

•Welcome Back OU!!

•The Board of Trustees will meet for a working session today at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Business and Information Technology building. The Board agenda includes discussions of a Web Student Services Report, the Vice President for University Relations, adoption of Academic Calendars, Part One of planning for the student apartment building and the budget for the OU Golf and Learning Center.

•January is African-American History Month. Monday will kick off OU's celebration and is also Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. See A3 for the full story.

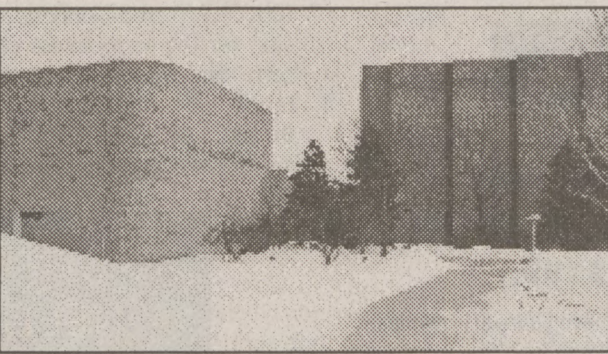
•The OU Blood Drive will be Jan. 29-31 in the Gold Rooms, OC. To register to give blood, visit www.givelife.redcross.org online (access code is oublood) or call 248-370-2400.

•Psi Chi needs your help raising money and collecting books for the Whitmer Human Resource Center. The center, located in Pontiac, is in desperate need of book cash donations to better allow more children the opportunity to use their school library. To make a donation, drop by 111 Pryale Hall by Jan. 15.

•OU will be closed this Monday to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Varner bumped by auto facility

MTD: The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance has seen a 33 percent increase in enrollment since 1993. Varner Hall renovations were moved to priority number two at the recent BOT meeting. Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post



By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

At the Board of Trustees meeting last month, the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Outlay Budget Request was voted on with renovations and additions to Varner Hall changed from priority one to priority two. The BOT's decided that the construction of a \$45 million (estimation) Automotive Technology Facility should take precedence over the \$50 million Varner project.

Ted Montgomery, Director of Media Relations said, "I know the board views both of these as top priorities. We're going to do everything we can to get both of these done."

Plans for the Automotive Technology Facility would house research and instructional facilities for programs that support the automotive industry.

"I think the board made a decision that they believe is in the best interest of the university," said Louis Esposito, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. "Both of those priorities are key BOT continues on A6

Provost forces SECS dean to resign

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Michael Polis was asked to resign as Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science at the start of the winter semester 2001.

"My leadership style and that of the Provost were incompatible," said Polis. "He asked for my resignation."

Late last week, Louis Esposito, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, announced the resignation decision in an email to the deans.

As of right now, Polis said that he plans to accept the offer to remain a professor in the department and will most likely begin teaching again in August 2001. He is currently on a paid administrative leave.

"Right now I have no other plans," said Polis. "This (decision) came rather suddenly."

In the email message to the deans, Esposito named Associate Dean Bhushan L. Bhatt as Acting Dean of the school until an Interim Dean is named.

Esposito said that he hopes to begin a search to fill the position this August, and he hopes to have a new dean named by August 2002.

Sources told The Post that there had been a number of disagreements between Polis and Esposito over the past year. The breaking point reportedly came when Polis sent a memo critical of a Provost office decision that affected the engineering school and the department of mathematics and

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'Snow U': Disability Support Services addresses dangerous unplowed parking lots, sidewalks

GOIN' NOWHERE: Yesterday, in front of the Oakland Center parking lot, a semi truck became lodged in the driveway because of the snow. Many motorists experienced similar problems because of heavy snow and inadequate removal systems. Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

By Tracy Minnis
MANAGING EDITOR

The recent overabundance of snowfall, combined with freezing temperatures, has turned OU into Snow U, and, for most students trying to navigate their way across campus, it is no winter wonderland.

"This is unbelievable," said Eric Orive, senior, Theatre. "There are places on campus where the snow is piled up so high, you can't even see beyond it. And parking is an even bigger nightmare than it was before the snow hit."

The conditions caused by the weather have made it extremely difficult for students, especially those with disabilities, to get around campus. Some students think that the way the parking lots were plowed and the sidewalks were cleared actually may have done more harm.

Alan Miller, Director of Campus Facilities and Operations, sympathizes with student navigational concerns, and is working in conjunction with Disability Support Services to address the issues, particularly those

involving disabled students and faculty.

"We've experienced quite a bit of snowfall this season, and we might be in for more. We do our best to deal with it as it comes down," said Miller. "This is my 14th winter here and this is the first time we've had this much back-to-back snowfall. This is the winter of our discontent."

Many students may think that snow removal is a simple process and many do not understand what is causing the delayed clearing of parking lot snow piles and icy walks.

"Salt seems to be the simple answer, and we have used it in appropriate areas," said Miller. "But there is no salt formula that is completely environmentally friendly, to say nothing of the corrosive affect salt has on sidewalks and other concrete surfaces."

While interest in campus environment is certainly important, it is of little consolation to students who are struggling, slipping and sliding across campus to get to classes.

Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer addressed

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Bookstore better off?

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

More students than ever stormed the OU Bookstore this week, and this time, the store was ready.

More than 40-50 students at any given time waited in the line in that wrapped back to the information desk. But with a team of 10 cashiers working, the line moved quickly.

"The line's longer that I've seen it, but it's faster," said Jason Stanyer, senior, M.I.S.

Stanyer also noticed an increase in staff.

"They have tons of workers," he said, "and there's a sign outside asking for more."

"I guess when one cashier drops from exhaustion, a new one takes their place," he joked.

Stanyer's assessment may not be far from the truth.

One bookstore employee said that the Bookstore hired a temp agency to bring in 20-30 more employees for the first few weeks of the semester, mostly to shelve new books as they were received from publishers.

He also said that Bookstore employees have been working around the clock to get books off the shelves.

The bookstore will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. today through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday.

One way students avoid waiting is to show up early. At 9 a.m. Tuesday, the Jason Stanyer Bookstore had Senior, M.I.S. two registers open and no lines.

Ryan Bean, junior, physical therapy, took a break from his morning show at WXOU to shop early.

"I'm glad I beat the rush," he said.

Stanyer went to Textbook Outlet, on the corner of Walton and Adams Rd. for most of his books, but he said that price wasn't an issue.

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I guess when one cashier drops from exhaustion, a new one takes their place

Expenditures for internal, outside counsel less than expected last year

By Sara McDowell
LIFE EDITOR

During the fiscal year 1999-2000, OU spent \$173,000 on internal general counsel \$38,091 on outside counsel and did not spend any money on settlements.

For fiscal year 1999-2000, staff attorney Diana Fernando earned \$45,230, Victor Zambardi, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees, received \$88,590 and Robert Bunger, part time assistant general counsel member was paid \$49,280.

According to Pat Nicosia, Director of Budget and Financial Planning at OU, the budget line item for outside general

counsel is set up as an open-ended account. Funds are transferred into the line item when needed and the budget is increased accordingly.

"The (outside counsel) total was actually less than I expected last year," said Nicosia.

Rhonda Saunders, Administrative Assistant said the amount was "pretty common" compared to other universities.

The main reason for the open-ended line item is due to the uncertainty of how much outside counsel will be needed during the year.

"We look at it on a case by case basis and see what we have and how much time we have when deciding what cases

to handle internally," said Zambardi. "Time constraints are sometimes a factor, and, in some cases, outside counsel may be cheaper or better, time-wise."

According to Zambardi, both internal and external counsel members can litigate cases, but there is not always enough time for internal counsel members to do so.

"More than not, the reason (for outside counsel) is expertise," said Zambardi. "It is more efficient and better for us to use experts in certain areas. Certain areas of the law are very specific. It comes down to what's in the best interest of the university. We're looking for cost efficiency."

Outside counsel also help to evaluate the cost of settlements against the cost of legal fees a case could create.

"I can't think of a case that was actually settled during the 1999-2000 fiscal year," said Zambardi. "OU typically pays much more proportionally on legal fees rather than settlements because cases are usually dismissed."

Many cases are dismissed by a judge before they ever go to trial, according to Zambardi.

Not every case involves a person seeking money.

"Every case is unique. Every case has different demands," said Zambardi who

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Number of Internal Counsel Members at Neighboring Universities	
Central Michigan University	2
Eastern Michigan University	1
Ferris State University	3
Michigan State University	7
Northern Michigan University	0*
U-M (Ann Arbor)	22
Wayne State University	5
Western Michigan University	2

*only outside counsel is used

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"They have more of my books here," he said. "It's more expensive but really I never looked at the prices. When you're paying \$600 for your books, an extra \$30 doesn't matter."

Krissy Dida, freshman, Spanish, was buying books for the second time.

"My Rhetoric class wasn't listed (on the shelf) since it was being taught by 'Staff,' so I just bought books listed as 'Also Used.'"

Dida also noticed that the books required

for her Spanish 214 class weren't listed. "I'll find out what I need the first day of class," she said.

Despite these problems, Dida said that her bookstore experience was positive.

"The line went so fast," she said. "The store is very well organized."

She also praised the bookstore's staff. "The workers know a lot off the top of their heads," she said.

Stanyer remembers when, before its renovation last fall, the OU students suffered a much longer wait.

"That old bookstore was half the size," he said.

The bookstore's expansion mirrored OU's student body, which reached 15,235 full and part time students this year, up 3.5 percent from 1999.

OU's bookstore is a member of the Wallace's chain of college bookstores. Wallace's began its five-year contract on July 1, 1999.

OU is one of 60 universities throughout the United States operated by Wallace's.

Officials at Wallace's were unavailable for comment.

For further information, visit www.oubookstore.com.

DEAN

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copied at least some members of the SECS board of visitors. Sending the criticism externally triggered Esposito's demand to Polis to resign or be fired.

In addition, Chair of the Department of mathematics and Statistics Marc Lipman said that talks between his department and the School of Engineering were sometimes heated.

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this issue, as well as what OUSC is doing to help resolve it, at Monday's 4 p.m. Student Congress meeting.

"Student Congress is interested in pursuing any and all avenues to help resolve this for students," said Kochenderfer. "OUSC is keenly aware of the safety concerns involved in this matter and will do everything in our power to make our campus safe and accessible for each and every student."

Assistant Dean of students, Karen Lloyd, mirrored Kochenderfer's passion for the seriousness of this concern. She also stressed the importance of student involvement through congress as an avenue to aid in the resolving of such issues.

"We have a very strong relationship with (the engineering department). We teach all of their students," said Lipman. "Those discussions, aren't always sweetness and tact."

If Polis does decide to return as a Professor of Engineering, Esposito said that Polis would receive an estimated 20 percent pay cut.

Polis left his position as dean earning \$148,665. If Polis does take the teaching job, his estimated earnings would drop to \$118,935.

"The whole purpose of student involvement in student congress is to learn how to address university concerns, such as this snow issue," said Lloyd. "Students need to understand the process of resolving these kinds of issues, and that involves making sure that your approach is correct, organized, intelligent, proper and that you're talking with the right people."

According to Miller, the plan is to utilize more snow removal equipment and less salt.

"At great expense, we've employed the use of the big front-end loaders to remove sight distance problems, but the hard-packed snow can only be removed as it softens," said Miller. "We may not seem to be moving fast enough, but we are actually moving quicker than many local municipalities."

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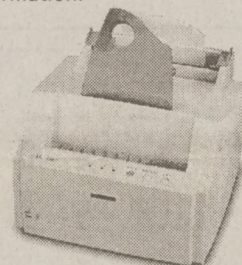
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- ✓ College Bowl Exhibitions
January 10, 12, 16 & 17
- ✓ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day
January 15
- ✓ African American Celebration 2001
January 15 - February 23
- ✓ OU's Annual Winter Carnival/Student & Greek Organizations Days
January 17-18
- ✓ ACUI Qualifying Tournaments in:
Billiards, Table Tennis, Euchre & Chess
January 20
- ✓ Kweisi Mfume Lecture
January 26
- ✓ OU Winter Blood Drive
January 29-31

OU COLLEGE BOWL 2001

Saturday, January 27
Tournament begins at 10:00 a.m.
Oakland Center Heritage Room

Sign-up forms at CSA, 20/20 Info
\$20 per team

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2nd Place Team wins \$200

Deadline is Friday, January 26.
Sign-up at the CSA Service Window

AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

✓ **Reservations for:**

- Beauty and the Beast (Musical) (February 25 & March 4)
- Talulah starring Kathleen Turner (February 18 and March 4)
- Civil War (March 4) - Phantom of the Opera (variety of dates)
- Dame Edna (March 20) - David Copperfield (March 25)

✓ **Tickets for:**

- Kweisi Mfume Lecture (January 26)

✓ **Sign-up for:**

- OU College Bowl Campus Tournament (January 27)
- SPB's February 9-11 Ski Trip to Shanty Creek

Trip to Ireland: May 2-9, 2001

We are pleased to announce a trip to Ireland is now available to all Oakland University students, faculty, staff, alumni association members, and their families and friends. The trip will cost only \$1,930 (based on 20 or more participants) and will include round trip air travel, lodging, most meals and tours galore! Trip participants will visit Dublin, Cork, Kildare, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, the Dingle Peninsula and much much more! For additional information, pick up an informational brochure at the CSA Office, 20/20 Information Center, or contact DeWald Travel at (800) 228-0707.

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".

Web Page Workshop

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Sign-up in CSA for this workshop to assist your organization in developing and maintaining an excellent website. The workshop will help you promote, inform and update others about your organization.

S L L B Presents...

Kweisi Mfume: Executive Director of the NAACP

Friday, January 26, 2001 3:00 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Theatre

Tickets will be required and available at the CSA Service Window.

CRIME watch

• OUPD was advised that the Auburn Hills Police Department was following a suspected vehicle involved in a breaking and entering at 7:26 a.m. on Dec. 9. The vehicle entered OU's campus and was stopped near Meadowbrook Music Festival by OU police. Both subjects, who were suspected of stealing cigarettes from two local convenience stores, were removed from the vehicle, handcuffed and searched. A witness was unable to identify either suspect and no evidence was found in the vehicle, so the subjects were released.

• On Dec. 11, police were called to Hamlin Hall where a male resident received three phone calls from an unidentified female. Two more calls were made by a male who threatened to assault the student. When the police officer arrived, two more calls were received and answered by the officer who posed as a friend. In the first call, the caller identified himself and where he lived, and challenged a fight. Yet another call was answered by the officer to which the caller responded "You just signed your death warrant". Police contacted Auburn Hills Police who reportedly had no previous criminal contact with the subject.

• OUPD responded to a phone call, received by a member of the OU softball team. The caller identified himself as a reporter for The Oakland Post and asked if the uniforms showed too much cleavage and were sexist. He continued to ask if the players were more than just friends. Another member of the team also received the same call. Police asked both to keep a log of further calls. *Editors Note: The Oakland Post has not assigned a reporter to investigate the softball team.*

MLK Day kicks off celebration

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

Every year OU students participate in a month long celebration in honor of the African-American culture. This year's theme is "Legacies: African-American People and their Achievements", and takes place from Monday Jan. 15 through Friday Feb. 23.

The celebration kicks off on Monday with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day. The Association of Black Students Campus March will be held from 11:30 a.m.-noon and meets in the first floor lobby of Vandenberg Hall.

Following will be the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration from noon-1 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court with Nancy Quarles from the Michigan House of Representatives, as the keynote speaker. At 7 p.m. that evening, a Candlelight Vigil and Alumni Night will be held in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

"African-American Celebration 2001 reflects OU's ongoing commitment to appreciating diversity on our campus and it provides educational and social opportunities to enjoy the richness of African-American history and culture from the past, present and future perspectives," said Jean Ann Miller, Assistant Director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development and Co-Chair of the event.

A few highlights of this year's celebration will be an appearance by Kweisi Mfume, the President and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Friday, Jan. 26; a visit by Comedian Rondell Sheridan on Friday, Feb. 9; the ABS Mardi Gras Fashion Affair: "Let Fashion Diversity Teach Us a New

Appreciation for Cultural and Ethnic Diversity" on Friday, Feb. 16; and a Closing Ceremony and Reception "Celebrating OU's Future Legacies" on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Another big event of the month is the annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet being held on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Harold Kunter, Vice President of Worldwide Purchasing, General Motors Corporation, will be speaking.

According to The Office of Equity Website (www2.oakland.edu/equity/keeper), this banquet honors the memory of King and focuses on his dreams of brotherhood, harmony and equality. The banquet also recognizes the recipients of the Keeper of the Dream Award, who have shown academic achievement, continued success at OU, and interracial understanding. Last year nine \$5,000 scholarships were awarded, as well as one non-monetary award.

According to Miller, The African-American Celebration 2001 is sponsored by many organizations and offices across campus. This celebration is also made possible by a large committee consisting of students, faculty and staff who have contributed a lot of time since last semester.

"The celebration of Black History Month (or African-American Celebration Month at OU) has always been one of OU's premier events. It is one of OU's oldest programming traditions, having been celebrated at OU since the middle 1970s," said Miller.

More information on the events of African-American Celebration Month 2001 can be picked up at the Center for Student Activities in 49 Oakland Center, or the OU website at www.oakland.edu.

African-American Celebration 2001 Activities for the week of Jan. 15

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| | Monday, Jan. 15 |
| 11:30 a.m. | ABS Campus March Begins in Vandenberg Hall |
| 12 noon | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Pioneer Food Court |
| 7 p.m. | Candlelight Vigil and Alumni Night Gold Rooms, OC |
| | Thursday, Jan. 18 |
| 7p.m. | Legacy & Legend in Media Film Series & Discussion Oakland Room, OC |
| | Friday, Jan. 19 |
| 9 p.m. | National Pan-Hellenic Council Dance Gold Rooms, OC |
| | Saturday, Jan. 20 |
| 9 p.m. | Community Service Project: Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac Meet in Fireside Lounge, OC |

Thursday, Jan. 18-Saturday, Jan. 20
Prospective Students of Color Weekend

Added fees equal higher bills

By Stephanie Bishop
THE OAKLAND POST

Nearly every student at OU can expect to pay at least \$215 in fees, in addition to books and tuition. If 15,000 students are enrolled for one semester at OU and all students are charged the mandatory fees, \$3,225,000 extra per semester is collected.

It is normal to see semester fees on a statement/invoice after registering for an upcoming semester. At almost any given college, the statement will show a charge for registration or administration fees. But there are many other charges at colleges where students pay per semester, offering opportunities they may or may not ever use.

Other fees that may be included are student activities/recreation, computing, technology, capital improvement, legal services, etc.

All of these can add up and increase the cost per semester more than one might realize.

OU has several semester fees that can vary depending on a student's major. OU's general service fee is \$125 per semester. This fee includes cost of registration and student record maintenance, Oakland Center services, Graham Health Center services, athletics services, as well as maintenance of campus parking lots, roads and walkways.

A student activities and recreation center fee of \$90 is also being assessed to OU students each semester. Students who are taking classes off campus are not charged the \$90.

According to Robin McGrath, office manager for the recreation center, the fee is mandatory and was voted on by the student body.

"The recreation fee can only be waived if there is a medical reason," McGrath said.

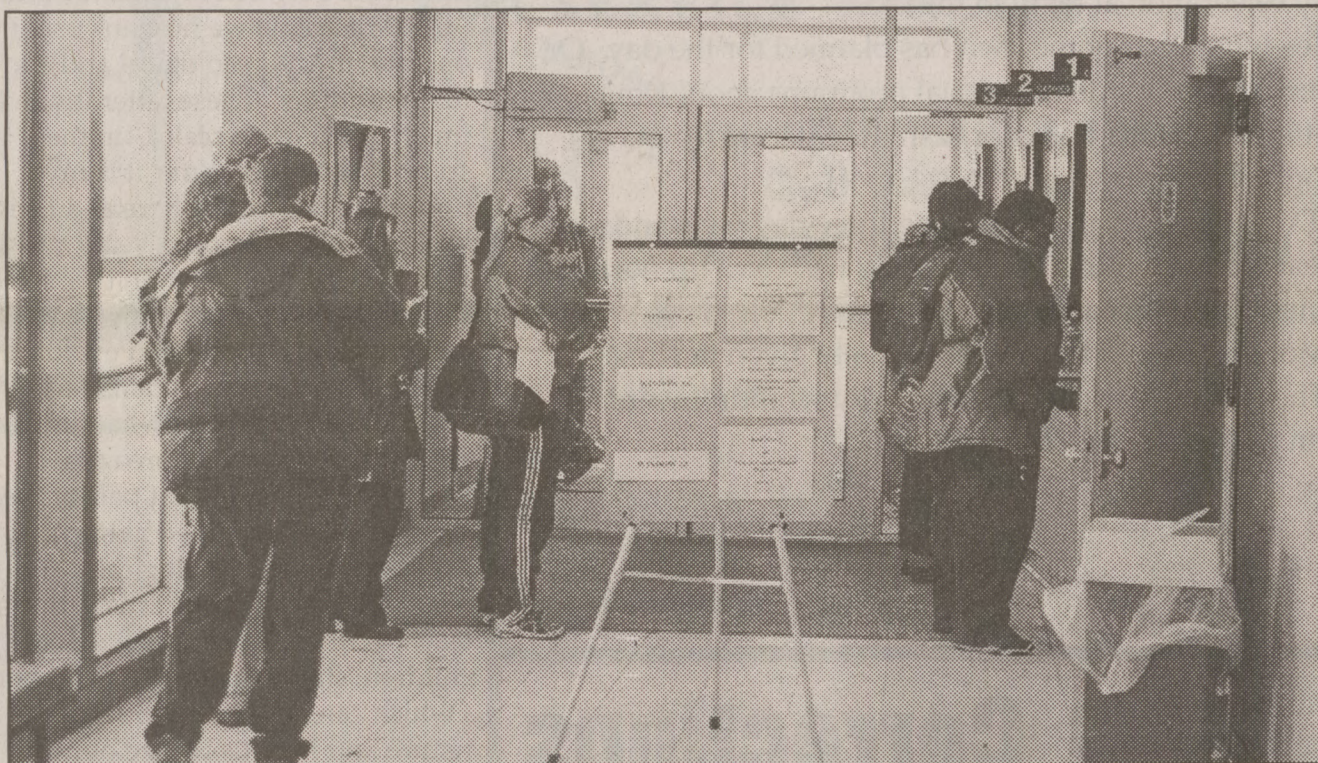
OU alumni, faculty and staff pay a higher fee to use the center, she said.

A student who wishes to try to have some fees waived may petition by filing the request to the appropriate office. The various appeals officers are listed in the schedule of classes.

Some students who commute to campus and work full time don't have much time to utilize facilities such as the recreation center.

"I had to commute to school and work full time so I never used the facilities," OU alumna Tina Paradise said. "When I was done with class I just wanted to go home."

OU students can expect course fees, aside from their tuition, if they are taking courses in the School of Business Administration, the School of Engineering and Computer



PAYING THE BILLS: Students wait in line at the Cashiers Office in North Foundation Hall to pay their tuition on the first day of winter semester. Included in that amount are numerous fees that all students are required to pay for general services, health care, athletics and maintenance.

Science, the School of Health Sciences, the School of Nursing and the Departments of Mathematical Science and Statistics, Chemistry, Physics and Biological Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. The fee per credit hour is \$12. A standard four credit hour course will charge \$48 in fees.

Course fees are also assessed in a list of specialized courses and some specific courses. Students should also make sure to register and make payments on time to avoid any late fees.

The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor assesses fees per semester accordingly: registration fee \$80; Michigan Student Assembly \$5.69; Student Legal Services \$5.50; School and College Government Fee \$1.50; and maintenance fee \$185. U-M's recreational fee per semester is \$5, an \$85 difference from OU's fee.

Ferris State University in Big Rapids has refundable fees

and non-refundable fees. Refundable fees include the racquet facility fee \$22, student activity fee \$40, and the health center fee \$40. These fees are refunded to a student upon completion of the semester if the student waived the privilege to use the recreational facilities. The university keeps track of students who use the facilities through student identification cards.

FSU has a \$125 computing fee which is non-refundable. This fee went into effect for the Fall 2000 semester and is assessed to all freshman and sophomores. Juniors and seniors have the option of paying. The benefits students receive are access to a suite of Microsoft software products.

Community colleges also have fees. Macomb County Community College charges students a \$15 registration fee. However, Oakland Community College assesses a \$25 registration fee and a \$10 technology fee. Course fees vary at Oakland Community College.

Winter brings new events, notable speakers

Welcome to winter semester! During the fall, I often talked about the great opportunities for involvement around campus. The winter at Oakland is hardly "class as usual," offering a ton of events to take advantage of as well.

One of the most notable speakers coming to campus this semester is Kweisi Mfume, President and Chief Executive Officer of the NAACP. This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the country's foremost leaders speak out on the recent election and modern-day race relations. Mr. Mfume will be speaking on Friday, January 26th at 3pm in the Meadow Brook Theatre. Best of all, tickets are free to all students if picked up beforehand in the CSA office. Jennifer Granholm,

Attorney General for the state of Michigan, will also be speaking later in the semester on April 5.

Each year, several students are honored at the "Keeper of the Dream" banquet for promoting diversity in the campus community. Student Congress has purchased 30 seats reserved for students at the banquet,

and will announce when those seats become available on a first come, first serve basis. The February 14 event will feature Harold Kunter, Vice President, Worldwide Purchasing for General Motors, as the keynote speaker this year.

On the lighter side, the Student Program Board and Residence Halls will host their



Adam Kochenderfer

annual casino night on February 17. Part of the Oakland Center Winter All-Nighter, SPB will also be featuring a psychic, hypnotist, and a "make your own music video" event on the same night. On March 30, SPB will be bringing Dr. Drew Pinsky from MTV to Oakland.

A host of comedians are planned to come to campus as well throughout winter semester.

All of these events are sponsored in part by Student Congress or its committees, and there's much, much more going on than could possibly fit in one article. African-American Celebration activities alone number over 30 during the months of January and February. Student

Program Board, the Student Life Lecture Board, and over 100 student organizations put on events that continually add to our growing sense of campus community. And it's easy to find out what's going on. Stop by the CSA office or Student Congress office in the downstairs Oakland Center. Winter semester will only be what you make it, and our student organizations plan on making it an active one no matter what your interests are.

Adam Kochenderfer is Student Body President. He can be reached by calling (248) 370-4290.

Editor's View

M.L.K. Day to honor, not just sleep in

I have a dream... that next Monday... OU students will not sleep in.

Many schools, government offices and some businesses, including OU, will be closed Jan. 15 to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. But, the added day to our weekend should evoke more than the desire to sit in pajamas all day catching up on soaps.

About five years ago, Student Congress rallied the Board of Trustees and was successful in getting OU to take the day off to remember King.

We imagine that Congress' intentions were honorable and students should take the day to learn about African-American history as well as celebrate King's accomplishments during the Civil Rights Movement.

Every American should try to watch or read about King's speeches (not just the "I Have A Dream" speech). He was a brilliantly powerful orator who was able to rally large groups of people together to accomplish goals and, ultimately, help to extend equality among the races.

Classes won't be held this Monday, but the Center for Student Activities has planned three events to honor King. Among them, Nancy Quarles from the Michigan House of Representatives will speak during the birthday celebration at noon in the OC.

See what your hometown has planned for the day. Or, check the TV guide for special programs about King. Better yet, hit the books or scan the Internet for quotes, biographies and speeches.

Don't consider the upcoming three day weekend a great chance to head off for a long weekend up north of skiing or snowboarding.

Monday should be at least partially given to King.

The point is to do something. You wouldn't want to ruin my dream, would you?

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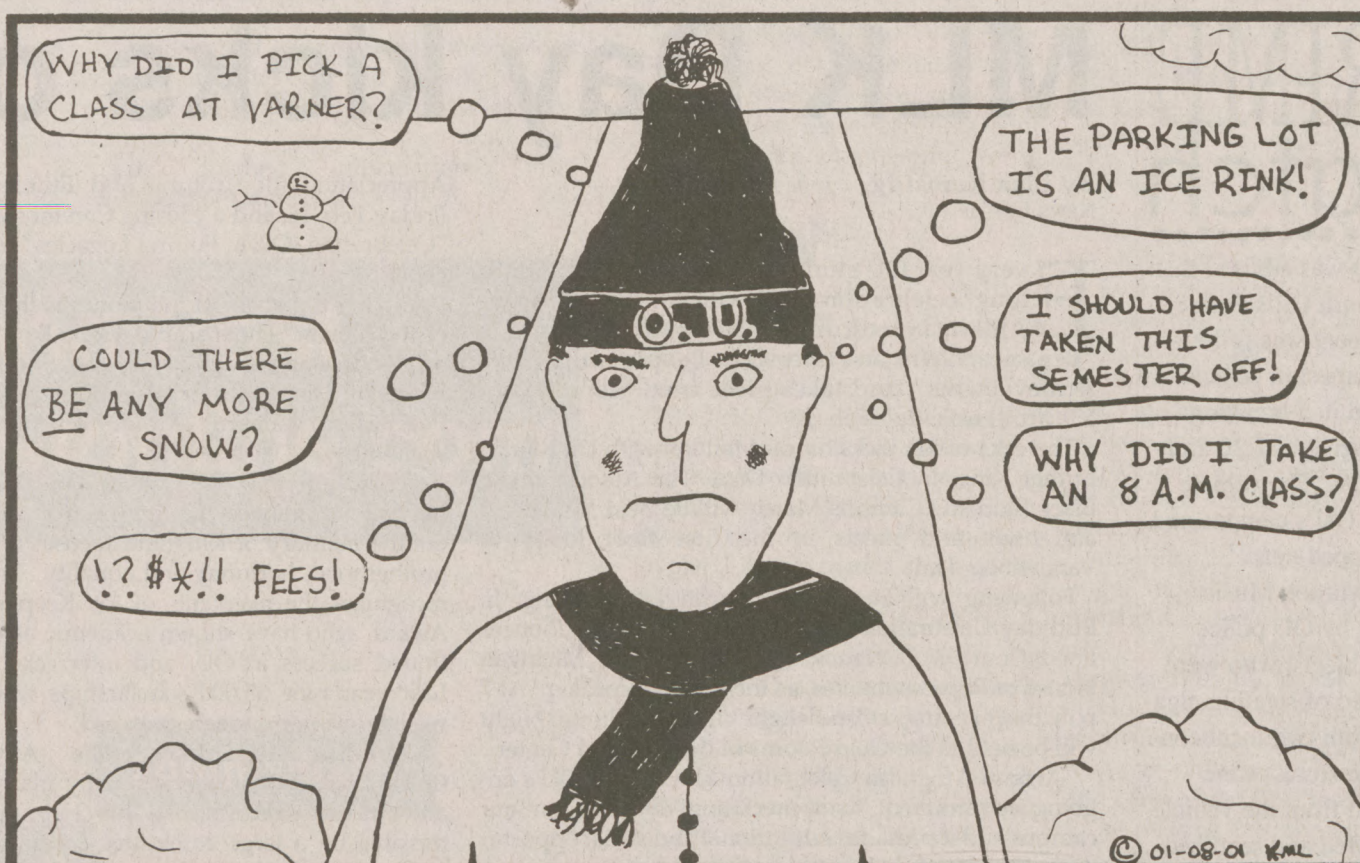
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If a man hasn't discovered something that he would die for, he isn't fit to live.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Welcome Back!

Letters to the Editor

A plea to preserve land

Dear Editor,

In the Honors College course "Biophilia" (HC 208) which it has been my privilege and pleasure to teach this fall, we have talked of the difference between organismic time - the time frame we humans usually operate in - and ecological and evolutionary time. These latter involve much longer time scales. In the spirit of ecological time, it is my hope that OU will be here and thriving in another hundred years and long beyond that. Also in that spirit, I urge that the Master Plan for the campus be ecological and evolutionary in focus and time scale. More specifically, I urge that what remains of the campus natural area (the undeveloped southwest part of the campus) be maintained as such. It is a very valuable ecological resource - to scientists, artists, poets, teachers of literature and science, children, students, faculty, neighbors - which can help us all to relate to nature and help us realize our full humanity. New buildings, parking lots and other structures can be built elsewhere. The OU Student Congress and the University Senate and others who oppose encroachments on the campus natural area have it right, in my opinion. They are the true visionaries.

Among the extensive readings we have done in the Biophilia course is a thought-provoking essay by David Orr entitled "Love It or Lose It: The Coming Biophilia Revolution." Most of my students believe with me that David Orr has it right, too.

If we heed his advice, OU will guard and protect that natural area and the plants and animals and microorganisms that live in it. I won't be here in fifty or one hundred years, but it would be nice to think that one useful thing I did in the year 2000 was to help nudge OU in the direction of doing the right thing. We, too, can be part of the Biophilia revolution, and can be proud to have had the vision this year to see it coming.

Philip T. Clampitt, Ph.D.
Lecturer in Biological Sciences

U-M Law's day in court

Dear Editor,

The Michigan Student Assembly at U-M, Ann Arbor, needs your help in the fight to defend integration and affirmative action. Our university is facing two lawsuits that threaten to strike down our affirmative action programs.

The cases against U-M are very likely to be the affirmative action cases that reach the Supreme Court and decide the legality of affirmative action programs for every university in the country. Affirmative action, support services for minority and women students, academic departments like Ethnic Studies, outreach programs, and scholarship programs are all at risk.

Five years after the elimination of affirmative action at the University of Texas at Austin Law School, this year's graduating class of 483 students includes only 7 black students. The year after affirmative action was eliminated at the University of

California at Berkeley Law School, one black student enrolled in a class of 270. Students on campuses where affirmative action has been eliminated report an extreme rise in racism and prejudice on campus.

We need your help to win these trials. MSA is calling on all students who support the fight to defend integration and affirmative action to travel to Ann Arbor on Monday, Jan. 15 for the Martin Luther King National Civil Rights March to Defend Integration and Affirmative Action. We also invite you to join us in picketing and attending the trial against U-M Law School, which begins Jan. 16.

We hope you will join us to make a stand in defense of affirmative action and integration and to win the U-M affirmative action cases. What we as students do over the coming months will make the difference between whether we are pulled backward towards increasing inequality and segregation, or whether we move forward towards equality. We can be the leaders that move this country forward. Please join us in this effort.

Jessica Curtin
Michigan Student Assembly
Representative
U-M, Ann Arbor

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with the university.”
The estimated 87,000 square feet Automotive Facility would also provide spaces for the schools of Engineering and Computer Science, Business Administration and Health Sciences.
The original draft of recommendation proposed by the BOT named Varner Hall renovations and additions the university’s top priority because of the substantial growths seen by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. The project would support the performing

arts at OU as well as accommodate the 33 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment within the department since 1993.
“The College of Arts and Sciences has been in need of a financial boost for some time now,” said Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer. “At the same time, an Automotive Facility would go far in further defining Oakland University in the minds of both the state and the country.”
The Capital Outlay Project Request that was presented to the board by Vice President of Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer, named renovations and additions to South Foundation Hall as its third priority.
Since South Foundation construction in 1959, few renovations have been made to the building. The project would modernize older areas and add new office and instructional space.
OU will submit its Capital Outlay Budget Requests to the state with the updated changes soon. Montgomery said he thinks both priorities will be addressed in the near future.
“I think they’re both going to happen,” said Montgomery. “One doesn’t happen at the expense of the other.”
Kochenderfer added, “We would be in an optimal position if both could be achieved.”

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- Wednesday, January 24, 2001, 12 noon-1 PM-Wellness Room, REC
- Wednesday, January 24, 2001, 5:30-6:30 PM-Wellness Room, REC
- For more information, call 370-3260

Graham Health Center: Graham Health Center welcomes back students and staff. It's not too late to get your flu vaccine. GHC has this year's vaccine available by appointment for \$10. Please call ext. 2341 to make an appointment or email us at health@oakland.edu with any further questions. We hope you had a healthy and safe holiday season!

Thinking about quitting smoking for your new year's resolution! Graham Health Center is holding an orientation session for prospective quitters on Friday January 19th at the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center from 12 noon to 1 PM. Come and get free information and snacks! We're here to help. Call us at ext. 2341 or email at health@oakland.edu. Also, there are student health insurance packets available in the lobby of GHC. Happy New Year!

THIS WEEK

•The Ultimate Sports Challenge: has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2001. Sign up at our Campus Recreation table in the Oakland Center or call ext. 4732 for more information.

•Watch for upcoming information regarding the next Campus Recreation Family F.R.E.E. Day to be held February 17th.

•**Attention Students:**
Your membership to the Rec Center is included in your tuition and fees for Winter 2001. Be sure to have your OU Spirit Card ready when you enter. The Rec Center is open 6 AM-11 PM Sunday during Winter 2001 term.

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Campus Recreation News

•**Intramural Sports:** Winter semester intramural sports will begin January 18th. Schedules are available at the Campus Rec welcome desk.

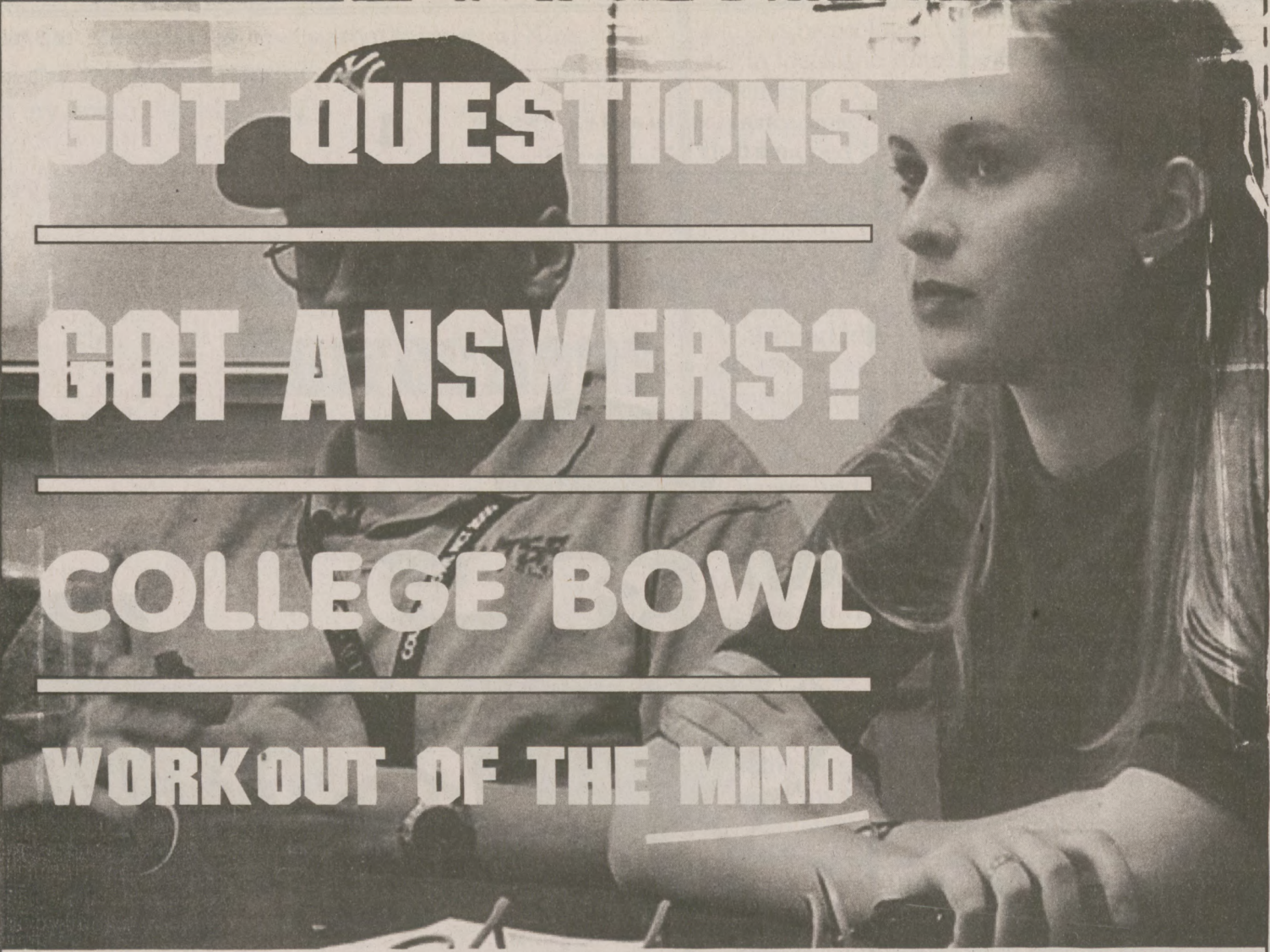
•**Group Exercise and Special Classes:** Classes begin Wednesday, January 10th. All group exercise classes are free. Some special classes require registration. Please see schedules at the welcome desk for descriptions, days, and times.

•**Water Aerobics:** Classes begin January 27th. A great way to get a workout and feel refreshed.

•**Swim Lessons:** Sign-up begins January 10th.

•**Water Polo and Indoor Soccer:** Both are new for Winter 2001. Sign-ups begin January 10th. See the welcome desk for more information.

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OU College Bowl 2001 Campus Tournament

Saturday, January 27, 2001

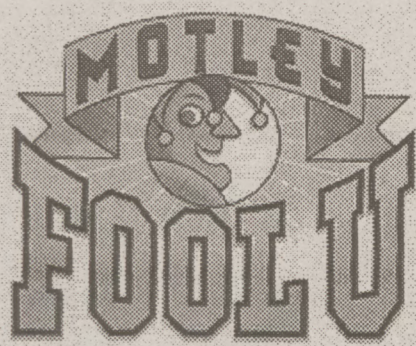
First Place Team wins \$400 and the right to represent Oakland U at the ACUI Regional Tournament to be held February 16-18 at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Second Place Team wins \$200.

Entry forms and Information are available at the CSA Service Window and 20/20 Info Center. The entry fee is only \$20 per four person team. Entry Forms are due on Wednesday, January 24 to the CSA office.

Watch the College Bowl Exhibitions in the Fireside Lounge/Heritage Rooms on January 10, 12, 16 & 17.

SIGN UP NOW TO PLAY College Bowl!



Student Loan Frets

Q: I am paying \$175 a month on a \$20,000 student loan and am barely covering the interest. Are there any organizations that will reduce/forgive student loan debt if I were to work in a specific career/locale or start a woman-owned business? - K.C., via Internet.

A: There are several organizations that will reduce and/or forgive student loan debt in exchange for performing various public-service jobs. But unless you really want a save-the-world job, you might not find the trade-offs very attractive.

Consider trading your labor for loan payments carefully. These are not plum assignments. They are jobs such as working in medical clinics in the inner city or teaching in places that can't recruit enough teachers. The ones that don't require professional degrees are usually volunteer jobs for the Peace Corps or VISTA or the like.

These are all wonderful things to do and can pay off in ways you never dreamed of. But we're not sure that, by itself, reducing a student loan would be sufficient motivation to get you through two years of building sewage treatment facilities in tropical countries for the Peace Corps or stacking sandbags for flood control in the Army National Guard.

What exactly are you after? If you are looking for a way to "give back," wonderful. We take off our jingled caps and salute you. If your motivations are strictly economic, canceling your student loan by working for much less money than you are making now doesn't make much sense. So unless you really want to teach math in a war zone for peanuts, we don't think the job idea is a winner.

What are your alternatives? As student loan payments go, \$175 is pretty low. We played around with our loan calculator, and, assuming an interest rate of 8 percent, it's going to take you 18 years to pay off a \$20,000 balance. Gulp. But here's an interesting alternative: Double your payments and you'll cut your payback time by two-thirds -- that's \$350 a month for six years. At \$500 a month, you can pay it off in four years. Just like a car.

"Five hundred bucks a month!" We can hear the screaming now. You were probably looking to get rid of that payment so you could buy a car. The cold fact is that you can't "reduce the principal" other than by paying it off, either with cash or through public service. Student loans aren't loans studying to become loans. They're real loans. You can't expect them to become retroactive scholarships.

WHAT NOW? 'Tis the season ... and not the season of saving money. For tips on spending less on shopping, giving and traveling, see our holiday special.

Mature students impact classes

By Kathy Sauer
THE OAKLAND POST

Retreads, recycled and non-traditional are euphemisms for the college student today age 23 and over.

Older students have been returning to the college campuses across the nation in record numbers. According to the U.S. National Center for Education Statistics in 1993 (the most recent numbers available), approximately 44 percent of college students were 25 years of age and greater. Of that number, two-thirds were female. If these numbers continue, older students will outnumber younger students within the next decade.

According to studentadvantage.com, older students have work experience and tend to approach college courses as a job to be done. They often succeed, with high grades for their hard work.

Neal Shine, OU journalism professor, said, "When I walk into the classroom for the first class of the term and see a good representation of so called non-traditional students, I consider it a special blessing. They tend to make classroom discussions livelier and their participation more often than not prompts other students to join it when they might otherwise be reluctant to do so."

An important issue of concern for returning older students along with the lack of computer



BACK TO SCHOOL: Non-traditional students are rapidly returning to college classrooms. Many mature students attend night classes at OU, such as this Layout and Design Course.

Cara Plowman/
The Oakland Post

knowledge, mortgage payments, kids and just money in general, is how previous credits are evaluated and how it is determined what a student may need to complete general education requirements.

"I was bilingual editor for Readers Digest in Mexico City," said Terrie Arillano, junior, Spanish and math major. "There's no credit for career and life experience to cover some of the general education requirements."

Laura Vicker, senior, Spanish

and English major, said, "I have a law degree from the University of Michigan and I have to take an Introduction to Literature class."

Overall, the students interviewed were concerned and confused about how the credits are evaluated. Twenty-five years and more of work experience should be taken into consideration when determining the class requirements for returning students.

The opportunity to test out of classes is available through the

CLEP program (College-level Examination Program).

According to the Undergraduate Catalog, transfer students cannot have more than 32 credits at the time of the exam. The credits must be reviewed and received by the student prior to CLEP application.

Many students have found, however, that often they do not get their reviewed credits back for one to two years - too long to put off starting classes and thereby accumulating more than

the 32 credits.

Some universities across the country (especially in California and Oregon) prepare programs to meet the needs of older students such as day care centers, adult student lounges that are quieter, and peer leader programs, where older students help in the orientation of "new" older students.

OU has a 96-97 percent success rate for placing non-traditional students in college, according to the Placement and Career Services Department.

Shoppers stampede to .com sites

By Katie Wesch
THE OAKLAND POST



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP: Many consumers are now turning to the internet for everyday shopping needs.

The Internet is steadily taking over what used to be considered "traditional" activities outside the home.

Shopping, trips to the library, even sporting events are making their way to the small screen. The World Wide Web is taking over and its power is its people.

According to a study by Commerce Net and Nielsen Media Research, there are now more than 92 million Internet "surfers" in the US/Canada regions over the age of sixteen, which is an increase of 13 million from just a year ago. This is an 59% increase since 1997.

One of the most popular activities flooding the browsers is shopping. Now users can log on and hit almost any store available.

One of the newer sites to hit the commercial world is Simon.com. This site brings local malls to the shopper without the hassle of fighting for the front row parking spot.

Women seem to be making the biggest leap into e-commerce, steadily growing to around 41% of online shoppers. Some of the top items being bought are cars, books, computers, clothing, and CDs.

U.S. online spending reached \$5.4 billion at the

end of 2000 and is projected to climb to \$6.9 trillion by 2004, according to Forrester Research.

Even with premium parking, some problems can and do occur.

"Immediately after Christmas (last year), we all heard horror stories of undelivered gifts and orders gone astray," said Cameron Meierhoefer, Internet Analyst for PC Date Online. "But this study strongly suggests these instances were the exception rather than the rule. The bottom line is that a majority of home internet users had a good experience."

According to Andersen Consulting, the top ten disappointments of the holiday rush were "gift wanted to purchase was out of stock, product was not delivered on time, paid too much for delivery, connection or download trouble, didn't receive confirmation or status report on purchase, selections were limited, web site difficult to navigate, web site didn't provide information needed to make purchase, prices not competitive and site didn't offer enough gift ideas."

Even with the complaints, 96% of the Internet consumers say they will buy online again this holiday season.

After all, nothing could be worse than trying to survive the war going on in the mall parking lot.

Returning students touch many lives

As a senior here at OU, I have had the opportunity to meet some pretty remarkable folks. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that many students have met, in one way or another, someone who has touched our lives in a positive way. The majority of us, the so-called "X, Y, and whatever-generations," have found these individuals despite the fact that popular thought says we have no role models.

Today, I would like to intro-

duce one of these individuals. This woman, like me, is a student here at Oakland. There is, however, one distinct difference: she is classified as a "non-traditional student." She is a woman who has returned to college after already living the beginning of her adult life. I have shared numerous classes with her and am continually amazed at her



Michael Hoskins

hard work and dedication. She drives 50 miles just to get here, and is taking a course load that would give most students (except maybe nursing or PT majors) severe ulcers.

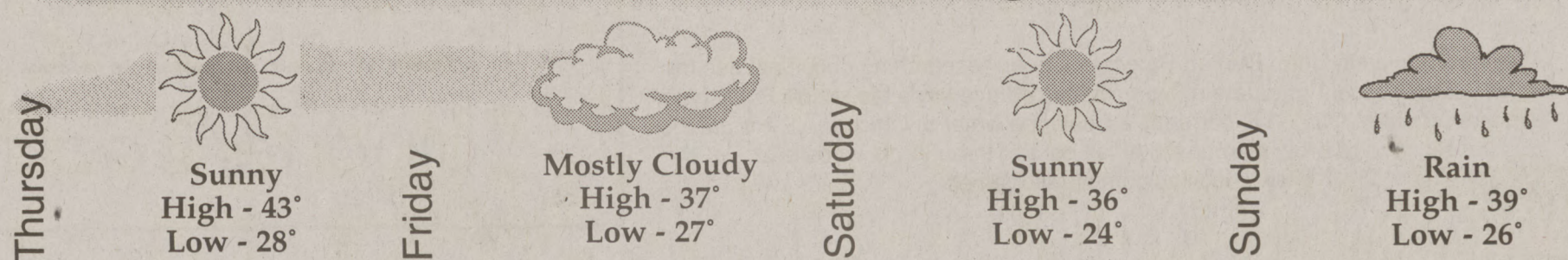
Over the course of the last semester, I have listened intently as she has enriched each class with her own life experiences. She asks intelligent, thoughtful questions because she wants to learn, not

because they might be on a test. She keeps up with all of the outside reading and assignments, usually far surpassing the rest of us in the quality of her work. This is not because she knows it all already; she puts in countless hours of studying and tutoring to get where she is.

Though she is older than many of the students, she is never condescending. She considers

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listed people wanting their grades changed, admission to a degree program or re-admission to OU as possible reasons for people to bring a case against the university.

If OU spends out money on a settlement, it uses university funds as a deductible for the amount. Anything above that amount goes into a self-insurance provider. OU is a member of Michigan Universities Self-Insurance Corporation (MUSIC).

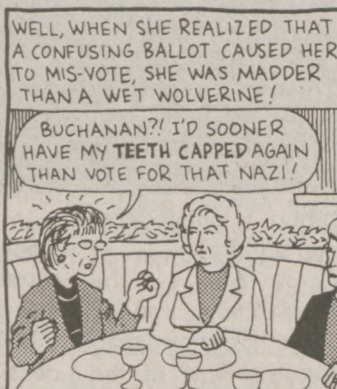
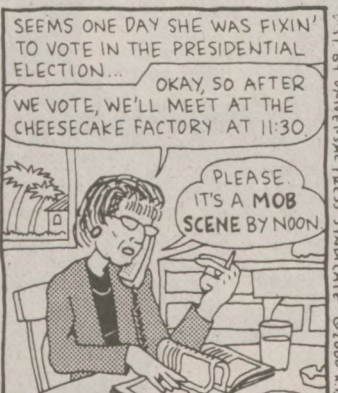
"OU pays the first 'x' amount of dollars on

a claim. Then MUSIC pays out money. If that is capped out, an excess carrier for liabilities issues out money," said Catherine Lark, Director of Risk Management and Contracting at OU.

All four-year universities in Michigan, except the University of Michigan and Michigan State University are a part of the MUSIC program.

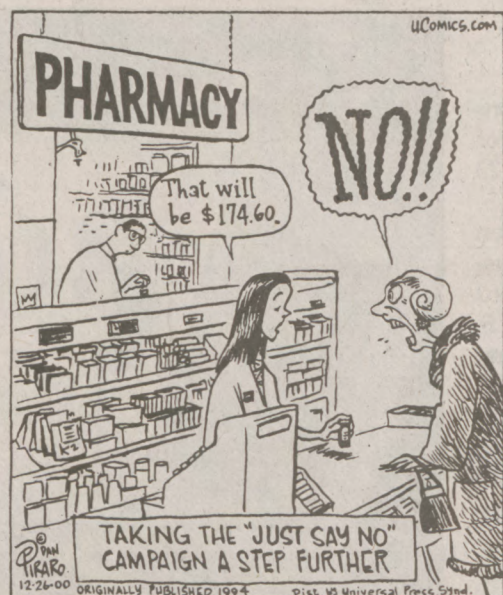
"There is a benefit of a pooling together (with MUSIC) that the larger universities don't need as much," said Zambardi.

"We're at the mercy of people. It can vary year by year based on what's happening out there," said Nicosia.



Bizarro.

by Dan Piraro

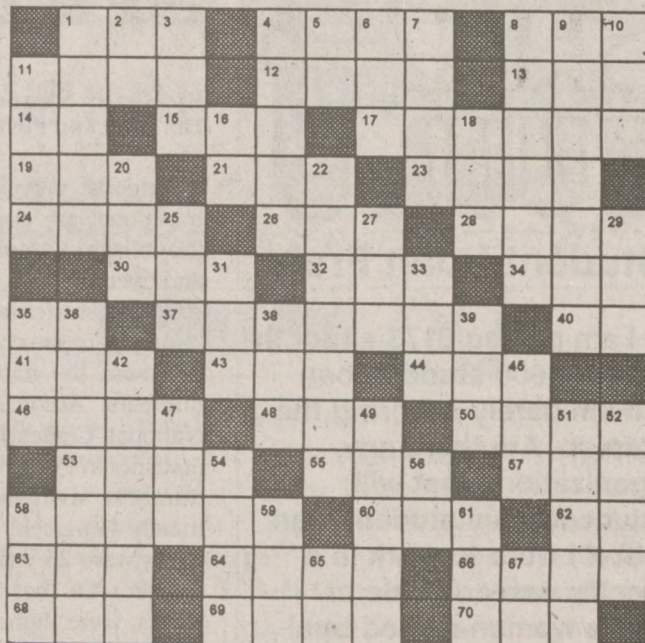


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Damon's signs of the times

This week we all have the ability to express what we want. The problem is that we may think that we know what we need, but in reality our goals may reflect an unresolved issue from the past, particularly in regards to romance.

Overall perception is a bit muddy this week, mainly because strong emotions, so perhaps the best plan of action is not to take action at all - at least not yet.

-  Aries - You've got the capacity to go after exactly what you want, but that doesn't mean you'll get it. Avoid plotting too much in a romantic situation or the only person you'll actually fool may be yourself.
-  Taurus - Working with others may seem like a drain now, but in the long run you will gain and learn more. A financial strength may become a burden for the next couple of weeks, though this most likely will pass.
-  Gemini - Though you would like a current situation to be better, make plans as if things will not change. A brilliant idea may be in the midst, but you have to have patience for it to come; try not to abandon it because it can't be done exactly how you want it.
-  Cancer - You may feel divided between your needs and everyone else's; things will probably not be resolved this week, but for now it is better to err on the side of being too generous. Being open minded right now will deliver many opportunities.
-  Leo - The pressure from a career or financial setback may make you cranky; ease up and relax before you snap at someone. The challenges offered right now can help you learn life-changing lessons.
-  Virgo - Honesty is definitely the best policy this week, especially in regards to work. An issue that has been rather extreme can be resolved if efforts are made to be fair and balanced.
-  Libra - Positive strides, financially and/or careerwise, can be made by ironing out the smaller details. Avoid greediness in your partnerships or the benefits will quickly sour for all parties involved.
-  Scorpio - Wanting too much or too little in a love affair may extinguish the fire; work on balancing out your desires this week. Financial snags may be caused by focusing too much on the big picture and missing the details.
-  Sagittarius - Others may seem to be in control of things now, but be sure to contribute your ideas into even the smallest project. Your thoughts are probably all over the place, so right down the positive insights you have right now.
-  Capricorn - Your thinking process may not be as fast as others would like it, but trust that your ideas are stable and practical. Now is the time to set deadlines for those goals you've put on the backburner.
-  Aquarius - Challenges this week are better met with communication, as opposed to force. Spending time expressing yourself, physically, spiritually or otherwise, will renew your strength.
-  Pisces - You may be feeling things you never felt before; don't be afraid to explore your new sensations. Your general mood may be more romantic right now, so find an outlet, whether it is poetry or another person.

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LIFE edge

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• **SPB'S WINTER OPEN HOUSE** will take place at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Jan. 24 in the Gold Rooms. Find out what SPB is all about and how to get involved with the largest student entertainment organization on campus. Don't forget to pick up some free gifts and enter to win prizes.

• As part of the SPB Open House, **FADE2SHADE** will perform at noon on Jan. 24 in the Gold Rooms. The six-piece group combines eclectic rock, jazz/funk and ethnic rhythm. The band was one of MTV's chosen artists for the Midwest Choose or Lose tour.

• Tickets for the 2001 **SKI TRIP** sponsored by SPB are still on sale at the CSA Service Window. The Feb. 9-11 trip to Shanty Creek costs \$140 for OU students and \$185 for guests. The cost includes transportation, lodging and lift tickets.

CONCERTS

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COMING SOON

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YEAR 2000

in review

Movies turn up laughs, action, inspiration, Oscar caliber performances

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Every year around the holidays, shoppers take a break from the long check out lines in order to check out the new movie releases. This year's batch was ready early, and what was most surprising (as well as refreshing) was the concept of only having a few releases set at Christmas time. Like many moviegoers, I don't want to watch other families celebrating the holidays (it's hard enough to watch my own). Hollywood took the challenge this past season and ran with it. Here are a few movies that broke the mold and made many moviegoers let out a sigh of relief.

"Finding Forrester" -5/5 Stars

Set in the Bronx, New York, a high schooler named Jamal discovers very quickly that he has a gift with a pen. Immediately, he is torn out of his ghetto school and offered a free ride at an upper class private school in Manhattan. During the hard transition, Jamal befriends, unbeknownst to him, a legendary novelist, William Forrester, played by Sean Connery. Forrester helps Jamal with his writing and Jamal helps Forrester live a little.

Connery's performance is unlike anything he's ever done. He painstakingly portrays a man who lives almost in complete isolation with ease. The humor is refreshingly intelligent, the plot is constructed well and the characters have endless depth. "Finding Forrester" has all the ingredients needed to win audiences, hearts and Oscars.

"Cast Away" -5/5 Stars

After a horrible plane crash, Chuck Noland (played by Tom Hanks) wakes to find himself alone on an island. Forced to fend for himself, we watch him learn how to hunt for food, start a fire, find shelter and even perform dental surgery (I still cringe!). The award for Best Supporting Actor just may go to an inanimate object this year. "Wilson," Chuck's friend on the island, is a volleyball with a face painted in Chuck's own blood.

This movie beats even the best episode of "Gilligan's Island" and runs circles around "Survivor." It's a realistic view of what life might be like for someone who is actually stranded.

Helen Hunt brilliantly plays Chuck's girlfriend in the opening scenes of the movie. The couple is separated on Christmas because Chuck has to go on an emergency trip for his work but not before the couple exchanges presents. The gift Hunt gives Chuck is a pocket watch with her picture in it and even on the island, Chuck has it with him everywhere he goes.

At the end of the two hour and 25 minute drama, I was left wondering if I would be able to survive in the same situation. Decidedly, I would probably die or go crazy in a week. So in the end, I left with the feeling that I was a spoiled brat. "Cast Away" will make you reevaluate everything you have as well as make you remember that old saying, 'You don't know what you have until it's gone.'

"Dude, Where's My Car?" -4/5 Stars

Combine every movie you've ever seen with cute boys, hot chicks, tattoos, pizza and alien transmitters in it and you'd pretty much be left with "Dude, Where's My Car?" This surprisingly well written comedy stars two dudes (Ashton



Photos courtesy of (cw) Warner Brothers, Twentieth Century Fox, Paramount Pictures and Twentieth Century Fox
MOVIE MANIA: (cw) Meg Ryan falls for Russell Crowe in "Proof of Life." Ashton Kutcher and Seann William Scott portray two dudes can't remember the prior night in "Dude Where's My Car?" Mel Gibson discovers "What Women Want" in a romantic comedy with co-star Helen Hunt. As a survivor on a deserted island, Tom Hanks puts the contents of Fed Ex packages into good use in "Cast Away."



Kutcher and Seann William Scott) who wake up one morning and have no clue what happened the night before.

Teens starring in movies that almost entirely revolve around sex, partying and immaturity were created in the '80s and made popular in the '90s. This decade probably will continue the trend. So, does art imitate life or is it the other way around? Either way, "Dude, Where's My Car?" is hilarious.

"What Women Want" -3/5 stars

Starring Mel Gibson, this comedy was pegged to be the 'feel good movie for the holidays.' Gibson plays a male chauvinist know-it-all who, in the beginning of the movie, has no idea what women really want but is pretty good at guessing. Everything is going well for Gibson until he's passed up for a promotion and the job is given to a woman (played by Helen Hunt) and he is electrocuted, resulting in his abilities to hear what women are thinking.

Men all over the world were probably disappointed when they realized unlike Gibson's last release, "The Patriot," "What Women Want" is your run of the mill 'chick-flick.'

For the most part, the plot is predictable, the women are shallow and the ending is foreseeable, but somehow, it's disguised well and the outcome is pretty entertaining.

Want to know what women really want guys? We want to see Mel Gibson dancing to an old Frank Sinatra song. Or maybe that's just me.

"Proof of Life" -3/5 Stars

Sometimes Hollywood will put the biggest names they can get in a movie and hope no one notices how see-through the plot is. And sometimes the big names actually inhibit a great plot from showing its potential. "Proof of Life" stars Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan (who actually hooked up after making this movie). The rumors surrounding the actors' involvement may have actually elevated the movie a bit, but the whole thing was a bit distracting.

Ryan's character is left dealing with things without her husband after he is kidnapped for potential ransom money. Crowe's job in this mess is to bargain with the South American professional kidnappers to lower the ransom and get them to provide proof of life.

The action begins early in the movie and then tapers off until the last 45 minutes. But when all hell breaks loose close to the end, it's no holds barred. The men all dress in camouflage and invade the small town where Ryan's husband is being held. Just when the plot starts to get a bit mushy, machine gun warfare, low flying helicopters, snipers and grenades step in to fill the last half-hour.

Scenes between Ryan and Crowe seem tense and overly dramatic at times, which distracts away from other characters in the movie.

What I was left with was a hope that Ryan's husband wouldn't be found - that way Crowe and Ryan could be together at last.

Top 5s



Sara McDowell

The year 2000 began with ease as the misconceptions of Y2K finally settled in. The apocalypse for humans may not have occurred, but perhaps the life of VHS tapes has begun to die, as the DVD trend caught on, bullying VHS tapes in stores all over.

With each new year there are endless possibilities.

DVDs

1. Fight Club
2. The Matrix
3. Se7en
4. The Beach
5. Magnolia

Movies

1. Almost Famous
2. Unbreakable
3. Virgin Suicides
4. Chocolat
5. How the Grinch Stole Christmas

MUSIC

1. Radiohead - Kid A
2. Moby - Play
3. Elliott Smith - Figure 8
4. Five Iron Frenzy - All the Hype Money Can Buy

5. Phish - Farmhouse



Photo courtesy of Capitol Records
AOK: Kid A tops the charts.

ties. The past year served up a delight of CDs, whereas the movie department did not. I found it easy to rattle off a list of great CDs. I wasn't able to list ColdPlay's "Parachutes," U2's "All That You Can't Leave Behind," The Beatles "1," Mark Knopfler's "Sailing to Philadelphia," or MxPx's "The Ever Passing Moment," in my top five, but they deserve honorable mentions.

However, when it came to deciding on movies, I couldn't even think of five exceptional films from 2000, let alone honorable mentions. In 1999 there

were a slew of great films, "Fight Club," "Being John Malkovich," "Star Wars: Phantom Menace," and "Magnolia," among them, but the past year seemed to lack memorable films.

No need to fear. It looks as if there are some truly interesting films planned for 2001. Among them are "Pearl Harbor," "Snatch," "The Gift," and "Tomb Raider."

Hopefully 2001 will be different from 2000 when it comes to movies, and just as good when it comes to music and releasing DVDs.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre

WINTER WONDERLAND: Choosing which son should inherit the King's throne ignites a royal battle amongst King Henry II and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine in the play "Lion in Winter."

Meadow Brook Theatre Roars into WINTER season

James Goldman's 'The Lion in Winter' opens the 2001 year at OU's professional theatre company

By Sara McDowell
LIFE EDITOR

The Lion in Winter by James Goldman opens the 2001 year at Meadow Brook Theatre. The play, which takes place during 1183 in England, tells the story of King Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine when they feud over which rival son will inherit the throne.

As the winner of the Academy Award Oscar for Best Screenplay for the 1968 movie version of "Lion in Winter," James Goldman is no stranger to writing. He also wrote the screenplay for "Nicholas and Alexandra" in 1971 and "Myself as Witness," a novel about England's King John in the 13th Century. Goldman also collaborated with songwriter Stephen Sondheim on the Broadway musical "Follies."

Set in France at the wintery Christmas Court of 1183, the play begins after King Henry II has defeated Thomas Beckett and now, in the later years of his life, wants to designate a successor to his throne. His wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine has been held prisoner by Henry for the past ten years for siding with her sons in a feud against Henry.

Eleanor tries to manipulate Henry into making the eldest son, Richard Lionheart, the successor. She uses threats, tears and sex at her disposal.

King Henry II wishes his youngest son, John, to become the new King.

As the members of the royal family, Henry's mistress and the King of France feud back in forth, a decision on which son will inherit the throne must occur.

The couple of King Henry and Eleanor of Aquitaine will be played by real-life theatrical couple, Henry Woronicz and Fontaine Syer. This will be the first Meadow Brook Theatre production in which the two have performed together.

Woronicz directed "Dancing at Lughnasa," and "All My Sons," both productions at Meadow Brook. Woronicz has also acted in

The Los Angeles Times sites the play as having "...more wit in every speech than some hit comedies have in an entire evening." The Lion in Winter premieres tonight at 8 p.m. and will run until Feb. 4. For ticket information, call 377-3300 or visit www.mbttheatre.com. Box office hours are Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Listen Up: What's in Your CD Player?



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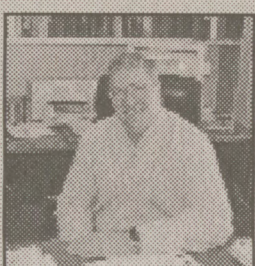
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N-SYNC
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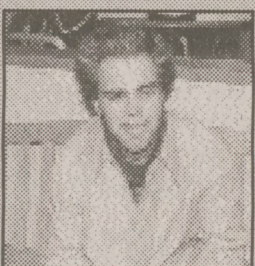
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Dean of Students

KENNY G
Greatest Hits



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business

PERSONAL MIX



Phil Hall
senior,
political science

DAVID GRAY
White Ladder

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. "We were raised on television to believe that we'd all be millionaires, movie gods, rock stars, but we won't. And we're starting to figure that out."

2. "His Kyrptonian biological makeup is enhanced by earth's yellow sun. If Lois gets a tan the kid could kick right through her stomach. Only someone like Wonder Woman has a strong enough uterus to carry his kid."

3. "Oh no, Debra, don't be bitter, surely with your ever growing collection of flesh mutilating silver appendages and your brand new neo-nazi boot camp makeover, the boys will come-a-runnin'."

4. "The first boy I ever kissed ended up in a coma for three weeks. I can still feel him inside my head."

5. "You must be dead, because I don't know how to feel. I can't feel anything anymore."

Limiting change limits yourself

In the song "New Year's Day" by rock-activist band U2, lead singer Bono proclaims that "Everything changes on New Year's Day."

Now, his occasional foray into an overabundance of make-up and his questionable video for the "lemon" song notwithstanding, I think Bono seems like a pretty smart guy. This being the case, I would like him to explain to me exactly why it is that we feel it necessary to affect change in our lives on a once-a-year basis. Did someone in Florida screw up our calendar chads and somehow misplace the other 364 opportunities we have each year to improve our lives?

Now I don't want to sound like some sort of New Year's naysayer or take the super out of anyone's bowl. If there are indeed people who make and successfully keep their New Year's resolutions, I say bravo. Bully for them. But in the more easily perplexed Seinfeldian chasms of my mind, I still don't get it; I mean, by following the ideology behind this tradition of making changes only once a year, aren't we pretty much setting ourselves up to sit on our hands for the rest of the year? (Perhaps on a lawn chair somewhere in Florida?)

As much as I love the music of U2, I have to say I feel both embarrassed and a bit chagrined that Bono so aptly has our number. It is exactly like our society to have to hitch its wagon to a holiday in order to have a reason to be emotionally creative.

My question is why, in a world such as this one, would we want to limit ourselves to this beat-the-clock type of approach to change? Because it's easier? We seem to be living in a state of perpetual negativity these days, and I don't see anything easy about that. People seem like they're growing increasingly disenchanted with themselves, more and more disconnected in their relationships and pretty much culturally disenfranchised.

Dude, where's our passion? This reference to the movie "Dude, Where's Your Car?" is particularly applicable, since we, in these materialistic times, seem to care more about the immediate state of our mechanical vehicles than we do the state of our emotional spirit.

How has all of this general dissatisfaction come to pass? Well, that's the \$64,000 question, isn't it? Finding the answer to this question would be tantamount to discovering the Holy Grail of the human condition. Some of my more cynical associates feel that we have created this misery for ourselves



TRACY MINNIS

and that we are simply getting our just desserts. The proof in the pudding (no pun intended) seems to be the fact that we seem to support the media in perpetrating their influential hi-jinks.

My associate's theorem leans toward the notion that we aid the media in setting up unrealistic

lifestyle and image expectations that we then feel forced to emulate or live up to.

How do we support them in this commercial destruction of our self-esteem? We give them ratings when we choose to watch horrendous T.V. shows that have no social merit. We give them revenue by buying magazines that feature models with unrealistic physical proportions, and thereby, deeming these images to be a fair and right expectation of how human beings are supposed to look.

And what is the result of these shenanigans? The media moguls get rich, and we get duped. We then not only have to live with the irony of our discontent, but we have to bear the burden of knowing that our disappointment was self-inflicted. We end up feeling frustrated, confused and more gyped in life than George Costanza.

But is this media hype we've created really at the heart of this negativity problem, or is it simply a convenient scapegoat? I think the real problem is that we fear the only known cure for negativity: CHANGE.

Imagine the things we could accomplish if we stopped fearing the concept of change and began utilizing it as a positive and constant medium in our daily mode of living.

Why do we choose to relegate life changes to the ranks of a once-a-year holiday has-been? Let's face it; Come New Year's Day, many people feel left with nothing but relics of lost spirit, a hellacious hangover and a slew of empty promises they made during an evening which, by its very nature, could serve as a training seminar for career alcoholics.

Maybe it's just me, but this system, in all of its marred aspiration, seems more like a marketing plan to increase beer sales than a reflective opportunity for personal growth and development. And, my friends, even though it might feel like it at the time, let me assure you that there is no such thing as a six-pack of self-esteem or a fifth of conviction.

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things carefully before saying anything. As a result, her thoughts are articulated clearly and concisely.

She is a very kind person, and despite her years ahead of the other students, she is comfortable talking to us as if there were no difference at all.

Despite these observations, I don't really know this woman all that well. However, by her words and her actions, she has inspired me and become a real role model. Watching her, I realize how fortunate I am to be able to get such a compre-

hensive education so early in my life. Going through my other classes, I see an increasing number of non-traditional students, as well.

As college life goes by in a blur for the "typical" younger students, sometimes these people go unnoticed. I wonder how many of us really appreciate their value to this institution.

In closing, I would just to extend a "thank you" to this woman who I look up to, as well to the many other returning or "non-traditional" students who give more to this university than they may realize.

TITLE IX

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those benefits."

The coaches at OU felt that this university in somewhat ahead of the times when it comes to Title IX. "I'm very proud to be at Oakland where they provide these opportunities maybe in advance of other schools," Holvand said.

Jack Mehl, Athletic Director at OU is in complete agreement with Title IX. "I believe that it is a great piece of legislation. It has had a positive impact on things," he said. When asked if he believes OU is compliant, he said, "I would hate to go home, look my daughter in the eyes and say that I haven't done everything to try to create programs which provide opportunities for women on equal basis with men, and I sleep pretty well at night knowing that I have done everything."

He also made it very clear that the men's and women's counter-sports receive that exact same budget. "Each coach decides what they want to do with their money. It's a matter of style, each coach has their own style when it comes to their budget."

Although many student athletes are aware of Title IX laws, many are unsure of what they are, what they mean, and how exactly it affects each of them.

Once each read the law on paper, opinions arose as they often do when a subject like Title IX arises. It is filled with controversial pieces, and depending on gender, knowledge, and personal backgrounds, people often see the law through different spectrums.

"I'm not sure exactly what it is but I think it has something to do with equality in sports," said Jon Champagne, a member of the men's basketball team.

"I feel Title IX is a good thing," said Keri Sedgley, a member of the softball team. "For instance, our team is new, and we have not yet earned the respect until we prove we have earned it. Nobody should just be given it, and here at Oakland they do a good job of providing teams with what they need."

Title IX sometimes can create harsh feelings between specific teams, partly because one feels they were treated unfairly to another. Most athletes in fact acknowledge that these feelings are strictly speculation, but continue to be cautious. Once controversy is settled by either documentation or word of mouth, rumors seem to settle among the suspicious.

"Although Title IX is a good thing, I feel that in swimming we are treated equal. But in other sports, don't get me started," said Megan Cagney, of the women's swimming team. "I don't have any proof to back anything up though, I wish we were all a little more educated on the facts. I'm sure Oakland follows the rules. In college this type of rule is absolutely necessary."

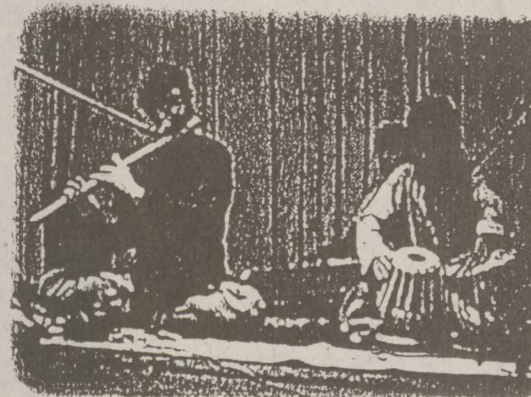
The majority of the student athletes believe that OU provides equal opportunities for males and females. "I believe that Oakland is very compliant when it comes to treating all the teams fairly," Rob Brockman, a member of the baseball team said. Ashley McGhee, a member of the soccer team, agrees. "Title IX is a good thing, I believe that it helps women's sports excel at Oakland," she said.

"We work just as hard as the men," she continued, "so it's a good thing that we reap the same benefits."

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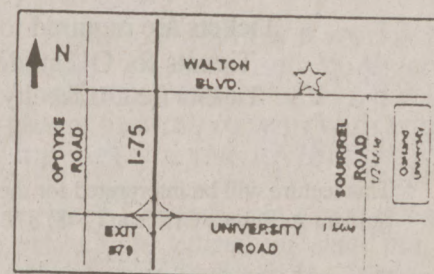
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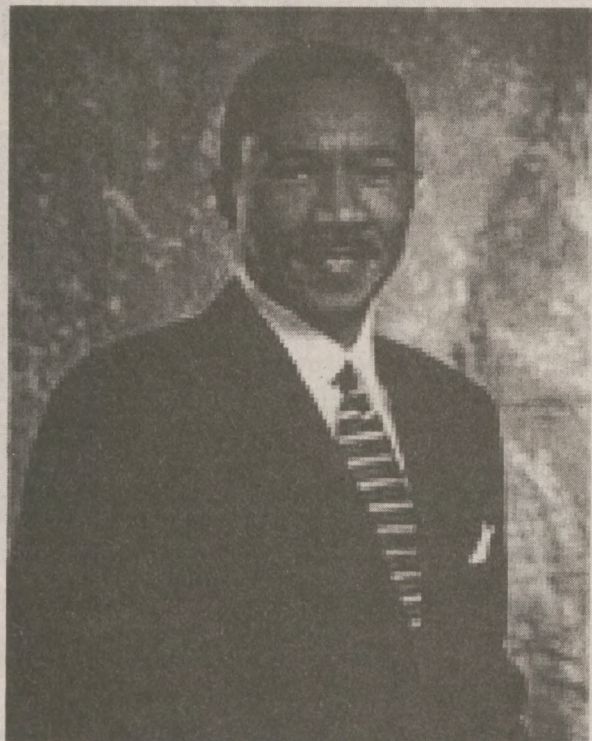
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•**Candlelight Vigil & Alumni Night** 7:00 p.m.-Gold Rooms, OC.

•**Thursday, January 18-Saturday, January 20-** Prospective Students of Color Weekend.

•**Thursday, January 18:** Legacy & Legend in Media Film Series & Discussion- 7:00-9:00 p.m.- Oakland Room, OC.

•**Friday, January 19:** NPHC (National Pan-Hellenic Council) Dance. This is a closed dance for OU students and prospective students only. No guests are permitted. 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.-Gold Rooms, OC

•**Saturday, January 20:** Spirituality in Service/Community Service Project: Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac 9:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Fireside Lounge, OC.

•**Monday-Friday, January 22-26:**

Black Business Week.

•**Monday-Friday, January 22-26:** The Wonderful World of National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.- Main Hallway, OC.

•**Wednesday, January 24:** Student Etiquette Dinner- 5:30-8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall. Tickets available at the CSA Service Window, 49 OC.

•**Thursday, January 25:** Panel Discussion: Diversity in the Workplace. 11:00-12:30 p.m. Fireside Lounge, OC.

•**The Diversity Career Fair** Noon-3:00 p.m. Oakland Center.

•**Legacy & Legend in Media Film Series & Discussion.** 7:00-9:00 p.m. Oakland Room, OC.

•**Friday, January 26:** SLLB Speaker: Kweisi Mfume, President and Chief Executive Officer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). 3 p.m.- Meadow Brook Theatre.

•**Monday-Friday, January 29-February 2:** Black Education Week.

•**Thursday, February 1:** "Love, Marriage and Race Relations in the 1920's. Speaker: Earl Lewis, Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan. Noon-1:30 p.m. Oakland Room, OC.

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BASKETBALL

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Jan. 8	
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SPORTS
TRIVIA

- Which Golden Grizzly reached the 1000 point milestone while playing basketball at The Palace of Auburn Hills during the break?
A: Sarah Judd
B: Brad Buddenborg
C: Jason Rozycki
D: Tess Pierce
E: All of the above
F: None of the above

OU leading the way in Title IX issue

By Logan Gillies, Carolyn Mrowczynski, & Corinne Spanke
THE OAKLAND POST

Today, over twenty years after Title IX went into effect, noncompliance with this law still abounds.

Title IX is a statutory remedy for gender-biased classifications in education. It applies to athletics in educational settings, both intercollegiate and interscholastic. Title IX, of the Education Amendments of 1972 to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, specifically provides the following statement: No person in the United States shall, on the bases of sex, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal assistance.

At the time of its enactment of Title IX, congress delegated the authority of implementing the law to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. Regulations were issued and became effective July 21, 1975. Schools were legally required to be in compliance with the Act and Regulations by July of 1978. Confusion was extreme about the coverage of the Act and the appropriate interpretations of the Regulations. As a result, the Secretary of Health Education, and Welfare issued a Policy Interpretation in December of 1979.

The Title IX Policy Interpretation provided that in order to

comply, schools must provide equal athletic opportunities in three general areas. The first area is awarding of scholarships primarily at the intercollegiate level. The second area of the policy is participation opportunities. This includes both the number of opportunities and whether the selection of sports at the level of competition effectively accommodates the interests and abilities of members of both sexes. The final area is treatment and benefits of the participants.

According to many coaches at OU, the university is in compliance. "I think we're very balanced," said men's soccer coach, Gary Parsons. "I think Oakland is in a very good position when it comes to Title IX."

Men's basketball coach Greg Kampe agrees. "Through our move to Division I, I think we are compliant with Title IX."

Women's coaches also agree. "Facility wise and everything else here that the university provides us, like the office space, practice facility, management for the games, and any of those types of things is on par for what they do for the men's soccer team," said women's soccer coach, Nick O'Shea.

One of the main reasons why OU is in compliance with Title IX is because the University does not have a football program. The NCAA allows 86 scholarships for football, which tends to throw off most universities when it comes to following Title IX. The ratio of male to female students of the university as a whole, dictates how the money in the athletic department is budgeted.

OU's student body is 67 percent women to 33 percent men. Therefore, the Athletic Department must budget its money accordingly. "If there's a part of Title IX that I disagree with, that's it," men's and women's swimming coach, Pete Hovland said. "Some say opportunities are being denied to the males because of this balance of football equation."

When it comes to comparing the men's and women's sports, one must look at counterparts. "You have to compare apples to apples. You can't compare women's cross-country to the men's basketball program. You have to compare women's cross-country to men's cross-country," Kampe said.

According to Kampe, both basketball programs get the exact same budget. It is up to the coach how that money is spent. "Each coach spends their money the way that best fits their program," he said. The same thing goes with soccer. "What the coach does within that budget is really the coaches decision," said Parsons.

The money making sports at OU is men's basketball, and all the coaches realize this. "The more they win, the more money they'll get, the more that will help us," O'Shea said.

Kampe brought up the same point. "If we're doing well, then we're going to make more money, and if we're making more money, then those other programs are going to reap

TITLE IX continues on B3

Buddenborg, Rozycki hit
1000 point milestones,
team 3-1 in Mid-Con

By Zvonko Blazevski
& Ramez Khuri
THE OAKLAND POST

The weather wasn't the only thing that was cold during the month of December. As the outside temperature fell, the defense of OU's men's basketball team followed.

The Grizzlies went through a five game losing streak beginning with the loss to Detroit on Dec. 5, then won three of the last four games during the winter break.

The Cleveland State Vikings ruined head coach Greg Kampe's 45th birthday celebration on Dec. 9 as OU fell 87-73 in front of a television audience.

Despite Brad Buddenborg going over the 1,000 point plateau with 26 points, in the end the Vikings hit everything in sight, or so it seemed, en rout to 57 percent shooting from the floor.

Five Vikings players scored in double digits, led by Theo Dixon's 28 points.

OU traveled to Cincinnati and just beat the snowstorm of 2000 but were unable to overcome a 23-0 run. The Grizzlies hopes of another upset went under an avalanche.

OU and the Bearcats traded baskets early on. With the score tied at 22 with 9:48 left in the first half, Cincinnati went on a 23-0 run that put them up 55-26 at halftime. Buddenborg led OU with 21 points in the losing effort.

"We played very well at Cincinnati for about three quarters of the first half and then Cincinnati was Cincinnati and had a great run against us," said Kampe.

On Dec. 16, the Golden Grizzlies traveled to Toledo, where Kampe was an assistant from 1979-84 before becoming OU's head coach. OU lost 83-77.

The Grizzlies led only once in the second half before going down by as many as 14 points. OU battled back to within six before the game ended.

Freshman Mike Helms scored a career-high 23 points and Dan Champagne contributed with 16 for the Golden Grizzlies.

OU came home on Dec. 22 to play host to Ohio University, but the Christmas party was spoiled as the Bobcats overcame a 13 point second half deficit to beat the Golden Grizzlies, 92-85.

The Golden Grizzlies led 39-33 at the half and increased their lead to 53-40 on a free throw by Jason Rozycki, who led scorers with 36 points.

The Bobcats tied the game at 64 with 8:19 left and after several lead changes, Ohio's Patrick Flomo hit a layup with 1:01 left to give the Bobcats the lead for good.

Ohio scored the last five points in the final minute to hand the Golden Grizzlies their fifth straight loss.

OU concentrated on stopping Ohio's best player, Brandon Hunter. Hunter was held to only 12 points in 35 minutes, mostly from the free throw line.

This allowed Patrick Flomo to score a career high 29 points.

"We had a big lead in it and we just fell apart and lost the game," said Kampe. "It was our fifth straight loss and there was some searching going on with us. Out of that came the Wright State game at The Palace, and it was, next to Michigan, the best game we played all year."

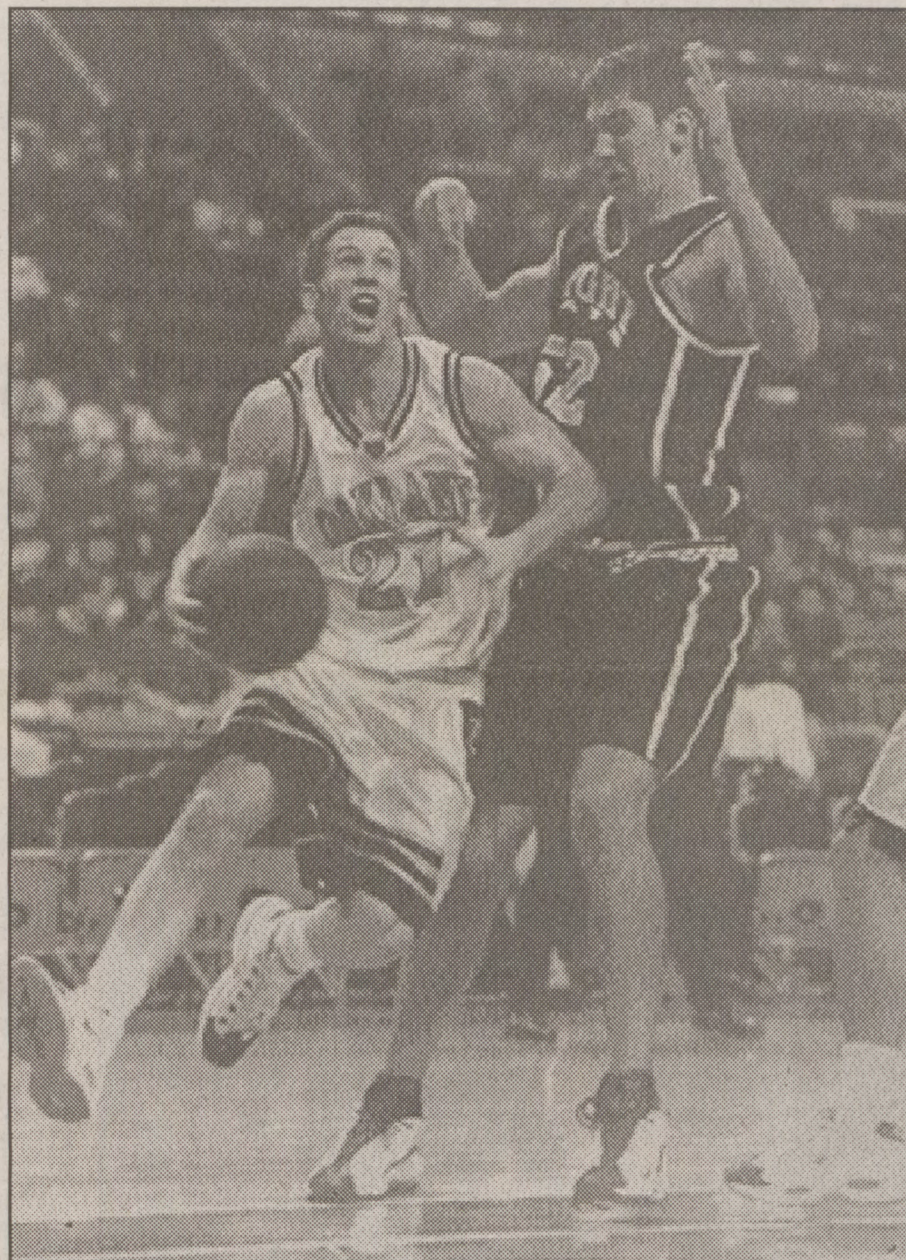
The Grizzlies played at The Palace of Auburn Hills for the first time ever, as part of a double header, and snapped their five game losing streak 87-77. The second game featured MSU.

The change of scenery didn't affect Rozycki's game as he led his team with 31 points on 18-23 free throw shooting, and reached the 1000 point milestone of his career in the process.

Wright State led most of the first half, and took a halftime lead of 38-34.

It was a close seesaw battle for much of the second half until OU took the lead and started to pull away on a three pointer by Mychal Covington with 4:30 left in the game.

"We really played well at The Palace," said Kampe. "Wright State came in 9-1, and it was



ROCK THE PALACE: Jason Rozycki drives past the defense as the Grizzlies won at the Palace. The win broke a five game losing streak for OU, and Riz reached the 1000 point plateau while hitting free throws during the game.

a big win for us."

Rozycki agreed with his coach. "It feels really good to win this game," he said. "First of all we're playing at The Palace, and we played in front of a lot of people who came to watch Michigan State play, but they got to see an Oakland team win as well, and as far as getting back on track, and closing out a game, that was really huge for our confidence. I can't say how important that was."

OU barely continued its winning ways against Western Michigan on Dec. 30, winning in over time 80-75 after blowing a big lead. "That was alarming," said Kampe,

referring to the blown big lead.

The Grizzlies then traveled to Oral Roberts, and lost 91-77.

"Oral Roberts had a great night," said Kampe. "They shot 71 percent in the second half and 66 percent for the game, and in the league there's going to be nights where things don't go well, and we hung around and just couldn't handle it. Two days later they beat Valpo, so it was not a good loss when it happened, but looking back on it now, it's one you could understand."

OU won their last game on Saturday at UMKC 70-57.

Television programs get worse

I'm not sure what other people in this paper are writing their columns about, but I bet they'll take this tone:

"Welcome back to school, I hope everybody had a great break and a nice new year, and all of that jazz."

I'm not taking that theme. That's not to say I don't wish all of that stuff, but I just don't want to write about it here.

Instead I want to write about television. This column has nothing to do with sports, but it's something that I need to get off my chest.

I recently got one of those satellite dishes with over nine hundred channels. Sounds great, but I can't believe all of the crap they put on.

One can literally sit in front of the

T.V. for hours flipping through the channels, and find nothing worth watching, which is what I did on a daily basis over break.

When I got the dish, I signed up to get all of the HBO channels as well, which was cool at first.

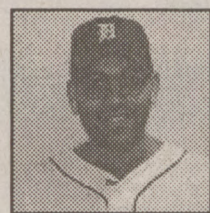
I watched some great movies that I consider classics, like "Beetlejuice," "The Karate Kid," "Ghostbusters," and "Die Hard." All are movies that I love, but seeing them everyday for three weeks, made me ill to my stomach.

Some might say that I'm lazy, and I shouldn't be watching so much T.V., but if I'm going to pay all that

money every month, I'm going to watch it, no matter what's on.

To the people at HBO, please switch it up sometimes. I mean those movies are great, but there is something wrong when I wake up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat because the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man just stepped on me in my dream, or I mistake my grandmother for one of the German terrorists who just took over the Nakatomi building in L.A.

I just want to turn on the T.V. and be surprised, just once. It's coming to the point where, if there is no



Ramez Khuri

game on that I want to watch, there is nothing I want to watch. I suppose that's good, considering that I am the sports editor of this paper, but there are times when I want to watch a good movie without going to Blockbuster Video. I would love to turn on one of those HBO channels, and watch something I have never seen before.

That's just not how it works though. I'm surprised more people don't complain about this, but I guess they are content with watching the same movies 15 times a day.

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O: Jason Rozycki

Victories over MSU, Calvin put Black Bears in fifth place

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

After ending a two game losing streak by beating Muskegon 12-2 at the ONYX on December 1, the Black Bears, OU's club ice hockey team, continued its winning ways against a very tough team in MSU on December 8, and at Calvin on December 9. OU won both 7-6, and 3-2.

MSU came in ranked number 1, and played like it, taking a 2-0 lead to the first intermissions. The Spartans made it 3-0 at 16:45 of the second period, before OU got on the board with a goal by Danny Schneider at the 15:47 mark.

It was a close seesaw battle the rest of the way, as MSU had many chances to pull away. The Black Bears didn't give up, however, countering every Spartan goal with a goal of their own.

MSU went up by three goals, at the 11:40



GO BACK TO MSU!: Derek 'Oger' Sneideraitis battles an MSU player for the puck. The Black Bears won the game 7-6, and are now in fifth place in the central region. To make it to nationals, the team needs to be in third or better at the end of the season.

mark, but OU countered with a goal by Vince Lepore at 10:31.

This happened once again at 9:07, as MSU made it 5-2, but it only took about a minute for OU to respond, getting a goal from Dan Oleksy to make it 5-3.

OU then took the initiative, scoring the next goal to make it 5-4, only to see MSU go up by two at the 1:43 mark.

Down 6-4 going into the third period, the Black Bears came out roaring, and scored two goals to tie the game at 6. This set the stage for Ron Kolito to work his magic.

Kolito took the puck the length of the ice, eluding many green and white sweaters, and drawing many ooo's and ahh's from the packed ONYX crowd. When he finally reached his destination, he froze the MSU goalie, and put it past him, getting a stand-

ing ovation from the OU fans, and stunning the MSU fans at the same time.

Up 7-6, OU played strong defense the last five minutes of the game, and didn't give up any more goals.

"It was definitely our biggest game of the season," said coach Anthony Jalaba. "We were down by two goals in the second intermission, and we didn't give up, and I credit our players for that."

OU then played at Calvin the next night. The game was a little different, but the result was the same, a one goal win by OU.

The Black Bears got goals from Eric Wojno, and Rob Popescue. The winning goal was scored by Sean Trueblood.

With the wins, OU's record is now 11-8, and the team is ranked fifth in the central region. The goal of the team is to make

Nationals, and in order to do that, OU must be ranked in the top three in the region.

This past Saturday marked the first annual MCHC all star game, and five Black Bears, including Jalaba were invited to participate.

The eastern team was made up of players from OU, CMU, Saginaw, and Northwood, and the west was made up of players from Ferris, GVSU, Hope, Calvin, and Muskegon.

Representing OU were "Hot" Karl Borgquist, Kolito, Popescue, and Scott Schnedler. Jalaba was one of the three eastern coaches.

The west won both the skills competition, and the game. The final of the game was 15-11, but Popescue had a hat trick, and the other three Black Bears finished with two assists a piece.

UPCOMING GAMES

MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY
•8:30 p.m., Jan. 12 - NORTHWOOD
•Time TBA, Jan. 13 - at GVSU

MEN'S SWIMMING
•5 p.m., Jan. 12 - KENYON

WOMEN'S SWIMMING
•5 p.m., Jan. 12 - KENYON

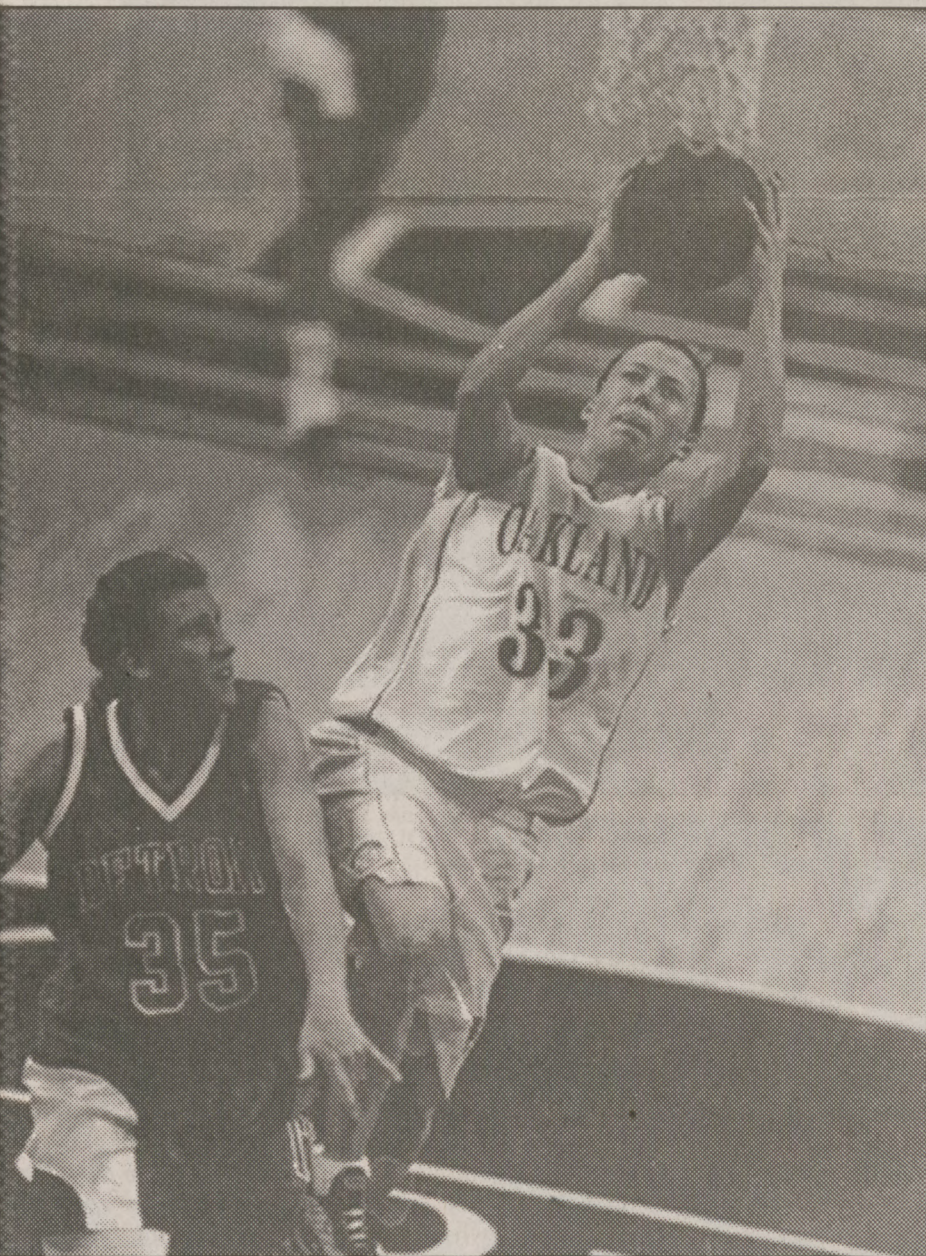
MEN'S BASKETBALL
•7 p.m., Jan. 11- SOUTHERN UTAH
•7 p.m., Jan. 13 - IUPUI

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
•4:30 p.m., Jan. 13 - IUPUI
•7 p.m., Jan. 15 - Southern Utah

SPORTS RE-CAP

•The OU swimming and diving teams competed in the Florida Atlantic Invite while on their annual holiday training trip. The women's team won the invitational with a total of 660.5 points, while the men placed third with 596.5 points. Danielle Ward led the way for the women with first places in the 200y and 500y freestyle and second place in the 100y freestyle. Teammate Yvonne Lynn placed first in the 200y backstroke and 100y butterfly, respectively. Leading the way for the men were Haitham Hassan and Dave Hartzel. Hassan won the 100y backstroke and the 100y butterfly, and placed second in the 200y backstroke. Hartzel finished first in the 200y backstroke and the 400y individual medley, and second in the 200y freestyle. The Grizzlies will swim at home against Kenyon College on Jan. 12 at 5 p.m.

Wolfe leads way as women go 5-3 over break



NICE FADE AWAY! Katie Wolfe nails a fade away jump shot during the game against Detroit on Dec. 7. OU won 83-66, and coach Beckie Francis said that she has been one of the steadies players on the team during the month of December and into January.

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's women's basketball team will start the new semester with a 9-6 record overall, and tied in second in the Mid-Con at 3-1.

The Grizzlies played at home on Dec. 7, beating Detroit 83-66. It was OU's third win in a row.

Several Grizzlies were in double digits for this one, as Katie Wolfe led with 23 points, five assists, four rebounds and two steals. Naomi Nickleberry scored 13 and had nine rebounds, Sarah Judd had 12 points and eight boards, Jodi Young scored 11, and Jamie Ahlgren finished with 10.

"It was a great win for us," said coach Beckie Francis. Most of the players on the court were local players, and it was just a nice win."

OU was set to play at Eastern on Dec. 11, but the game was postponed to Dec. 17 due to heavy snow. That might have slowed the Grizzlies momentum as Eastern won the game by 22, 74-52.

Wolfe, Beth Zeone, and Nickleberry did all they could with 14, 10, and nine points, but it wasn't enough to compete with Eastern, as they had four players in double digits, and outshot the Grizzlies 47 percent to 30 percent for the game.

The Grizzlies got back on the winning track on Dec. 23, as they went to Central Michigan and won in overtime 67-66. CMU's head coach had just resigned a week earlier, so the Chippewas were pumped to play well for their new coach.

Both teams were pretty much evenly matched as the Grizzlies finished the game shooting 35.2 percent to CMU's 34.6 percent, and both teams finished at 66.7 percent from the line.

OU had the edge however, as Judd and Nickleberry both finished with double doubles. Judd had 16 points and 17 rebounds, and Nickleberry scored 11 and 15. Wolfe had 15 points and Zeone finished with 11.

From there the Grizzlies traveled across the country to California to play in the Masry and Vititoe tournament. OU split the two games they played. The Grizzlies upset San Diego 72-62, and lost to Colorado 74-60.

Once again Judd finished the game with a double double with 30 points and 14 rebounds, Wolfe had 14 points and Zeone finished with 12.

The next day, the Grizzlies had a balanced attack against Colorado, but still lost by 14. Four OU players were in double digits, as Zeone led the team with 14 points, Judd and Nickleberry each had 13, and Wolfe finished with 12.

"Colorado beat Florida by 30 earlier," said Francis. "We played very steady against them, and we came back very confident."

That showed as the Grizzlies crushed Morehead State 95-74 in their next game. With Judd going home to nurse a nagging leg injury, someone had to step up, and Zeone did just that. She exploded with 40 points on 6-7 three point shooting. Wolfe, Nickleberry, and Romica Clint all had strong games with 16, 13, and 10 points. Wolfe also finished with 12 rebounds.

The next two games were against Mid-Con rivals UMKC, and Oral Roberts. OU beat UMKC, 62-47, and lost to Oral Roberts on Monday 65-53. Just like a broken record, Wolfe, Judd, and Zeone had high scores with 17, 16, and 15 points. Wolfe almost had a triple double with eight assists, and eight rebounds, and Judd almost had a double double, with nine rebounds.

That set the showdown between the Golden Eagles of Oral Roberts and the Golden Grizzlies of OU. Both came into the game with Mid-Con records of 3-0, but the Eagles won as Wolfe had another good game with 24 points and Ahlgren contributed with 11 in the losing effort.

"I'm very proud of Katie (Wolfe)," said Francis. "She has been our steadiest player because she is doing such a nice job on the oppositions best scorers, and she is doing it on both sides of the court as well."

Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball			Men's Basketball		
Conference	Overall		Conference	Overall	
Oral Roberts	4-0	9-5	Southern Utah	3-1	11-3
IUPUI	3-1	5-10	Youngstown State	3-1	11-6
Oakland	3-1	9-6	Oakland	3-1	6-9
Southern Utah	3-1	8-7	Valparaiso	1-1	10-5
Western Illinois	1-2	6-8	Oral Roberts	2-2	5-9
UMKC	1-3	1-13	UMKC	1-2	5-10
Youngstown State	1-3	5-10	Western Illinois	0-1	0-12
Chicago State	0-2	2-11	IUPUI	0-2	4-6-1
Valparaiso	0-3	3-12	Chicago State	0-2	3-10

the Golden Grizzly

BETH ZEONE

Senior Beth Zeone tied her career high with 40 points when the Grizzlies won at Morehead State 95-74 over the holiday break. She went 16-20 from the floor, and 6-7 from three point range. She stepped up her game when teammate Sarah Judd was home nursing an injury. Zeone also helped lead OU to victory over UMKC 62-47. She finished the game with 15 points.

- Lisa Cali





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On the ROAD again

Logan's Roadhouse serves up atmosphere, culture and great food for fair prices

By Beth Murray
THE OAKLAND POST

Peanut shells lay strewn over the cement floor, leading to a barrel of peanuts full to the brim.

From the time you step foot into Logan's Roadhouse, you are taken down south to a western atmosphere while the smell of great food increases your curiosity.

Logan's Roadhouse is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, and is now stationed in 12 states, including Michigan. Found on 14-mile road next to Oakland Mall, the restaurant brings country music, food and spirits to the North.

Customers can watch the chefs cook the meals as flames shoot up right in front of their faces. Customers palates are tempted watching racks of ribs being cooked front and center, a hint of what is yet to come.

On the left side of the restaurant, is a well-stocked bar and a free jukebox. There is also a smaller room

where diners can eat fireside. The unique part of this room is that the walls are actually garage doors, which open all the way up in the summer (hence the name of the room: Logan's Garage Area).

On the right side of the restaurant, is the main eating area with walls that are covered with murals and posters.

The peanut shaped menus add just the right touch to the unique ambiance and offer fair prices for great food.

The section on the menu that seems to draw the most attention is the Roadhouse-style steaks, chops and ribs. Prices range from \$8.29 for a 6 oz. Petite Sirloin to \$17.99 for a 20 oz. Porterhouse.

An interesting meal entitled, Beef on a Stick, may sound adventurous but should not be passed up. Better known as a shish kabob, Beef on a Stick is 7 ounces of delicious sirloin tips skewered and grilled with onions, mushrooms, green peppers and tomatoes. To top it off, it is served on rice.

All entrees include dinner or Caesar's Salad, yeast rolls and the choice of brown-sugar and cinnamon sweet potatoes, baked potato, mashed potatoes, fries, cinnamon apples, fresh vegetables or rice pilaf.

Logan's presents a new way of dining, one in which most of us are not accustomed. Where else do you sit and eat your food while peanut shells crackle beneath your feet? The laid back high-spirited atmosphere of Logan's draws people of all interests.

What do you have to lose at a restaurant that offers such great food and a touch of culture for a fair price?



British duo revolutionize garage house music

By Sara McDowell
THE OAKLAND POST

Techno fans, ravers and house music fans take note. U.K.'s own *Artful Dodger* presents its U.S. debut mix album "Re-rewind." The sounds of 2-Step, with a combination of garage sound, R&B, mixed with an equal dose of drums and bass can be heard on the 15-track album, which sounds like a stream of melodious techno-based songs.

The hit track "Re-rewind," features the R&B vocals of Craig David and shot to number two in the U.K. following its release. The high energy and intensity of the song makes a person envision glowsticks and unforgettable dancing. "Trouble," a collaboration with Robbie Craig and Craig David mixes funky keyboards with smooth R&B vocals. The other 14 tracks on the CD are intriguing mixes and edits featuring the talents of artists such as *Victor Romeo*, *All Saints*, *Baby D*, *The Wideboys*, and *Deetah*.

Artful Dodger saw over a million singles sold in the year 2000. By remixing songs by artists such as Sisco and the Brand New Heavies, the band has built a large U.K. following.

The sounds of U.K. garage music has become one of the latest types of music to engulf listeners of the U.S. Mixed with energetic beats and dance grooves, the CD is sure to delight fans of eclectic tastes.

U.K. garage music may have gotten its start from stateside sounds, but the underground clubs of the U.K. have revolutionized the concept of the music. The fore fathers of the pioneering begins with a Southampton based production and DJing team of Mark Hill and Pete Devereux, who make up *Artful Dodger*.

The melee of sound began when Mark Hill, originally from South Wales, acquired his first drum kit at age four. Moving on to playing

percussion in a variety of school orchestras and bands, it was Hill's music teacher who inspired him to switch from studying architecture and concentrate full heartedly on music.

"My music teacher-who was playing trombone in my rock band-said I had a real flair for arranging and stuff, and that I should do music instead (of architecture). From that point on, I realized it was all about music," said Hill in a press release to London-Sire records.

After teaching himself on a number of instruments, Hill began taking classes at University of Southampton to study music, but grew bored with the curriculum after a few years. Hill then set up a studio in 1995 and also began creating his own music.

Devereux dismissed the idea of school after many attempts of attending classes before dropping out. He did like the rave scene though and got into DJing. When thinking about taking a crack at making a record, he called up Hill's studio.

The two built a friendship and artistic respect for one another and began to collaborate on music. A B-side track they created entitled "What You Gonna Do," got them signed to the London-based Public Demand label.

Superstars among the underground U.K. dance clubs, *Artful Dodger* may receive more U.S. support than it expected. Rolling Stone gave the album 3.5 stars.

It is the interesting, catchy lyrics such as "Re-rewind...and the crowd say bo! selecta!" and "DJ checking the song again, get with it and do that thing," and well mixed, pumping beats that keep the listener's head bouncing.

The duo of *Artful Dodger* is expanding their trance-state, catchy beats as they will be touring in the U.S. in the Spring, with their own studio album to follow shortly after, entitled "It's All About the Stragglers."

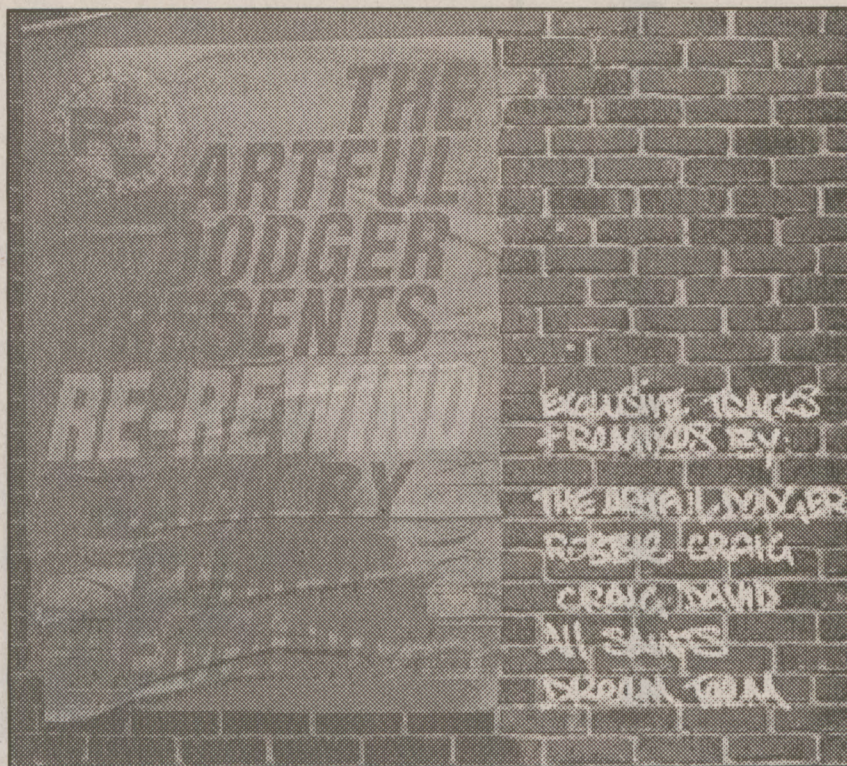


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CATCH THIS: *Artful Dodger's* U.S. debut "Re-rewind" consists of a unique blend of musical genres and talents which will leave club-goers groovin'.

For Your entertainment

Yi Yi (A One and a Two)

The latest film from Edward Yang, the winner of the Best Director Prize at the 2000 Cannes Film Festival, *Yi Yi (A One and a Two)* will be shown at the Detroit Institute of Arts Jan. 12-14. Show times are 3 and 7 p.m., except Jan. 12 will only have an evening showing. Visit www.dia.org for more info.

Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon

One of the most anticipated movies of the year 2001, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, will premiere at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak beginning Jan. 12. This subtitled movie is sure to be a hit with its knockout martial arts sequences and heart-felt love story.

Forever Swing

Join your friends at the Music Hall Front Mezzanine or main floor at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23 for a swinging good time. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact CSA at its service window in the basement of the OC.

Se7en

Recently released on DVD, David Fincher's *Se7en* is now available to rent at your favorite video store. The DVD includes features such as commentary by Fincher, stars Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman, exploration of movie titles, deleted scenes, alternate endings, photo galleries, promotional materials and more.

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