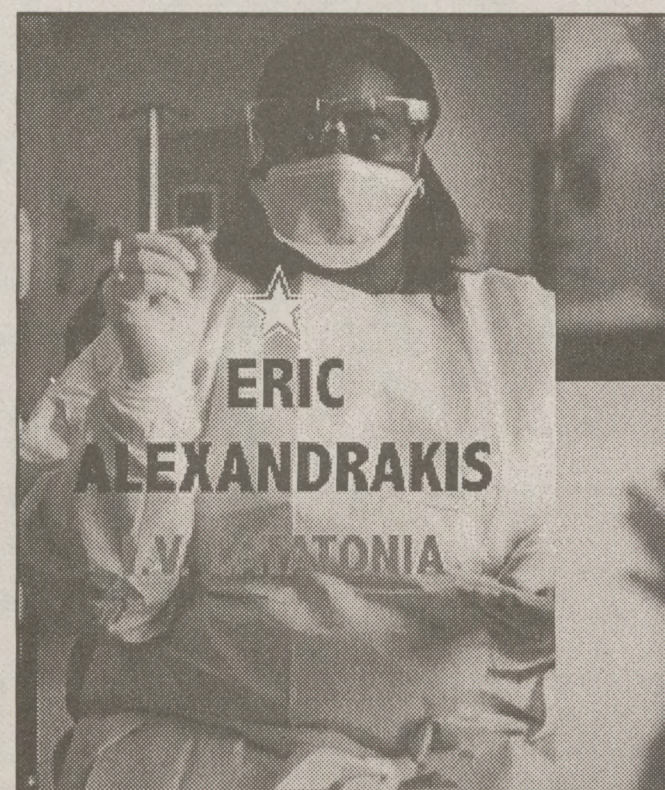


Photo Courtesy of Eric Alexandrakis
CATATONIC MUSIC: Eric Alexandrakis' new CD, "I.V. Catatonia," is a combination of rock and pop beats, creating a new and different genre of music in a class all its own.

Students wave 'Bon Voyage' to study

LOUIS PASTEUR MEMORIAL: While studying abroad, students can be enriched by the culture of the area of their study. Appreciating the arts and monuments commemorating important figures of the country's history and heritage, is also part of the experience while students study abroad. Pictured, is Louis Pasteur, a famous French chemist, who discovered that the most infectious diseases are caused by germs, one of the most important breakthroughs in medical history.



Mike Savage/The Oakland Post

By Mike Savage
THE OAKLAND POST

Every year adventure seekers go all over the earth to participate in OU's study abroad programs. While most people experience one of the great highlights of their education, bad things can also happen. When you are traveling to a foreign country there are a few things you can do to keep yourself safe.

About 125,000 Americans studied in 157 countries in the 1988-99 academic year, with the number growing about 10 percent annually.

No statistics are compiled by universities or the federal government on deaths and injuries among students abroad, according to the Detroit News.

Some people are trying to make studying abroad safer. MSU president Peter McPherson testified on Oct. 4 before a congressional committee in Washington D.C., about the safety of studying abroad.

At the hearing, he announced that the school would host what may be the first conference focusing on limiting the dangers students face outside of the U.S.

A majority of the places students choose to study are in Western Europe, especially the United Kingdom. Spain, Italy and France are also countries where students go to study frequently.

Other destinations include Mexico, Costa Rica, Israel, Japan and China.

Dr. Margaret Pigott, associate professor of rhetoric at OU, co-directs the British Studies at Oxford program.

She said one of the biggest problem students face is when they try to take drugs with them.

"It happens a lot. Once you're stuck in a foreign jail your resources are ended. Most of the crime in Europe has nothing to do with guns," Pigott said. "The problems are mainly theft."

To avoid getting things stolen from personal belongings, Pigott suggests that students lock their belongings in a locker and never carry around large amounts of money.

Using travelers checks and credit cards, which are widely accepted, is also a good precaution against theft, according to Pigott.

"We've never had a rape or beating, stabbing or death. Part of the reason is students travel in groups," Pigott said.

Associate professor of Art and Art History Bonnie Abiko, suggests that travelers get a "Lonely Planet" travel guide book. It has information about culture and safety tips that can help keep people out of trouble when there in a place they are not familiar with.

The books also have listings of places to stay or where to go out. Bookstores carry "Lonely Planet" and lots of other books like them in their travel sections for places all over the world.

Abiko said the travel guides are very useful even if you're going to a more dangerous part of the world.

Although Abiko said that Japan is one of the least dangerous places to travel, one of the biggest problems is "not having enough space on your credit card. People get afraid of how expensive it is."

A helpful website which includes travel warnings and general information about countries world wide is www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/security.html.

Also, www.ed.gov/NLE/USNEI has useful general tips about different things students should do before leaving and who they can contact if they get into trouble.

One other great place for information is a local travel agency. It can offer safety tips and also give a student information on what to do in case of an emergency.

Bon voyage.

Adios.

Caio.

Midterms approach, students begin 'the BIG' cram

By Stephanie Bishop
THE OAKLAND POST

Reducing study time can be done by being proficient with good study habits. Sometimes it is just understanding the professor's requirements or it may require the students to be self-disciplined.

Unlike high school, college students don't usually have their entire day mapped out for them. The problem is, some students feel since hours not in class is free time instead of unstructured time. Planning to study, read and do assignments during this unstructured time is essential for success in college.

Sharon Green of Niagara University, suggests that a student schedules ample time to study with maximum concentration and recreation, and relaxation follows. Green also recommends getting in the habit of making use of time between classes is helpful.

"Sometimes, I watch a football game when I should be studying," said Pete Willis, journalism. "I have a pretty loose schedule too."

Making homework first priority is important, however choosing to watch TV and write a paper at the same time is not. Environment can place a significant role in the level of concentration. At home

students may face distractions of the phone, television and unexpected visitors. Green suggests studying in a not so comfortable chair, a cooler room and having all of the necessities at hand, making this a personal or sacred place to study. She also said, never study on your bed.

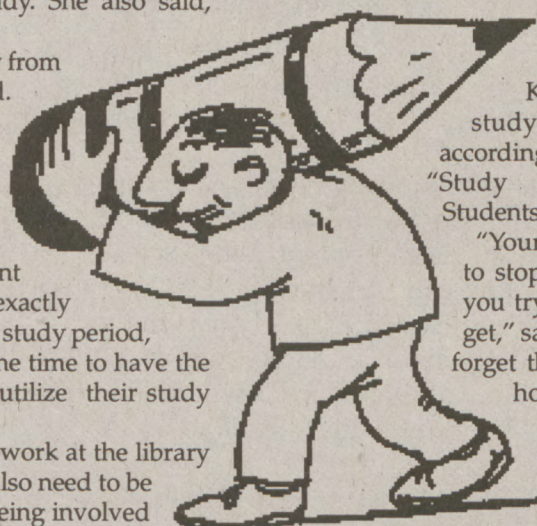
"When I study it has to be away from the TV, in my den," Willis said. "When I really have to study, I go to the library."

Using time management is also crucial when it comes to fitting in those long hours of studying. Evidence shows if a student takes a moment to write down exactly what they plan to do during their study period, the priority of each, and define the time to have the work completed helps students utilize their study time in its fullest.

Students who also tackle homework at the library are half way there, but students also need to be involved in class participation. Being involved in class will help a student remember the subject at hand because they are playing a key role in the discussion.

Also, if a student is uncertain about the material or

instructor's goals, it is important to meet with the teacher to get a better understanding. Faculty have open office hours and appointment times before or after class.



Choosing long hours to study isn't necessarily the way to go either.

Knowing when to stop studying is also important, according to Bill Weiss, author of "Study Habits of Successful Students."

"Your body will tell you when to stop. The truth is, the more you try, the further behind you get," said Weiss. "You may even forget things that you nailed an hour earlier."

Weiss also suggests sharpening testing skills by using tag team tactics, such as brainstorming with fellow classmates. He recommends students eliminate the word "cram" from their vocabulary and begin reviewing

notes, and understand test language.

"Students need to understand that words, 'some,' 'all,' 'never,' 'always,' 'much' and others are meant to confuse them," said Weiss. "For multiple choice questions, when in doubt, avoid the, 'none,' 'all of the above,' responses."

Weiss also said that anyone is able to master good study habits.

"It takes knowing your strengths and weaknesses summoning the discipline to work first and play later and enlisting the help of fellow students and teachers to offer an occasional boost," Weiss said.

Mastering good study habits is possible and OU is willing to help in that achievement. OU has an Academic Skills Center, helping students assume responsibility for their own learning by offering Peer Tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, RISE, Workshop Study Skills Seminars, Probation Outreach, Dismissal Option Status, Self-Paced Instructional Materials, an Alternative Testing Site and information on scholarships and grants for International study and programs in the United States.

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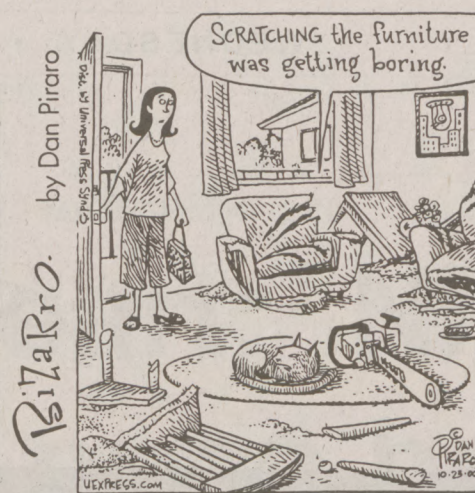
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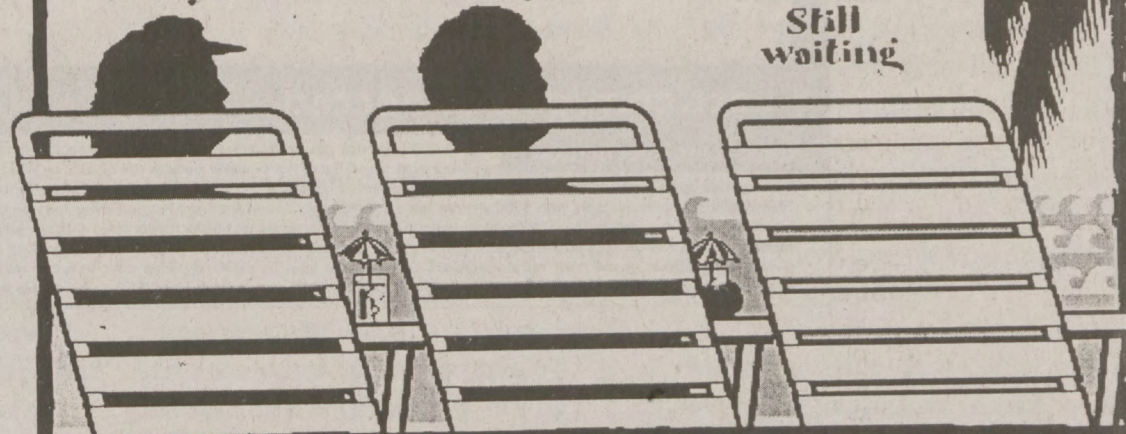
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Illinois State	9
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March 11	
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Oakland	2
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Western Kentucky	2
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TENNIS

March 10	
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Playing with heart: Nik Dragicevic recovers from open heart surgery

Redshirted baller waits for doctors' responses

By Corinne Spanke
THE OAKLAND POST

Nik Dragicevic came to OU looking for the total college experience. Not only has he gotten that, he has gotten much more.

In the fall of 2000, after a physical performed by the OU Athletics staff, Dragicevic was informed that he had a heart murmur. As it turned out, he was diagnosed with a leaking valve that doctors would have to repair.

Dragicevic is your normal college freshman. Well, not exactly. After all, he is 7'3", not to mention a top recruit that the Golden Grizzly coaching staff nabbed from the outskirts of Windsor, Ontario.

He was recruited by Delaware, Delaware State and Detroit, just to name a few schools. After he saw how persistent the OU coaching staff was, particularly assistant coach Eric Stephan, Dragicevic looked into OU and discovered it would be the place he would call home for the next four years.

Within a matter of weeks on campus, his life changed drastically. Although academics and basketball were his main priorities when he arrived on campus, he learned that there is much more to life than just basketball.

"I am grateful that the doctors found the problem before anything bad happened,"

said assistant coach Jennifer Johnston. "He can now live a long healthy life."

On Feb. 22, a doctor from Royal Oak Beaumont performed open heart surgery on Dragicevic which was completed successfully. No complications occurred and no other problems were found.

Dragicevic was unable to eat for a few days, so doctors fed him through a feeding tube. Not long after that he was eating popsicles on a regular basis and is now back to eating everyday food.

"I couldn't talk or eat for the first couple of days," said Dragicevic. "I'm glad that I can eat normal food now."

Doctors are still unsure if Dragicevic will ever be able to play basketball again, but things look hopeful. After all, Dragicevic has dreams of making it big in basketball.

"I have learned that there is more to life than just basketball. But I still want to play more now than ever," said Dragicevic.

On Tuesday, Dragicevic met with Dr. Basset, who performed the surgery, for a check-up. All the incisions looked to be healing well.

"The doctors told him that he will be able to come back to school early next week," said OU head athletic trainer Tom Ford. "He wants to get on with his life and pursue his dreams in basketball."

Dragicevic indicated that he will be

returning to the campus this weekend and looks forward to his return to see teammates, friends and fans.

"I can't wait to get back to school. I miss it," said Dragicevic. "I have had a lot of support from everyone. Some have come and seen me in the hospital and others have visited me at my house."

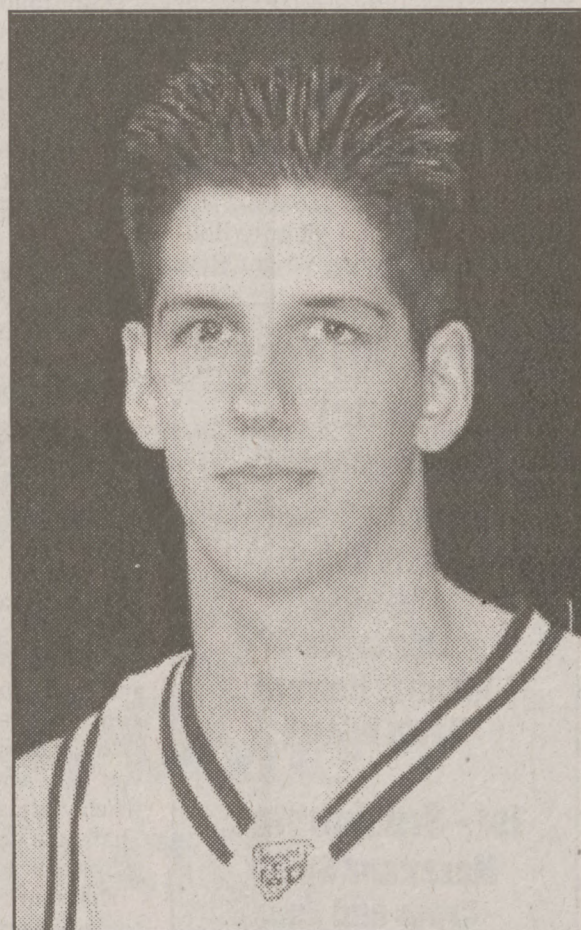
Support for Dragicevic has been tremendous. The men's basketball team has reached out to their fallen teammate with visits and phone calls to Dragicevic.

"The team has been awesome with Nik. They have done such a great job supporting him, and I know it means a lot to Nik and his family," said Johnston.

Dragicevic will wait to seal his fate with a number of tests that the doctors will perform when he visits them in August. They will then determine if Dragicevic will return to the court or if he will sit out another year.

Not only has Dragicevic gotten the total college experience in his first year at OU, but he had his life saved by a routine physical. For that, his loyalties remain as a Golden Grizzly. He crosses his fingers that one day he will get the nod from his doctors to play inside his dream of basketball.

"The doctors said I'm healing fast, so I can't wait to get back and continue on with my life."



I WILL GET THROUGH THIS: Nik Dragicevic will return to OU after having open heart surgery to repair a leaky valve. He is recovering nicely.

Baseball team goes 0-10 to start season

By Chad Mack
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's men's baseball team is headed home after an extremely rocky 10-game road trip that has left the team winless headed in to the first home game of the season against Central Michigan.

The Grizzlies lost all three games in a three-game series at Western Kentucky.

OU lost the first game 6-2. The Grizzlies gave up four runs in the first. They avoided being shut out by scoring their two runs in the top of the ninth.

The second game of the double-header the Grizzlies were much more competitive. They lost the game by one run. The Grizzlies jumped out to a two-nothing lead after two innings. OU held the lead up until the final inning when they relinquished it and another run to end up losing 4-3. Adam Sokol got the start and pitched six innings, giving up seven hits and only two runs. Coach Mark Avery brought in the relief for the seventh inning. Unfortunately neither Gordon Hosebein nor Jason Roberts could pick up the save, as Western Kentucky proved to be poised to score the tying and game winning runs in the final stanza.

The final game of the weekend was a disaster. The Grizzlies lost by a final score of 25-6. OU was competitive at the onset. The score was only 4-2 after three innings of play. Then Western Kentucky exploded offensively scoring six runs in the fourth and five runs in the fifth, putting the game out of reach.

"We ran out of pitching on Sunday," Avery said. "The young kids played well."

The Grizzlies pitching staff is still learning the ropes. Half the pitching staff is underclassman.

"It's just a matter of getting people on the right page. We did pretty well with guys that weren't projected to start," Avery said.

The Grizzlies started the season playing the number one team in the country, Georgia Tech. It hasn't gotten easier for the OU. They haven't played a single team with a record less than .500.

"Were a young team with a tough schedule. We've made a couple of errors. (Ryan) Freiburger is doing a great job for us up the middle, and (Michael) Trosen is 4 for 14 with four home runs and 6 RBI," said Avery of the freshman.

The Grizzlies were to play Eastern Michigan at home today, but the game was canceled.



I FEEL SORRY FOR THE BALL, CAUSE I'M GOING TO KILL IT: Spencer Hynes gets ready to hit a homer in a game last season. The Grizzlies have had a rocky season so far, going 0-10, but coach Avery is still confident that his team can rebound. OU is scheduled to host Central Michigan on Saturday before traveling to Toledo next Wednesday.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

March Madness provides excitement for everyone

The brackets are out. March Madness has officially begun.

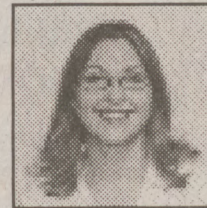
Yes, it's that time of the year again. The time when people, whether they like basketball or not, sit with their eyes glued to the screen, frantically flipping between channels to stay updated on the score of every game. Finding out that the team you picked to win will be moving to the next round is like winning the lottery.

The beauty of March Madness is that it gives people a reason to be competitive. The first time I was included in a bracket competition, I had no idea what to do because I knew nothing about college basketball, and frankly, I didn't care. But after I got into it, I realized that even if you know everything about every

team in the tournament, it doesn't mean your picks won't be upset. After that first year, I actually started to care.

This year will be the same for college basketball fanatics and anyone else whose friends make them join a bracket pool. Everyone pitches in five bucks or so and whoever gets the most points wins the jackpot. What a great way to make people care about sports.

It would be exciting if Michigan State did it again, since we can't route for our own school. Then again, maybe we'll be able to next year, since it's the first year the men will be eligible to compete in the NCAA Tournament.



Lisa Cali

For now, we'll have to stick with what we have. The top seeds this year are Illinois in the Midwest region, Michigan State in the South region, Duke in the East region and Stanford in the West region. This is the first year since the field was expanded to 64 teams that the top 16 teams all come from the top six conferences in college basketball.

Also for the first time, there are 33 conference bids into the tournament, causing the Midwest region to have a play-in game between Northwestern State and Winthrop. Isn't the whole point to have 64 teams in the tournament, not 65?

The NCAA bylaws state that there

has to be 32 automatic bids plus bids to the winners of each conference tournament. Since there are now 33 conferences, the total number of bids is 65. Obviously something has to be done about this problem because the whole play-in round idea is not going over well with many tournament fans.

The first round of games starts Thursday, so everyone has to get to work filling out their brackets. Even if you don't have any interest in college basketball, you'd be surprised how much you'll care about the outcome of the games if you stand to make a little money.

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Maxey leads team in tennis openers

OU defeated by Wright State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee in spring games

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

The tennis team opened its spring season this weekend on the road against Wright State and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The team lost both games, but first singles player Brittany Maxey led the women with two wins.

Wright State defeated OU 6-1. Maxey was the lone winner of the six singles spots, with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Leslie Marcum. All three doubles teams lost, giving Wright State

the doubles point.

The Grizzlies were defeated 5-2 by Wisconsin Milwaukee. In addition to Maxey's 6-2, 6-3 win over Jamie Martin, third singles player Theo Nae beat Kaila Duff 6-1, 6-2.

First doubles team Maxey and Kristy Sabat won 8-5 but second and third doubles lost, again giving away the extra point for doubles.

Coach Heather Redshaw was unavailable for comment.

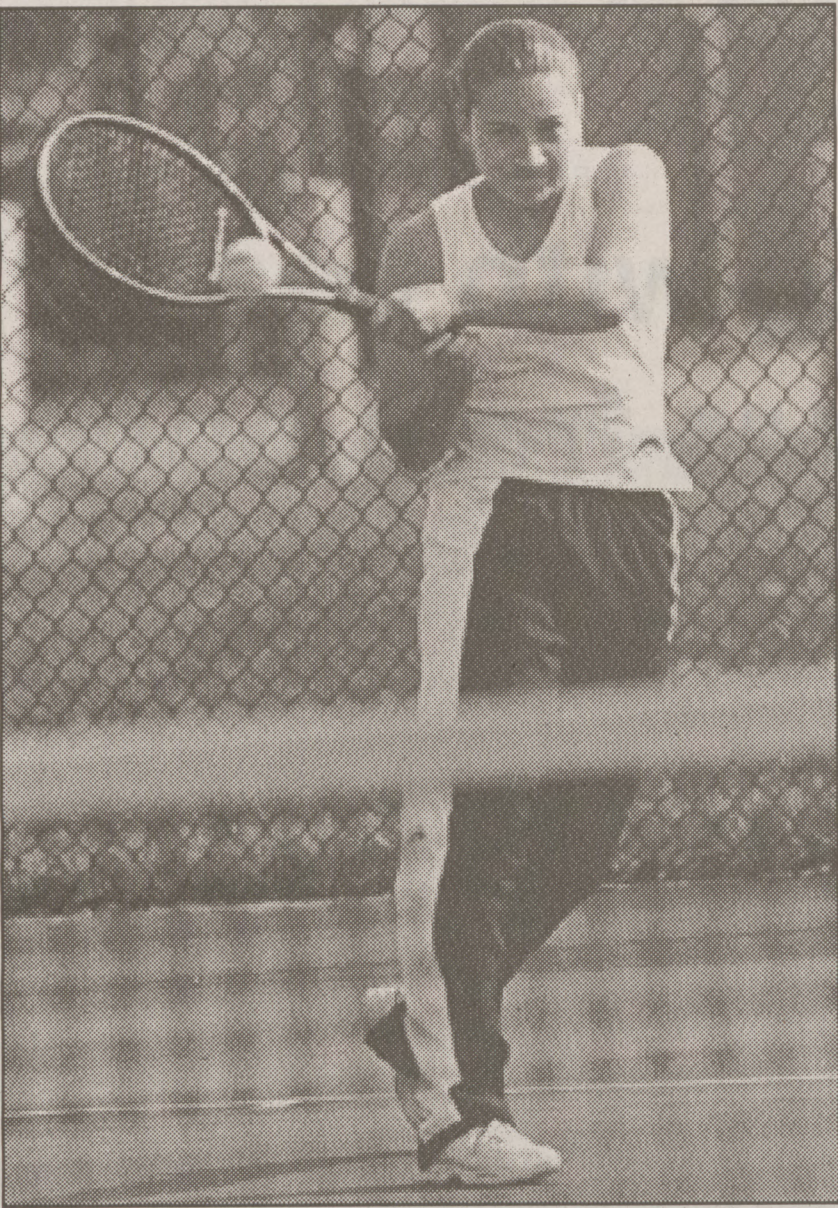
"I think that everyone played well, these being our first matches of the season," Maxey said. "A lot of people haven't had much match experience yet. Overall, it was a positive experience for everyone."

Nae and fourth singles player Lisa Cross are both recovering from fall season injuries. Nae had reconstructive ACL surgery and Cross also had a knee injury. Both players are feeling better and are able to compete in the spring season.

The team has been practicing indoors since the end of the short fall season. According to Maxey, they have been focusing on drilling and trying to gain match play experience against each other.

"It's a different mind game when you play against an opponent than when you just hit the ball at practice. That's the most important thing for us to work on," Maxey said.

The team's weaknesses come from some players' lack of match experience. However, Maxey stated that the women know what they need to



SWAT!: Jennifer Herrera swats the ball during a match last fall. her team is still winless after losing two matches during the weekend. The Grizzlies will play against Detroit on March 21 at Rochester High School.

work on and often set goals for themselves.

"We focus on improving individual things that need work," Maxey said. "If you have a goal for yourself that you accomplish during a

match, it doesn't matter if you win or lose."

The women's next match is at 2 p.m., March 21 against Detroit. The game will be played at Rochester High School.

B-Ball season ticket sales increasing slowly

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

After three years of competing at the Division I level, OU's Athletic Department has seen much success with numerous regular season Mid-Con titles in swimming, soccer and basketball.

Last season, the men's and women's basketball teams won the Mid-Con outright and brought in many good teams to the O'rena, like MSU. This season, the men's team played against U-M in the first regular season game on home court and won 97-90.

The O'rena is always packed with fans when big name schools come visiting, and the Athletic Department is happy about that. But when there is a sell out for one game, and the place is almost empty the next game, that's when Athletic Director Jack Mehl becomes concerned.

Mehl said he is concerned, but not surprised at the inconsistency of the crowds. "The Mid-Continent conference split the men's and the women's basketball schedule," he said. "We used to play double headers on Thursday and Saturday. Now we play a single game on Thursday, a double header on Saturday and a single game on Monday."

"To be quite frank, that's a lot of basketball, and it's spread over two school nights. I spend a lot of time just measuring the texture of who's sitting there, and there's a fair amount of kids," said Mehl. "When we play on a weekday night, it's problematic to get them to a game. They might have homework and other things that are going on in their own lives, so it's very difficult."

Many factors contribute to attendance dips of the crowds at basketball games. The most obvious one is that people are going to make an effort to come out to see the big schools, like MSU and U-M. The other obvious factor is that people would rather watch a winning team than a losing team, and the men's team hasn't exactly been great this season. Sure, the Grizzlies won the Mid-Con outright last year, but unfortunately the mentality in sports today is, "What have you done for me lately?"

The men started and ended this season strong, but the middle was not consistent, and the team finished with a Mid-Con record of 8-8. Men's coach Greg Kampe is upset.

"I get very frustrated," he said. "I'm very disappointed in our crowds at Oakland. The Michigan game was fabulous, and it really helped us win the game. Then two nights later we played Ferris State. We had 400 people here, and I think it was a major factor in us not winning the game. I don't understand the mentality of our students. We have 1500 students who live on campus, and we play 12 times at home. Twelve nights is all we're asking, and why the majority of those 1500 people wouldn't come to the games, I don't understand."

"It's really becoming a major factor here, because it hurts us in recruiting. We're doing our best to put a great product out there, an exciting product, something that the students can rally behind. We beat Michigan, and I would think that that should have been the spring board," Kampe said.

That said, another question that arises is, with the women's team playing so well the past two seasons, and winning the Mid-Con outright this year and last, why have the crowds been lower in numbers than the men's crowds?

Women's coach Beckie Francis said, "It does get disappointing when you throw the ball up at a jump ball, and there's 50 people in here. It's NCAA Division I college basketball, which is on TV a lot, and it's not like we're not winning."

"We won a league championship last year, and the men won a league championship last year. I could see where people would think, who wants to go see a losing team? That's not exciting, but we're not a losing team, so it is confusing," Francis said.

"When we played Louisville at Nebraska, which was a neutral site, all of the Nebraska fans rooted for us, and we had three or four thousand people rooting for us. We came up with some steals at the end of the game and the whole place went nuts. We had never felt that, and these were Nebraska fans. They appreciated our style, and that we were so much shorter than Louisville, and Louisville had gone to the Sweet 16. They just loved that we were outworking them."

"It gets kind of sad when you come back to your home arena and you can't have that same atmosphere," she added.

The numbers show that season ticket sales have gone up since last season. Public sales increased from 313 to 364, student sales grew from 75 to 126, but faculty staff sales actually went down from 203 to 190. That's an increase of 89 season ticket packages in one year. So where are all of those people?

Assistant Athletic Director for Finance and Administration

Spring 2001 Tennis Roster

1st - 6th singles:

Brittany Maxey
Kristy Sabat
Theo Nae
Lisa Cross
Jennifer Herrera
Dawn Dillard

1st - 3rd doubles:

Maxey and Sabat
Cross and Nae
Herrera and Dillard

Grizzlies lose to Western Kentucky

Spanke not playing, Ogg still expects big things from team



HERE COMES STRIKE THREE!: Linnea Utecht delivers a strike in a game last season. She has returned this year to help her Grizzly teammates compete in another softball season.

By Chad Mack & Ramez Khuri
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's softball team lost a heartbreaker to Western Kentucky in the bottom of the final inning on Saturday. After leading the entire game and almost pitching a shut out, OU gave up two runs in the bottom of the seventh and lost 2-1 to the Hilltoppers. OU was just three outs from the victory when Jessie Richardson knocked in two runs to steal away the win.

OU is now on a three-game losing streak and 3-6 on the season. The lady Grizzlies lost all three games this weekend. Marshall defeated them by one run, and they also lost to Illinois State 9-2.

The lone bright spot for the Grizzlies was a 4-2 victory over Western Kentucky on Saturday. Jennifer Granger went 2-3, scored a run and knocked one in as well. Ericka Burns has gotten a hit in the last five games and is batting eight for 17 with three RBI.

"So far I'm very excited about how we are progressing," said coach Steve Ogg. "We are a young team with a hard schedule, and our goal is to finish in the top four in the Mid-Con. My personal goal is to finish in the top two."

The Grizzlies have played well, despite the fact that the team has only one senior and is mainly freshmen and sophomores. OU has knocked off the 21st team in Southern Mississippi, and beat Big Ten team Ohio State.

"Our captain, Ericka Burns, has picked up where she left off last year," said Ogg. "She is the whole package and a real nightmare for other teams."

In addition, the lone senior, Keri Sedgley, hit a home run against Ohio State.

After a bit of a rocky start to the season, in which the Grizzlies had five rain outs, and lost five out of six games in the Western Kentucky tournament, Ogg thinks his team is right on schedule.

"In that tournament, I wanted to give my freshmen a lot of experience," he said. "That's not to say that I didn't want to win, but I felt that it was very good for them to play in a tournament like that."

Ogg said that he thinks the key to the Grizzlies success is winning on the road.

"In my opinion, the top three teams are Western Illinois, Southern Utah and IUPUI, and we have to play all of them on the road this season. They don't come here, so we have to be a good road team to have success in this league. We must win on the road."

One of the leaders from last year, Corinne Spanke, will not play this year due to illness.

"In the short term that will hurt us," said Ogg. "She is one of our smartest players, but in the long term it will help Megan (Piar) get better."

Bobbie Biezski, who just ended her season with the basketball team, has joined the softball team this week. She just had her first practice with her new team yesterday, and Ogg is happy to have her on board.

"I just don't know her all that well," he said. "She doesn't know all of our plays yet, but I believe we will be a better team with her."

Ogg noted that Nina Catanzaro is the fastest player on the team and that he has very high hopes for her in the rest of the season.

The Grizzlies next games are on March 21 against Western Michigan at home.

TICKETS continues on B7

Mid-Continent Conference Standings	Baseball		Softball	
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	Youngstown State	0-0 3-1	UMKC	0-0 0-4
	IUPUI	0-0 3-7	Oakland	0-0 2-2
	Valparaiso	0-0 2-5	Southern Utah	0-0 6-13
	Chicago State	0-0 1-7	Valparaiso	0-0 1-2
	Southern Utah	0-0 1-15	Western Illinois	0-0 6-6
	Oakland	0-0 0-10	Youngstown State	0-0 0-8
	Western Illinois	0-0 0-12		

the Golden Grizzly

ERICKA BURNS

Sophomore captain Ericka Burns came up big for her softball team against Marshall and Western Kentucky on Sunday. Against Marshall she hit a deep shot to left center to score teammate Nina Catanzaro for the lead. Against Western Kentucky she led the Grizzlies with a 2-3 performance at the plate, and had two doubles. She is batting .425 on the season.

-Ramez Khuri

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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color of spring, Ireland and the shamrock.

The holiday also includes folklore about Irish fairies called Leprechauns. Legend says that if a Leprechaun is caught by a treasure hunter, he must tell where the treasure is unless the Leprechaun can trick the hunter and vanish.

Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular one. (Which is great for those non-Irish people who want to celebrate the festivities). Check out St. Patrick Day games and songs at www.HeathersHolidaze.com/March/ToDo. To really get in the mood for St. Patrick's Day, look for Irish recipes at www.IrishFood.com. Also send your friends and family an electronic St. Patrick's Day card by visiting www.BlueMountain.com, www.Care2.com or www.FreePlus1.com.

TICKETS

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Simon Dover said that one of the major factors is that the program is still very new. "We're still in the development stage of getting into the culture of an entertainment option. Therefore, it's still a work in progress," he said.

"We also battle with class nights on Mondays and Thursdays. On the weekends, when we get a good public showing, we get bad student showings because a lot of the students in the dorms don't stick around on the weekends," Dover said.

"Another thing we have to fight with is professional teams. We've got the Vipers in the winter, the Pistons in the winter, the Red Wings in the winter, all other college basketball that's going on, and high school basketball," he said.

Dover also noted that with the new Mid-Con format of scheduling games, people now have choices that they wouldn't have had before. There

were a few times where both teams played five or six home games in one month, and people who had season tickets had to choose which games to go to, and which ones they couldn't make.

"We think about this daily," said Dover. "We think about what we can do. We get disappointed at a bad crowd as much as the team does, and then when we get a big crowd, we wonder what made that night special. Was February a month where people were looking for stuff to do as opposed to December when all of the stuff is going on with the holidays? There are just a million variables."

Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing Barty Neuberger said, "The strange thing was that we had over 100 student season ticket holders, and that would mean that a lot of these tickets were going unused, because there were many nights when there were less than 100 students over there."

"So that was the more puzzling part, that students who actually had the tickets were not using them, or at least giving them to somebody to use. We probably need to be doing a better job of on campus promotion in the residence halls. I went to a residence halls meeting to find out what's going on, and probably the biggest reason was that they didn't know when the games were."

Neuberger said that the Athletic Department would like to put out a weekly flyer in the

Monday mail next year so that students know weekly when the games are, who the opponent is, and if there are any special promotions. He also said that he would like a representative from the Athletic Department on the residence hall council meetings every week to give the students an update on how the teams are doing and not just in basketball.

The bottom line he said is, he thinks that the Athletic Department has to do a better job of communicating with the student body.

The one consistent theme that everybody seems to agree on is that this program is still new, and the word is not totally out there yet. Mehl is confident that as more time passes, people will attend more games. "With this athletic program, and the attendance becoming a component of the athletic department, everybody has to be patient," he said.

"It will come. It may not come as fast as we would like it, but it will come," Mehl said. "People will come to the games, and we will get better press. The problem is not the media, it's not class schedules, it's not competition with all the other entertainment, it's all of those things."

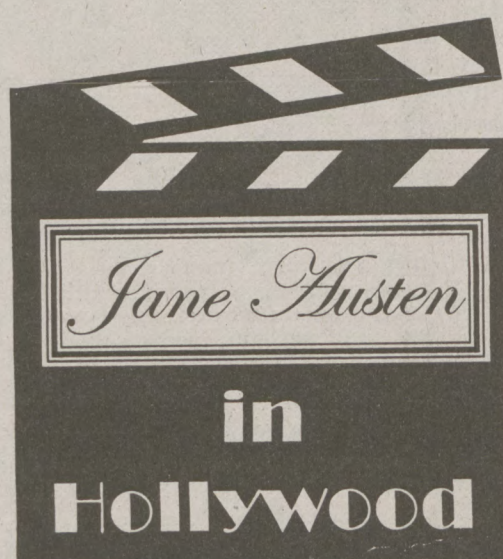
"Day after day people warm more and more to this athletic program, and in time your going to find people as enthusiastic about Oakland athletics as any institution has had the same level of success as we've had," he said.

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March Events

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Friday, March 16 **University Student Congress Presidential Debates**

Listen to the candidates for President and Vice-President give their opinions on a variety of issues affecting the student body at Oakland University.
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CSA STUDENT LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, March 31
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Questions??? Contact Jean Ann Miller at the CSA Office, 49 OC, (248) 370-2400, csa@oakland.edu

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Entry forms and rules are available at the CSA Office (49 OC), outside the SPB Office (64 OC) and the 20/20 Info Center.

AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

✓ Reservations for:

- The Merry Widow (March 29) (Closing Tuesday, March 20)
- Smoky Joe's Cafe (March 29 and April 1) (Closing, Tuesday, March 20)
- Phantom of the Opera (variety of dates)
- Ragtime (April 1 and April 8)
- Annie (May 6)
- Verdi's Falstaff (May 10)

✓ Tickets for:

- SPB's Swing Thing (March 24)
- SPB's Dr. Drew Lecture (March 30)

✓ Sign-up for:

- The Annual CSA Leadership Retreat (March 31)

✓ Meadow Brook Ball Pictures are in

The Oakland Center and The Center for Student Activities now has a web site. Click on www.otus.oakland.edu/oc or go to OU's Homepage and look for the Center for Student Activities under "Current Student".

Jennifer Granholm, Attorney General of the State of Michigan

Thursday, April 5, 2001 3:00 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission is free and tickets are not required!

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Let the GRILL times roll

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

A dining experience that is out of this world, or at least out of this country, has come to Auburn Hills. BD's Mongolian Barbeque opened for business across from campus on Thursday, and brings a warrior inspired cooking style, as well as hot new menu items.

"We're really excited to be in Auburn Hills and can't wait to meet our new neighbors," stated Billy Downs, president of BD's Mongolian Barbeque. "Our goal at BD's is not to be just another business in the area, we want to become active citizens in this community."

Although the restaurant officially opened on Thursday, a ceremonial lighting of the grill took place last Wednesday.

BD's original "Create-Your-Own-Stir-Fry" offering is still a favorite at the new restaurant, with a wide variety of meats, fresh vegetables, oils, sauces and spices. Diners are encouraged to experiment with different combinations and to mix and match ingredients to create an original, one of a kind entrée from the buffet area.

New appetizers are also available, including Shrimp Bombs, Coconut Shrimp and the BD one of a kind Dynamite Sticks (cheese, shrimp and crawfish stuffed in Santa Fe flavored sticks) as well as a full service soup and salad bar. The end of the meal can also be a bit sweeter than before, with the signature Big Brownie and Mongolian Mud Pie desserts, which are big enough for two.

"The big brownie is the best dessert because it comes with its own

shovel," said Dave Spezia, sophomore, engineering and waiter at BD's.

The dining atmosphere and cooking technique are patterned after the Mongolian warriors of ancient times. Warriors used swords to stir their day's hunt as it cooked over an open campfire. At BD's, the stir fry is cooked on a 2,000 pound, 600-degree grill, inspired by the circle shields that ancient warriors used in battle. Giant chopsticks are used by grillers to flip and stir the food.

The grillers don't only prepare the food, but provide entertainment for the waiting guests. From singing, telling riddles and silly jokes, they keep the atmosphere unlike any other restaurant in the area.

"I work with a lot of cool people, which doesn't normally happen. The atmosphere is enjoyable," said Ryan Cady, griller at BD's and DJ at WXOU.

BD's in Auburn Hills also boasts new features such as a larger grill and booth seating. Approximately 150 guests can be seated in the restaurant and patrons can enjoy a full service bar.

BD's is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m., and Sundays 12-10 p.m. Reservations are accepted for parties of six or more. Lunch prices for all you can eat stir fry is \$9.99, and dinner is \$12.99.

The Auburn Hills BD's is the 21st location in the national Mongolian chain, and the ninth location in Michigan. The original was opened in Royal Oak in 1992 and quickly spread across the state and the nation. BD's can be found in Chicago, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Denver, just to name a few cities.

BD's is located at 3355 University Drive and can be reached by call-



Cara Plowman/The Oakland Post
GRILLERS 'R US: (top) Grillers at BD's Mongolian Barbeque stir fry the bowls of food made by diners at the restaurant. The grillers keep guests entertained by telling jokes and singing songs around the grill. (above) Diners enjoy their stir fry meals at the newest BD's Mongolian Barbeque location in Auburn Hills.

ing 248.364.4200. Additional information can be found on its website at www.bdsmongolianbarbeque.com.

'15 Minutes' explores violence, media stimulation

By Sara McDowell
LIFE EDITOR

"In the future everyone will be famous for 15 minutes," Andy Warhol once said. The new John Herzfeld film dives into this very topic by utilizing media stimulation, a corrupt justice system and the quest for celebrity status.

With today's insatiable demand for high ratings on TV, and the desire to hit it big, "15 Minutes" shows how far people will go to make a name for themselves.

Two European immigrants, Emil Slovak (Karel Roden) and Oleg Razgul (Oleg Taktarov) develop a scheme to overthrow the justice system, gain fame and money.

After Oleg videotapes Emil murdering two people, Emil realizes how damaging the tape could be to him, until he realizes that it could actually be the best thing Oleg has ever done.

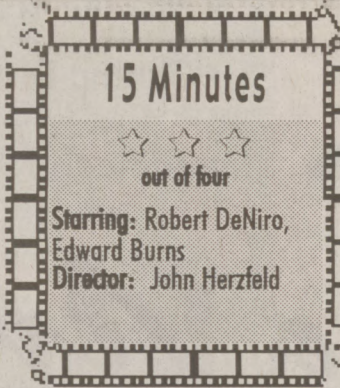
As the two embark on a killing spree, with all of the murders being taped, Emil decides that by turning himself in for the murders while claiming to be insane at the time of them, will not only clear him of being charged for the murders but reporters will want exclusive interviews with him and book and movie deals will be proposed to him.

The catch is that, of course, Emil isn't insane and he plans to reveal this after he is released from the mental hospital which will be a sure bet of boosting his fame.

Roden and Taktarov both give convincing performances. Roden plays the part of a media hungry, calculated killer to the hilt.

Razgul plays the man behind the tapings of Emil's killings. Obsessed with becoming a filmmaker, he

doesn't even shut off the camera when being chased by police.



Eddie Fleming (Robert DeNiro) star of more than 70 movies, including "Meet the Parents," "Heat" and "The Godfather" trilogy) and Jordy Warsaw (Edward Burns, writer, director and producer of "The Brothers McMullen" and "She's the One") play the good guys of the film.

Eddie is a famous New York detective while Jordy is an arson investigator. The two team up to catch Emil and Oleg.

The relationship between Eddie and Jordy is almost that of a father and son mixed with a bit of rivalry. There are many funny and heartfelt moments between the two.

Many of the characters in the film are searching for fame or have already had it in their lives. Emil and Oleg want fame, fortune and publicity. Eddie uses the media for his own personal and political advantage.

Robert Hawkins (Kelsey Grammer) plays a news anchor for "Top Story," a news show that is so unethical it airs a brutal murder on TV. He plays the type of reporter that give journalists a bad name and does it well.

The film also contains many cameos including ones by Roseanne Barr, Charlize Theron, ("Sweet November," "Reindeer Games") David Alan Grier, ("Dag," "In Living Color") Kim Cattrall ("Sex in the City") and Melena Kanakaredes ("Providence").

Kanakaredes plays a news reporter and Eddie's girlfriend in the film. She adds a warm face to the screen and helps viewers to see Eddie's softer side hiding beneath the hard exterior of a cop. The film also touches on the topic of how difficult it is to be a



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema Pictures
YOUNG GUNS: (L-R) Jordy Warsaw (Edward Burns) and Eddie Fleming (Robert DeNiro) a team up in "15 Minutes" in order to track down two European killers who wreck havoc in New York City.

reporter covering stories on a loved one.

The script is original and interesting. Not since Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers" has a film mixed violence and media together in such a stimulating way.

The film also surprises viewers with tactics that Hollywood rarely uses.

The camera work in the film is phenomenal as Oleg's camera shows viewers many scenes throughout the film. Also the special visual effects Oleg's camera demonstrates are ones that are rarely seen on screen. The distortion and colors used provide an almost creepy and dramatic essence to the picture.

The close relationship between media and glorified violence has been seen in the coverage of school shootings. The more exposure these crimes earn, the more the idea of violence and planned attacks can be seeped into the minds of young fed up school kids. The film uses this same idea. The more exposure there is on how criminals get away with crimes, the more likely the crimes will be copied.

Hertzfeld, writer and director of the film, created a film that is laced with dark humor, riveting action, social and justice problems and issues that leave viewers talking.

For Your entertainment

Surviving The Post

Due to all of the hype surrounding "Survivor: The Outback," and other reality shows, The Oakland Post has decided to stage its own rendition of Survivor. Based on the premise of being trapped in The Oakland Post, we will be eliminating one staff member each week until our final issue when we will announce the survivor of The Oakland Post. We have recently voted Jerney Barber, Assistant Photo Editor off of "Survivor: The Oakland Post" series. Tune in next week to see who survived week three.

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All Lit Up

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Hilary Hahn

Violinist, Hilary Hahn, will perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at 10:45 a.m. and again at 8 p.m., this Friday at Orchestra Hall. Hahn will be autographing CDs and other memorabilia in the lobby during each intermission. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 313.576.5130.

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