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Congress saga, elections continue

Complex lacks student support

By Shajan Kay
Staff Writer

At their Monday meeting, Student Congress addressed several important resolutions. Phil Fredrick, Legislator, sponsored a resolution to request that the bookstore provide Congress with a list and the prices of the books it sells.

Congress wants the list so that it can be more effective in orga-

nizing their annual bookswap. Congress next addressed a resolution in support of a Multi-Purpose Complex on OU campus. The resolution in favor of the complex failed after discussion whether students favored the proposal.

The next resolution was a resolution showing Congress's lack of support for the Multi-Purpose

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Q&A with candidates

By SHAJAN KAY
Staff Writer

The three presidential candidates in the Student Congress race that takes place this week presented themselves in an interview, shown here in a Q&A format.

The candidates are Michael Ott, Carina Moore and Nick Mitchell.

Post: If elected to the position of Student Body President/VP what would be your first official action?



Ott
(running mate: Linda Hickmott)



Moore
(running mate: Adam Kochenderfer)



Mitchell
(running mate: Rob Filer)

MO: "My first official action would be to get everybody to meet and start with goal setting from that day forward."

CM: "Reorganize the budget."

NM: "Bring together all administration that has a direct effect on Congress and sit them down with myself and Rob and basically have a chat to develop

some sort of working relationship. Congress has had a rocky year because we had a bad relationship with the administration. My first goal would be to take that gap and make it narrower."

Post: What would you most like to accomplish if elected?

MO: "I would like to see leadership brought back and a

greater sense of pride so that Congress is their more for students and not just a resume builder"

CM: "Getting more of the student population involved in what Congress does."

NM: "The biggest thing that I would like to change and to say that I helped out on is to make

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SPB and Residence Halls
hosted its annual Casino
night Saturday

VEGAS
college
STYLE

Photo by Tom Bressie



Nobody went bankrupt Saturday as the chips changed places in front of casino patrons in the OC Gold Rooms. OU students had fun at gambling tables playing black jack, roulette and other games of chance.

Cola wars loom at OU

By SHAJAN KAY
Staff Writer

Attention Coca-Cola Drinkers! Your days of enjoying a cold refreshing Coke between classes could be numbered. There is a rumor floating around campus that Pepsi has solicited the University to become the exclusive provider of soft drinks on campus.

Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing, confirmed discussions are under way.

She said, "My understanding is that campuses ... contract with a pop distributor to only sell their product on the campus, kind of like an exclusivity arrangement. So if it's Pepsi Cola or Coca Cola, then the university contracts sell only their products on campus in exchange for certain (favors)."

Reynolds said "(the beverage distributors) usually end up making contributions to athletic events. They could give scholarships, there is a whole list of things that the company gives in exchange for the right to be the exclusive provider of their pop on campus."

When asked if she knew when any type of change would be made, Reynolds indicated that she didn't; however, she said she knew that discussions about it were under way.

The push for so-called "pouring rights" evidently came with the new Rec Center and the existing relationship with Pepsi on the Walton-Adams marquee.

Barry Neuberger, assistant athletic director, said that various factors determine the amount of financial support provided by the soft drink company. These factors could be the number of students, the number of beverage dispensers, or a variety of other factors. Neuberger also added that the University can respond to different offers and make suggestions about what it would like.

Neuberger pledged there would be university-wide input before anything is finalized.

Some students have already voiced reservations at a House Council meeting in West Vandenberg Hall



Senate reviews proposed amendments

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Assistant News Editor

The University Senate held an open forum Thursday to discuss proposed amendments to its constitution, to be voted on at the April 15 meeting.

The forum was led by Joel Russell, chemistry professor and one of the 11 faculty members who drafted the amendments.

The forum focused on the current Senate structure, the proposed amendments for a faculty Senate, and mainly faculty comments and concerns.

Prompted by the handling of the golf course issue without proper consultation, the amendments endorse raising the number of elected faculty

in the Senate from the current 43 out of 61 slots, to 50 out of 53 slots.

The three non-faculty slots would be occupied by the provost, one administrative professional and one student representative.

According to the constitutional reform document, a University Council would also be established to "ensure that all governance bodies are appropriately consulted."

The proposed Council would consist of the Provost, the Senate president, the AP Assembly president and the Student Congress president, the document stated.

Some individuals voiced their approval to the proposed amendments.

"Faculty need their own clear, distinctive voice in university governance," said Ron Cramer, education professor.

"We seek this forum not so we can control (university governance), but so our interests, concerns and positions can be unambiguously articulated to the (university) community," he said.

"If we did have a faculty senate, then we would be better able to focus our attention on academic matters," said Physics Professor Abe Liboff.

However, others were opposed.

"We wanted better communication within the faculty, but we're getting that at a very great cost," said English Professor Jane Eberwein.

According to Eberwein, a faculty senate "closes out other people by

diminishing their representation."

Not enough research has been done to "consider alternative governance models and find out why faculty senates succeed or fail at other colleges or universities," she said.

Eberwein proposed the idea of a faculty caucus within the Senate.

A faculty caucus would be "a model that allows for faculty-only deliberation but then maintains the communication we now have with the larger university," Eberwein said.

A caucus would bring faculty members together at their own discretion, to discuss Senate-related issues amongst themselves, she said.

It would not be a separate committee, she added.

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FAST
FACTS

- Classes in Advanced RAD Training (Rape Aggression Defense) are offered in a four-meeting sequence April 6, 8, 13

and 15 in three-hour sessions at the Rec Center, from 7-10 p.m.

The sessions, open to women only, will be presented by OUPD Officer Terry Ross.

To attend the Advanced RAD classes, participants will have to have Basic RAD as their prerequisite.

To register, call Officer Ross at (248)370-4244 ext.1004 or e-mail him at RAD@oakland.edu.

Limit is 12 participants per class.

- Kresge Library is sponsoring two separate workshops to assist in surfing the Internet, and evaluating subject lists and search engines.

The first will be today from 1-2 p.m. and the second on Thursday, April 1, from noon-1p.m.

The workshops will be held in

room 225A, Kresge Library.

Admission is free and reservations are unnecessary.

Contact Shawn Patterson at (248)370-2493 for more information.

- Honors College is sponsoring a lecture entitled "I go inside, I go out - A Sense of Space in Contemporary Poetry." It will be presented by Mary

Ann Samyn, special lecturer in the department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism, Tuesday, April 6 from noon-1p.m. in room 112 Vandenberg Hall.

- There will be a Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, April 1, at 2 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, OC.

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UPDATING OU

• **CONGRATULATIONS** to the 22 students who will proudly represent OU this summer as the 1999 Orientation Staff. Orientation Group Leaders are: Paul Carlin, Annie Chung, Julie Ferreri, Kristen Kouba, Nick Harrington, Brian Jaye, Razzaq McConner, Michael McElrath, Aniesha Mitchell, Ryan Nihls, Rachel Parke, Nicole Patricio, Steven Sandlink, Patrick Strausbaugh, Natasha Vanover, Rodger Washington, Jennifer Wegner and Andrea Zwolinski. Orientation Assistants are: Kristy Chene, Rick Durso, Randy Herring and Matt Tapson.

• **COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AND ENHANCED CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AWARDS.** Applications for both awards are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 OC, for the 1999-2000 academic year. See **Post** ad for details.

• **RAPISTS** are using a new weapon to overpower their victims! The weapon is **DRUGS** like **Rohypnol** and **GNB**. These drugs are silent and invisible. When hidden in a drink they may be completely undetectable. Contact **Graham Health Center** at 370-2341 for more information on how to protect yourself from this happening to you.

• **MARCH VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY.** All **Saints Episcopal Church (Pontiac)** could use your assistance to help tutor 2nd and 3rd graders, plan and deliver educational programs, or assist with serving at the Kids Cafe. To volunteer, please call **Barbara Fry** at 334-4827.

• **MICHIGAN JOBS CONSORTIUM.** Upcoming and recent graduates seeking employment should explore a recently expanded network of job openings made possible by the recent formation of the **Michigan Jobs Consortium**. Access can be gained through the **Placement & Career Services** web site at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> (click on Job listings).

• **PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT RECRUITING.** On-campus recruiting continues at **Placement & Career Services**. Don't miss out on the opportunity to interview right here on campus for top-notch positions with premier employers. Contact **Placement & Career Services** (370-3250) for details.

• **CHEAPER THAN A MOVIE TICKET!** For one of the best entertainment values around, check out the **Student Rush Tickets** at **Meadow Brook Theatre**. For only \$5 per ticket, you can see productions at this award-winning professional theatre. Buy 1 or 2 tickets per ID for \$5 each at the Box Office in Wilson Hall the day of the performance. Call 377-3300 for more information on current productions.

• **DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE.** Nearly every **Tuesday** at **noon** (with very few exceptions), the **MTD** department hosts "**Arts at Noon**," a showcase for the talents of all our students. These performances take place in **Varner Hall** in either the **Studio Theatre** or **Recital Hall**.

• **ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER.** 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215 - **Free Tutoring services, old math exams for review, math review video tapes.** **STOP BY!** Looking for campus work? Tutors are paid to work in the Academic Skills Center. **STOP BY!**

THIS WEEK

• **CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CRC).** The CRC will be offering a workshop for **Liberal Arts** students on **Wednesday, March 31** at **1 p.m.** The discussion will include how to establish career goals and how to identify and market your interests, abilities and values. The CRC will be open during the **Spring and Summer Semesters** (hours to be announced). Stop in and get a jump on the competition.

• **STUDENT LIAISON TO OU BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Applications and nominations for this position are still available at the following locations: Student Affairs Office, 144 OC, Student Congress, 100 OC or Center for Student Activities, 49 OC. Completed applications are due at the Student Affairs Office **March 31**. Call (248) 370-4200 for more info.

• **Visitor from Singapore.** Jonathan Bensky, an Economics graduate and OU alumnus who has excelled during his more than 20 years with the U.S. Foreign Service, will speak about careers and opportunities with the **Foreign Service in Asia** with students, faculty and staff on **Friday, April 2**, from **noon to 1 p.m.** in the **SBA Conference Room, 4th Floor, Varner Hall**. Besides serving as the Head of the Commercial Section of four American Embassies throughout the world, Bensky also served in the **Peace Corps** in Nepal. Placement & Career Services joins the university community in welcoming Mr. Bensky back to campus. **All are invited!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **NATIONAL ALCOHOL SCREENING DAY.** Have you shown up late for work, disappointed family members, or discovered you couldn't remember what happened the night before because you had too much to drink? Are you concerned that alcohol is becoming a problem? **Thursday, April 8**, is **National Alcohol Screening Day**, and the OU Counseling Center is offering free, anonymous educational sessions for OU students where you can take a written self-assessment for alcohol problems, ask questions and talk to a health professional - all for free. Call **Graham Counseling Center** at 370-3465 for more information.

• **SECOND ANNUAL WINNERS CIRCLE RECEPTION.** Mark your calendars now to attend this reception on **Thursday, April 8, 1999** from **2 - 4 p.m.** in the **Fireside Lounge, OC** honoring all student nominees and recipients of various university awards. The university community is invited to attend this celebration of its students and their accomplishments.

• **SENIOR SEND OFF.** All graduating seniors are invited to attend OU's "Senior Send Off" on **Tuesday, April 13, 1999** in the **Fireside Lounge** of the OC between **4 p.m. and 6 p.m.** A brief informal ceremony hosted by Dr. Russi will take place at **4:30 p.m.** **Deadline** for responses to the Student Affairs Office, 144 OC is **April 12**. Please plan to attend.

Elections

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Congress productive again for the students. To make the student voice heard. No one views Congress in a positive light anymore. I would like to say that I was the one that turned that around and brought students back to Congress. And brought a better image of Congress back to the public.

Post: What makes you qualified to be Student Body President?

MO: "I have been a part of Congress for one year, I am the Research and Review Chair, a member of the Multi-Purpose Complex Committee, and part of the WOCOU committee. These are just my leadership roles related to Congress. If you go to the Theater Department you can see that I have been actively involved their in leadership roles for the past three years."

CM: "Two years of experience on Congress. President of various organizations for the past two years. Basically I have had a lot of leadership responsibilities outside of campus."

NM: "Over the last term I have been the disciplinary chairperson, the disciplinary chair's responsibility is to oversee the actions of the legislature and to make sure that they are attending meetings and talking to students. It is almost like being a supervisor for Congress. The Presidents position is basically being a supervisor over a broader scale. Running a staff would be like running the legislature."

Post: Why do you want to be President?

MO: "To bring students back to Congress. There is such a disarray that, being the highest office for the student body, it should be there for the students by the students. (Also,) to get students involved."

CM: "Because I don't think Congress has been doing

Congress's job over the past few years and the students haven't been heard or told what is going on. So I want to hopefully solve that situation."

NM: "I want to be President because I've seen the way it has been done in the last year. I've seen the way that there has been a lack of leadership in Congress. I've seen the way that the administration has had a rocky relationship with Congress. I firmly believe that I can change that for the better. That I can solve the problems that exist currently and basically have a voice for the students in dealing with the administration."

Post: How do you feel about issues such as the new golf course and other commercial ventures?

MO: "The main problem I had with the golf course is that students didn't know about it. I like the idea, of the Multi-Purpose Complex, if it ties in academically to this school. I don't like the idea of building a (center) just so that the Palace can own it. Because in five years O.U. would become a sports/entertainment complex as opposed to a learning institution which it has established itself as for the past 40 years."

CM: "I think things like that are taking away from some of the academic focus here on campus and we are starting to stray away from that a little bit. But it could be a benefit to the University by getting Oakland's name out there."

NM: "I am completely and utterly against the new golf course. The main reason that I say that is because students never had a voice in the decision to build it. The way that it was done over the summer without very many students on campus. The administration never came to Congress, they never approached students about the issue. A big decision that is going to change the face of this campus, that is going to change the reputation we have in the

community needs to be addressed by the students. This University is run for the students, it only exists for the students and we are the sole reason the (the University) is in existence. Therefore, we should have that same role in deciding where this University is going to go in the next century. Anything that is going to change the face of this University needs to have student approval."

Post: How do you feel about the OU administrations role with congress?

MO: "Right now I don't have a big problem with it because in the absence of leadership students will turn to whoever leads. That is exactly what has happened with the current Congress administration. If Linda and I get in we will show great leadership and let everyone know what is going on, so something like this will not happen. As I say in an absence of leadership, students will turn to whoever leads, and in this case it was the O.U. administration."

CM: "I think the administration's role is to be a tool to be used for advice and information."

NM: "I feel that this year they have overstepped their boundaries a little bit. They think that they are in their best interests to help us but sometimes their best interests and our interests aren't exactly the same. I feel that they have tried to push their way a little bit more than they needed to. I feel that they haven't exactly listened to what Congress has said, or our decisions, and that they haven't basically respected our authority. Therefore it all goes back to me being able to bridge that gap and saying that we are two separate entities. You can't really push your feelings onto us. You can recommend what we should do. If we disagree then that's the way it's going to be. Because we are a separate entity. I mean we are autonomous from the administration."

Post: What is the biggest issue

on the horizon that will impact OU students? How will you work to resolve that issue?

MO: "The first one is diversity. Linda and I are supporting the Oakland University Trustee Success Fund which would allocate \$250,000 towards the promotion of diversity events on campus. The second thing is the Multi-Purpose Complex, with regards to if they are going to build it, will it have academic ties, and will they increase parking to accommodate it. We need to let everyone know what's going on."

CM: "The biggest issue would be tuition and fees going up. And how I would resolve that, I don't know if there is a certain resolution Congress could be involved in to solve that problem of tuition going up. I think that the students need to be made aware of when meetings are being held so that they can get all the information."

NM: "I believe the biggest issue that is coming up, is this battle with the administration right now. I feel that this is imperative that we have strong student leadership. That can say, we are students and we have rights at this University. Our voice needs to be heard and our voice is going to be heard through Nick Mitchell. He is going to be our President he is going to say what we are feeling. He is going to come to us and ask us what we are feeling on this issue. Then I am going to relay that message to the administration. So I would say without a doubt that the biggest thing we need to work on and the thing that I can see in the future is some kind of battle with the administration that needs to be solved now before it gets out of hand."

Post: What leadership positions have you held in the past?

MO: "Chair of the Research and Review Committee on Congress, One of two student representatives on the Multi-Purpose Complex Committee, in high school I was one of the promoters of a diversity day which is still occurring, I have been a leader in many theater events."

CM: "SAFB Chair this year for a short period, last year I was the Steering Chairperson, I was on the Congress Legislature, SAFB Associate Chair. This year also Silver Key President, working closely with Golden Key. Walt Disney World Alumni Association President, Co-Founder, and Treasurer."

NM: "As far as leadership goes on Congress obviously Disciplinary Chair as I said earlier. I believe I have served as somewhat of a leader on the legislature this year. Usually all the chairs of the committees are somewhat of the quasi student leaders I guess you might say. Other than that outside like in the real world with jobs and stuff like that I have had lots of supervisor positions and things of that nature. As far as running a staff, I have done that before outside of school. So I feel I am quite capable of leading this Congress into the next century."

Senate

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Others supported the idea. "A faculty caucus approach might allow for the open exchange amongst faculty, a stronger faculty voice, and a greater sense of faculty unity without dissolving the existing University Senate Structure," said Mary Papazian, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Some disagreed with the idea. "I am really opposed to the idea of a faculty caucus," Liboff said.

According to Liboff, the creation of a faculty caucus would add another confusing, unnecessary layer to the Senate.

If passed at the April 15 Senate meeting, the amendment will be sent to all OU faculty for a formal vote.

If approved, it would then be presented to the Board of Trustees for further deliberation.



ON CAMPUS

Faculty reach out Jamaican style

By BILL GUYOR
Special Writer

Toni Walters likes to share her love of books with others, especially those in need.

Walters, an associate professor in the department of reading and language arts at OU, has found that this love has taken her to Jamaica.

A year ago, Walters was talking with Paula Webster, a Jamaican-born doctoral student and teacher in the department of reading and language arts, about the illiteracy problem in Jamaica. Together, they decided to do something about it.

The result of their discussions was the formation of Literacy First: Jamaica Initiatives, a program they started to help literacy in schools through Jamaica. The program consists of four major components.

The first component is what Walters refers to as a "traveling library" which would place a minimum of 25-30 books into 34 schools through Jamaica by the year 2000. The books are children's literacy books written for three- to six-year-olds.

"The whole idea is to start with the very young," Walters said.

Within the past year, Walter and Webster have made three trips to Jamaica delivering books to 26 schools.

Jane Bingham, an expert in children's literature and professor in reading and language arts department, has donated books to the program and joined the two women on one of their trips.

The second component is designed to provide reading to Jamaican teachers in their own country.

"This training is to help teachers use the book to its fullest, have fun with the books, and make the books come alive," Walters said.

During each of the three trips to Jamaica, Walters and Webster have completed an inservice training session for 40 to 60 Jamaican teachers.

"Sometimes we're back in the country in a 95', one-room school house with chickens and ducks all around," Walters said.

The last two components of the program are still in the planning stage.

The creators of the program hope to bring Jamaican teachers to OU where they can complete a masters degree in reading and language arts. The teachers would then return to Jamaica where they would be a part of the literacy pro-

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Photo Courtesy/Toni Walters

LEARNING CONNECTIONS: A group of school teachers from Clarendon Parish, Jamaica, attended the teacher-inservice conducted by Paula Webster and Dr. Toni Walters from OU.

April's fools arrive

By Hillary Crawford
Staff Writer

With April Fool's Day around the corner, people all over are trying to think up the best pranks for their enemies or their loved ones.

April Fool's Day, which may have started in 16th century France, was not always a day of playing practical jokes on your neighbors, according to USIS, American Embassy web page.

It was the start of the New Year, until Pope Gregory introduced the new calendar in 1562, changing the New Year to January 1.

The pope forgot to let everyone know, so some still celebrated on April 1.

Those who knew about the change made fun of those who did not, calling them "April fools."

Though the exact date of April Fool's origin is unknown, many people around the world believe that their cultures began the day of trickery and fun.

According to the web site AprilFools.com, the day is 48 hours long in Scotland, with the second day being named "Taily Day".

Taily Day is dedicated to pranks involving the buttocks, the web site said.

According to the web site, this is where we inherited the dreaded April Fool's "kick me" signs on the backs of shirts.

The names of fools are different all over the world.

According to another web site on the history of April Fools, people in France are called "Poisson d'Avril" or April Fish.

A fool in Scotland is called an "April cuckoo" or an "April gowk", the web site

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VOTE FOR PROGRESS

Students who yet have to turn in their pick of next year's student government can do so today and tomorrow.

The times and places are:

Wednesday, March 31 from
9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the OC;
4:45-7 p.m. in Vandenberg;

Thursday, April 1 from 9:30-11 a.m.
in the South Foundation Hall, 11:30
a.m.-4 p.m. in the OC; 4:45-7 p.m.
in Vandenberg.

Photo by Jenn Madjarev

Crime statistics show decrease for decade

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Assistant News Editor

Crime on campus has dropped 42 percent over the last decade, though those statistics may be deceiving since the number of incidents has traditionally been low.

OU Police Department crime statistics as reported to the FBI, showed a decline in almost every category including vandalism, assault and battery, larcenies and stolen cars.

The only two categories showing increases were felonious assault and sex offenses (not rape).

The some categories have had both increases and decreases over the 10-year period, most are now on the decrease.

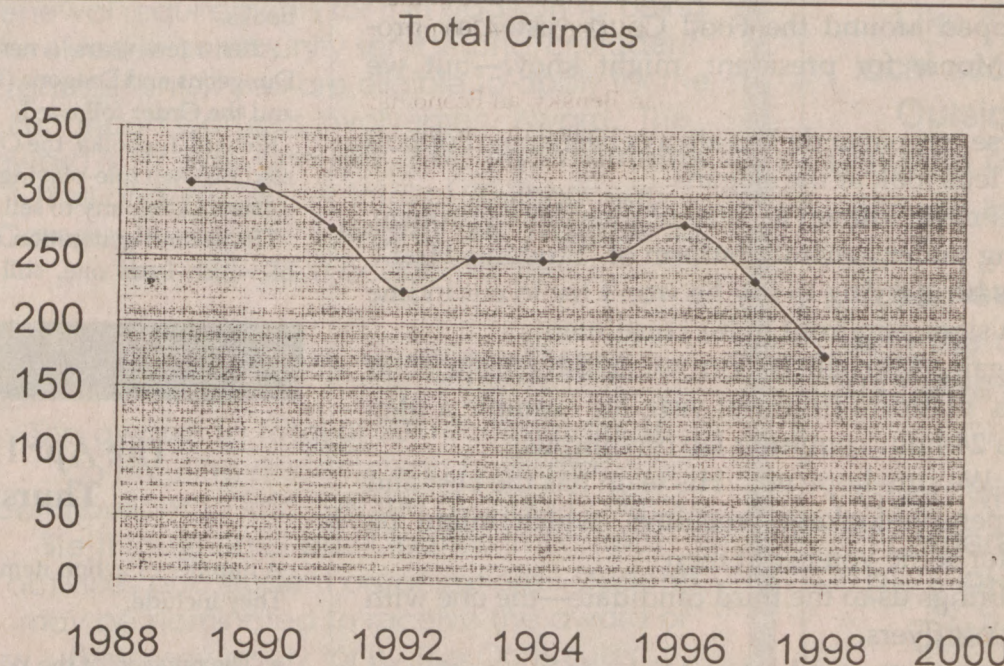
Nine categories also saw no more than five crimes each per category per year over the decade.

These are CSC (rape), robbery, arson, felonious assault, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, weapons and stolen property.

Several crime categories increased in frequency early in the 1990s, but have since leveled off or dropped. Property crimes decreased 41 percent, while vandalism decreased only about half that amount to 21 percent.

The two biggest crimes on the list are larcenies and vandalism. Larcenies numbers began at 129 in 1989, fluctuated up and down before peaking at 139 in 1996. The incidents have since declined sharply to 81 reported incidents in 1998.

Forty-two incidents of vandalism were reported in 1989 and except for 1992 when the reported offenses dropped to 28, climbed steadily until 1996 when 57 were reported. The numbers dropped to 36 in 1997 and fell further to 33 in 1998.



However, two categories increased in frequency. Sex offenses were up 100 percent, but the percentage is deceiving since only one was reported in 1989 and two in 1998. However, that is down from a high of eight reported incidents in 1995.

Felonious assault also increased with two incidents in 1989 and four in 1998. However, over the 10-year period an average of 2.8 felonious assaults occurred on campus. The worst year was 1995

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CRIME

WATCH

Speeding Driver Arrested

An OUPD officer saw a man speeding while driving north on Squirrel Road near Walton Thursday morning.

Radar clocked the driver at 64 mph in a 45 mph zone.

When stopped, the driver showed his license to the officer.

The police checked the driver's record on the LEIN system and noticed a valid warrant issued on Mar. 10 in Berkley for failure to appear in court.

After confirming the warrant with Berkley police, the man posted a \$150 bond.

The man was then released, with confirmation sent to Berkley Police.

Theft Reported in Dorm

A Van Wagoner resident left his room door closed but unlocked for 10 minutes Thursday morning, to play chess in a friend's room in the same hall.

Upon returning to his room, the student found that a mattress from his bunk had been removed and placed on two tables beside the bed.

When he returned the mattress to the bunk, he noticed his ring with a black-stoned diamond and a Bulova watch

were missing.

The student told an OUPD officer that he had problems with other residents on the floor earlier in the year, but none recently.

Later he told police he was having a problem with another man in Van Wagoner. No one had seen the man near the victim's room.

Other Van Wagoner residents on the victim's floor who were awake at the time said they noticed nothing unusual.

The student later notified police that

he had found his watch, but his ring valued at approximately \$150 was still missing.

Harassing Calls from Ex

A Hamlin resident complained to OUPD that her ex-husband was harassing her on the phone. Officers told her to keep the voice mail messages and recommended she seek a personal protection order.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Vote for Congress: eenie, meenie...

It's voting time.

Given Congress' current reputation among its constituents and its current political circumstances, thank goodness.

It is one of the rare democratic powers students get around here—choosing their governmental representation.

True, sometimes the elected ones rise to the top only to raise their own salary and beef up their resume. At times, the elections look like a process of trial and error.

But in order to elect the people who have the best interest of OU and its students in mind, students need to vote.

Voting is simple and fast, but OU's Congress elections have an abysmally low turnout every year. The most likely culprit is apathy.

Of course, most blame it either on the lack of information on the issues, or (if more embittered by the political climate) the lack of desirable candidates.

So, what are our options?

If you picked up this newspaper just every once in a while this semester, you're likely to recognize the name of at least one candidate.

Carina Moore is still on her crusade against the current Congress president due to her firing from the position of SAFB chair earlier this year.

Plenty of "evidence" was submitted in illustration of both Moore's competence and incompetence while on the job.

Which parts of it are true? Maybe the Easter bunny, who hopped around the Food Court yesterday promoting Moore for president, might know—but we doubt it.

Of course, propaganda has always been a part of politics. So let's look at the slogans.

Nick Mitchell, known as current president's protege, is running under general platform of "Students First." Perhaps he is trying to say he won't try to cut in line for room sign-up in front of his constituents.

Then again, Mitchell is borrowing a bit from Scott Andrews' platform from last year, for example a plan to have a 24-hour computer lab on campus.

Clone? We sure hope not. His team has the best and most expensive-looking brochures, which might be enough for some voters out there.

Which brings us to the third candidate—the one with the simplest flyers.

All the scoop we could get on Michael Ott was that he is a "really nice guy."

He has less Congress/leadership experience than the other two; he doesn't have a legislator or a political battle behind him to make his name known.

But he seems to have his finger on the pulse of the community. He focuses mainly on diversity and development, two issues brought up many times at many university meetings, as well as by the NCA reaccreditation committee in its first feedback to OU.

When in doubt, go with the underdog. At least that's what college campuses used to be like.

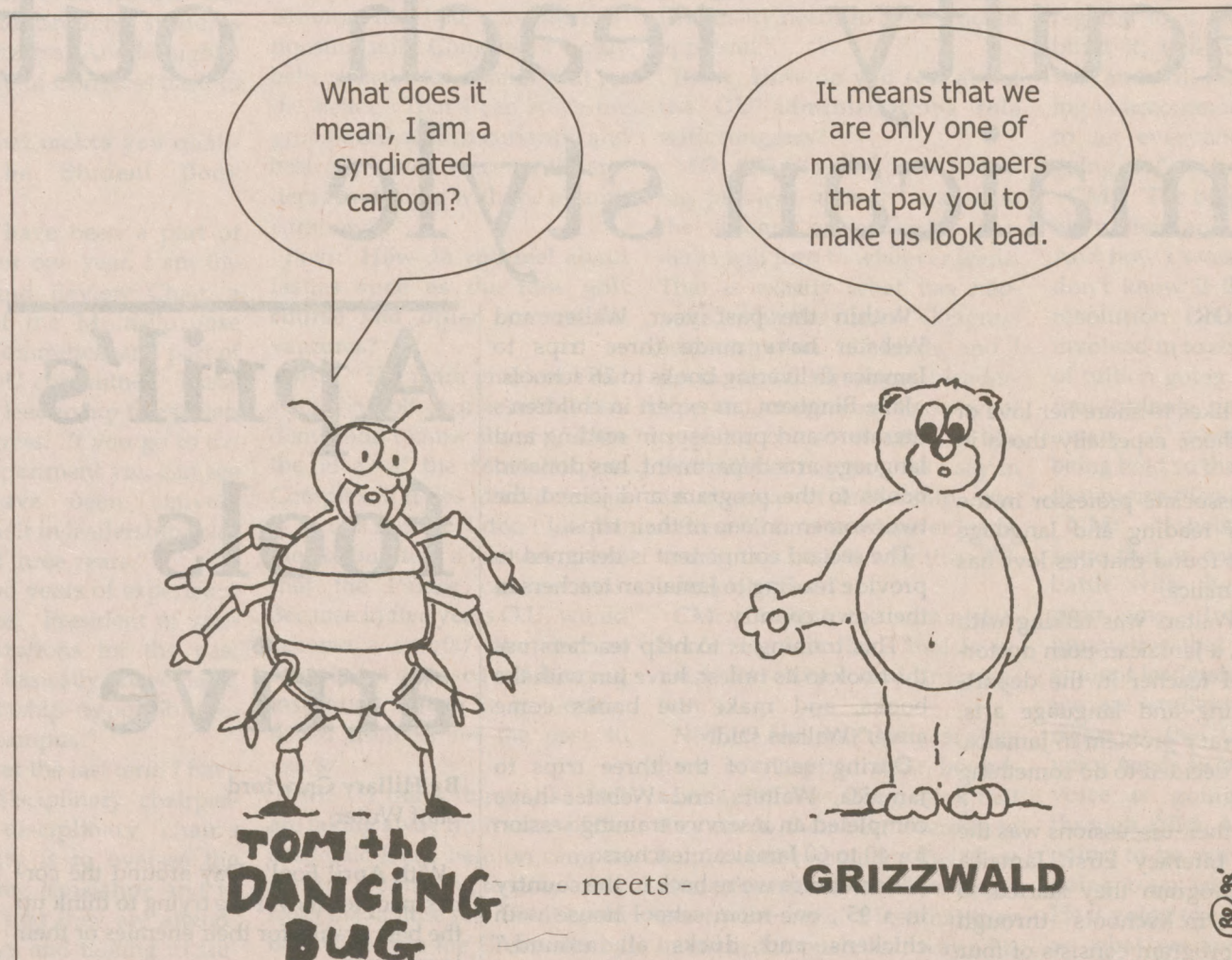
But the times have changed.

Hopefully, the practices and the reputation of Student Congress can, too.

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PERSPECTIVES



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Order of Leibowitz disbands at OU

Dear Editor,

Why does an organization disband? This is a question that has puzzled people for years. Why do people strongly support a group one year, then the next abandon it for other interests?

I would like to look at one of the oldest organizations on campus, a group now gone from the list of student organizations.

The year was 1973. OU was a different place. O'Dowd Hall was just a dream in someone's mind. OU was a Division II liberal arts college, filled with idealists still very much in a '60s mentality.

It was into this environment that the Order of Leibowitz was born. Science fiction and fantasy were still 'underground' as far as mainstream society was concerned.

Sure, there was the Star Trek phenomenon which was starting to blossom into the cultural icon it is today. The only place you could see new Star Trek episodes was on Saturday morning as a cartoon.

Science fiction on TV was limited to 'The Magician' and 'The Girl With Something Extra.' The movies weren't much better. Sure, 2001 had come out four years before, but Star Wars would not come out for another four years. The main place one found science fiction (never sci-fi) and fantasy was in books.

After a few years, a new phenomenon hit, Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) lead the way, and the Order followed.

Richard Tucholka, the Order's founder, created his own role-playing games (RPGs) and started a company to sell his creations.

The second generation of Order members, of which I am one, still enjoyed the same

was more focussed on role-playing. The early '80s were a zenith for the Order, boasting dozens of student members.

But it was the Immoral Minority and the press that slammed role-playing as a fun hobby. They tried to destroy what they did not understand. People called the games evil, when in fact, they were as harmless as children's games like 'Cops and Robbers' or 'Cowboys and Indians.'

Science fiction was becoming more mainstream entertainment. The massive success of "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" on the big screen, as well as the small screen, changed science fiction into 'sci-fi.' Movies like "Independence Day" and "Men In Black" are sci-fi entertainment, not real science fiction.

The Order continued on through the rest of the '80s and '90s. Craze like collectible card games (Magic: The Gathering) and Japanese animation (Anime) attracted new members to the Order. But another development, in American society, was dooming the Order to eventual extinction.

College had started changing in the early '80s. No longer a place dedicated to knowledge and learning, college became a place to get good grades to get a good job. It wasn't so bad here at OU, but all over the land, grade inflation reared its foul head. And not only at college, but before college as well. College became a means to an end, rather than an end of its own.

This development meant students did not have time for any organization that did not help on their resume. While belonging to a Greek fraternity would definitely help a student get a good job, something like the O of L just would not. Added to this fact, OU

na, which were common in the '70s at OU, were not tolerated in the '90s version.

Now, in 1999, we are surrounded by sci-fi entertainment. The most anticipated picture of 1999 is Star Wars, and the special effects make sci-fi easy to realize on the big screen. On TV, there are two Star Trek shows, and the X-Files is popular. Fantasy-wise, Hercules and Xena entertain our current generation. We are so overwhelmed by all this sci-fi and fantasy input that belonging to an Organization dedicated to science fiction and fantasy seems extraneous.

In addition, the personal computer, which barely existed in 1973, has moved to dominate much of our spare time. We surf the Web, play first-person shooters, send e-mail, chat online and so on. Hobbies like role-playing, where someone much sit at a table and imagine what a character feels or how a creature looks, seems incredibly blase and passe to today's youth.

So how do I feel about the Order disbanding? I don't like it. I think an organization devoted to my interests needs to exist at a university. I like telling newcomers about the old days, and how much fun we used to have. I'm 36 now, and I am more nostalgic than most.

But, in the final analysis, the world moved on. To quote Star Trek, "We've outgrown you. You are asking for something we can no longer give."

Charles W. Modzinski
OU Alumnus '86, '93
The Order of Leibowitz member
since 1981

TRUSTEES' CORNER

The April Board of Trustees meeting is at 2 p.m., Thursday in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

A number of action items of interest to the OU community are on the agenda. They include:

- The revision of the Winter 2000 semester calendar. Due to the potential difficulties in the university system operations because of the Y2K problem, winter semester is scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 10 with registration on Thursday, Jan. 6.

The date for the Fall 1999 commencement has also been moved from Sep. 12 (when Rosh Hashana is observed) to Sep. 19. Spring 2000 commencement is also moved from June 3 to May 6.

- Announcement of the 1998-99 Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Award recipients and the Human Relations Award recipient.

This year's awarded students are: Darrin Hanna and Becky O'Connell for the Wilson Awards, and Barry Gray for the Human Relations Award.

- Contract approval with Michigan Virtual Automotive College.

At the June 1998 meeting, the Board accepted a \$483,985 grant from the Michigan Jobs Commission to provide training to FANUC Robotics employees. A contract with MVAC enforce them to fulfill university services not exceeding \$214,650.

- Report on the Multi-Purpose Complex by OU President Gary Russi. Russi will also recommend the hiring of external research and consultation firm to assess the costs and benefits which OU would have by building the Complex.

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

THE OAKLAND POST corrects factual errors that appear on its pages.

- In last week's issue in the Congress elections story, it should have read the Lacrosse Club instead of Law Society that received \$4,000 from the SAFB.

POST INFORMATION

Due to OC renovations, THE OAKLAND POST has moved to the south side of campus. The office is temporarily located next to the Science and Engineering Building in Trailer B.

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Complex. The resolution stating "that as a result of its own deliberations, Student Congress does not

support the concept of a Multi-Purpose Complex on the campus of Oakland University." The resolution passed with little discussion.

The next item addressed by Congress was a bill to allocate \$16,000 of Congress's annual budget towards a scholarship program. The Scholarship bill passed unanimous-

ly.

Near the end of the meeting, legislator Aaron Gibson passed out a preliminary report addressing various ethical violations made by Student Body President Scott Andrews.

Gibson said he intends to file official charges against Andrews next week.

Congress is also beginning to form a committee to address whether Andrews was correct in firing Carina Moore, former SAFB chair.

Last week Andrews submitted supporting documents, justifying his decision to fire Moore, to the Student Life Office which investigates the issue.

The package was discussed with Moore and is still being investigated by the Student Life Office.

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gram being developed by the Jamaican ministry of education.

Further, they hope to establish a visiting lecture program between OU and the University of West Indies in Jamaica. This would facilitate both universities' learning from each other.

The Jamaican teachers have been extremely pleased with the effort put forth by Walters and Webster.

"We never do spend a day with the teachers without them thanking us. There is always an eloquent thank you at the end of the day," Walters said.

This program is currently a grass root effort. In addition to the extensive amount of money donated by Walters and Webster, funding also comes from anonymous donors and small grants from organizations in Rochester, Oakland County, and Southeast Michigan.

Anyone interested in donating money or books for the program can contact Toni Walters at (248) 370-4667. Donations can be made payable to OU Jamaica Initiative Project c/o the department of reading and

Fool

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said.

The day's pranks are fun, and mostly harmless.

On the web's "April Fool's Pranks" page, many ways to prank a fellow friend are shown.

One prank involves someone who likes to drink red wine.

If you know someone who does, this may be a good way to get him or her:

- get some Neutral Red, a water soluble, crystalline red dye
- mix with red wine, and wait for the person to return from the restroom

Then, you just might have to explain to the person that Neutral Red comes out just as red as it goes in, and that it is not harmful.

Hopefully they will find it funny.

Another way to prank someone is by using the media, either a newspaper or broadcasting station.

According to a web page on "world media tell tales for April Fool's Day", a Belgian TV station told viewers to go to the Belgian coast to watch a Japanese chef cook shark fin soup out of a rare 65-foot beached shark.

Some of the stories that the public did not like were listed as well.

One was of a southwestern France newspaper that received numerous angry phone calls due to the city of Montauban building a shelter from cattle suffering from mad cow disease.

Another story that did not turn out well took place in New Zealand.

It was about police and commuters getting angry about a traffic jam due to killer whales stranded near Wellington's inter-island ferry terminal.

The whales turned out to be rubber dorsal fins attached to wooden blocks.

So if you are going to fool a friend, family member, or an enemy, remember to use your best judgement.

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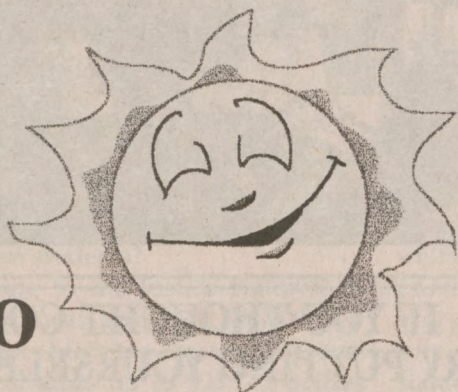
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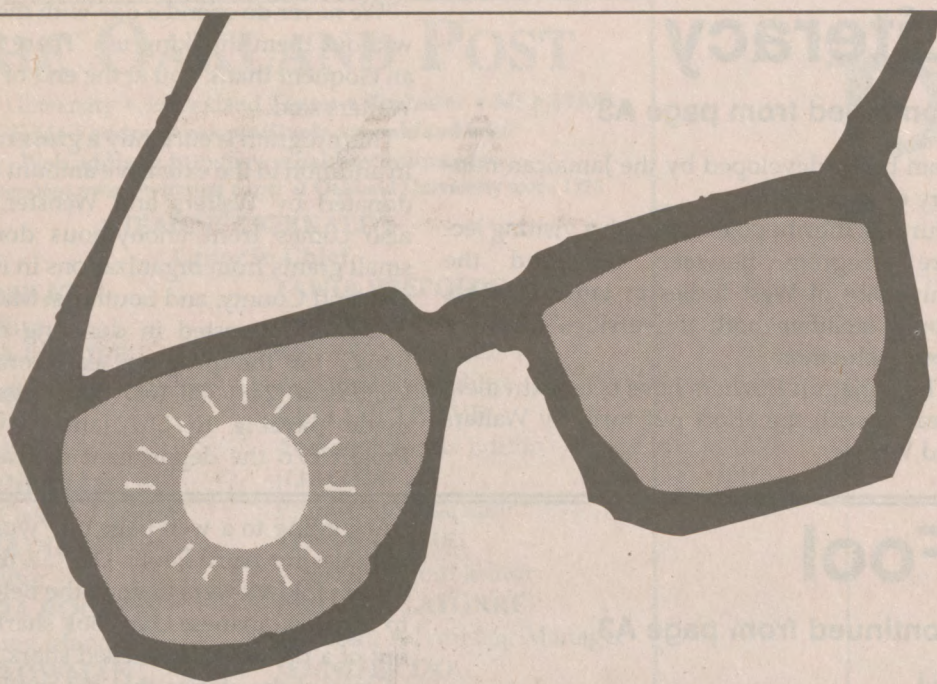
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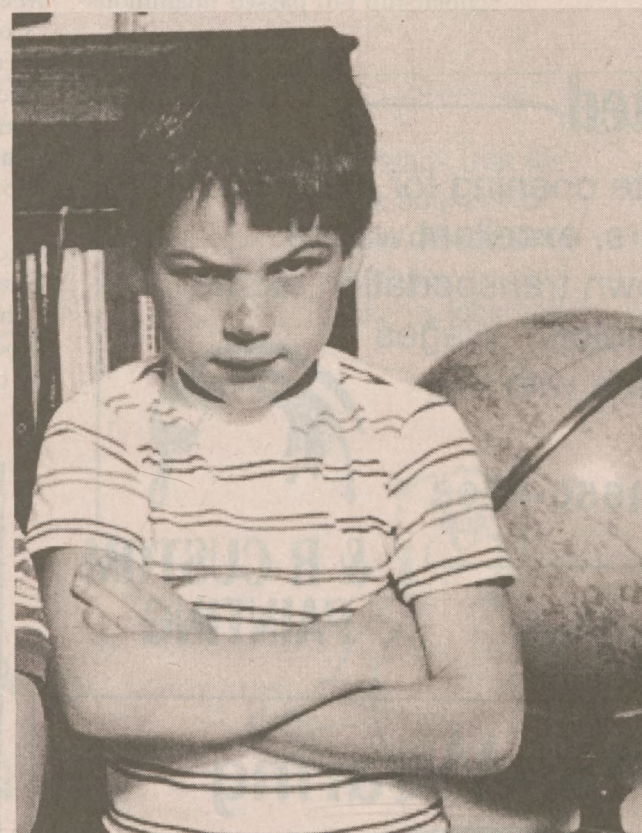
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Apr. 2, 2 - 8 p.m.; Apr. 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Novi Expo Center. Admission: \$6, parking \$3. Call (517) 676-4160 or (248) 348-5600.

• Computer Show

Apr. 2, 12 - 8 p.m.; Apr. 3, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Apr. 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Novi Expo Center. Admission: \$7 adults, under 13 free. Parking \$5. Call (248) 348-5600.

• Somerset Collection Home and Garden Show

More than 40 seminars are scheduled in various home-related stores. 2,300 flowering plants, garden walkways, and a gazebo will adorn the center court. Now through Apr. 3. Somerset Collection, Troy. Call (248) 643-6360, ext. 3.

• American Indian Art Show & Sale

Hundreds of authentic Indian articles and high quality southwestern art from over 180 artists. Apr. 2 - 4, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Springfield Oaks County Park (Oakland County Fairgrounds), Davisburg. I-75, exit 93. Call (248) 634-8830 or (248) 328-0226.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

• Water Safety Course

State law now requires operators of personal watercraft born after Dec. 31, 1978 to pass the water safety course. The next course dates are Apr. 1, 8 and 15, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at the Clinton Senior Center, Clinton Twp. Call (810) 286-9336.

• The Search for UFOs & E.T.s

Mike Best, an astronomer and lecturer, will give an update on the search for UFOs and extraterrestrials on Apr. 1. Macomb County Library, Clinton Twp. Call (810) 286-6660 for info and to register.

BENEFITS

• Magic's Roundball Classic

The seventh annual all-star basketball game features the top 20 high school players in the nation. Proceeds go to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan and other local children's charities. Apr. 3, noon. Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets available by phone at (248) 645-6666 or at the door. Call (248) 377-0100 for info.

• Race For The Cure

5K competitive run for women and for men, 4K walk & run for all and one mile fun walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Sponsored by the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Race is Apr. 24, 8 a.m., Detroit Zoo. Cost is \$15 for registering by Apr. 1, \$18 by Apr. 9, \$20 by Apr. 16 and \$30 thereafter. Call (800) KARMANOS or go to www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit for more info.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

• Project Health-O-Rama

Free health screenings, mammograms, bone-density readings, pulmonary-function testing and blood pressure counseling are offered at the annual event, as well as some low cost health screenings. The next sites for the project are: Mar. 26, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at NOMC Waterford Ambulatory Care Center, Waterford. Call (248) 666-5540.

• Roll In The Silverdome

Skate in the Dome to the latest tunes. The next dates are: Mar. 31, Apr. 1, 6, 7, 6 - 9:30 p.m.; Apr. 2, 1 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 9:30 p.m. Skate rentals available for \$5. Call (248) 546-1646 for schedule information and cost.

Let us know about upcoming community events. Call Outside Oakland Editor Kim Connell at (248) 370-4267

Locals fight urban blight

By MIKE HOBAN
Special Writer

If there's dilapidated, abandoned crack houses in your neighborhood, who ya gonna call?

For the past 12 years, co-founder and president of Motor City Blight Busters John George has been turning dangerous eyesores into livable homes Detroiters can be proud of.

It all began 12 years ago when the native Detroit and former insurance company owner got fed up with the crack house in the neighborhood where he and his pregnant wife lived.

After complaining to police more than 200 times over a two month period about the drug dealers, prostitutes and gunshots, George decided to take matters into his own hands. He went to the local hardware store one Saturday and bought plywood, nails and paint and boarded up the crack house.

After working by himself for three hours, his neighbors pitched in. When they were done, the half dozen neighbors had cleaned up the debris, painted the outside of the house, cut the grass and trimmed the shrubs. The crack house had been transformed into one of the best looking houses on the block.

That night, the drug dealers came back but couldn't get into the house and never returned.

Since that day, John George and the Motor City Blight Busters (MCBB) have renovated more than 150 houses which are now occupied by new owners. They have built 50 new homes and demolished 70 abandoned homes by hand, using sledgehammers, chainsaws, and trucks.

What has started with one man has grown into a community effort of more than 10,000 volunteers by last year's count. Ford Motor Company sends 150 to 300 volunteers to MCBB each spring and summer.

Last spring MCBB demolished six abandoned crack houses and boarded up and secured another 350.

"We've been able to go into neighborhoods where you couldn't give away a house five years ago; we now have houses selling in that area for \$70,000 to \$80,000 and up," George said.

He plans to put up 100 new houses in the next 12 to 24 months, starting this spring.

"If we can just get Detroit cleaned up



PEOPLE POWER:

ABOVE: Motor City Blight Buster volunteers stand near their labor of love - a refinished Detroit home. Last year, 10,000 plus volunteers demolished six crack houses and boarded up and secured 350 others.



LEFT: Dilapidated structures and litter-strewn lots such as this may no longer plague Detroit neighborhoods if the Motor City Blight Busters have their way.

Photos Courtesy/John George

and get rid of the debris, the blight capitalists will take care of everything else. It's already happening to a degree," George said, referring to a new strip mall, drugstore and gas station at Grand River Ave. and Telegraph Rd.

Properties are acquired from their private owners and tax reverted properties through Wayne County and the State of Michigan, but not through the City of Detroit because of the time and the "red tape" involved.

MCBB receives no funding from the city, state or federal government but

teams up with other non-profit organizations which include Habitat for Humanity, Detroit Neighborhood Development, Northwest Profit Housing, Wayne County, the Fannie Mae Foundation, Ford Motor Company, Sears/NTB, Home Depot, Charity Motors, Think Twice, Comerica Bank, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, the Redford Gardens Community Association and the Brightmoor Blight Busters.

John George is also credited as one of

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State prison funding up; education, down

By LISA REMSING
Staff Writer

How important is your education?

What would you say if you were told that Governor John Engler plans to spend nearly four times more on prisoners than students?

According to the Justice Fellowship, corrections was given \$82,500,000 dollars of the Michigan State budget in 1997. That adds up to \$23,740 dollars per year per inmate for the 42,486 adult prisoners in Michigan.

Compared to education, the basic foundation allowance for the 1997/1998 school year was \$5,642 per K through 12 student, according to the Public Act of 1997.

The national average expenditures per student is \$6,564 dollars, compared to Michigan's current per student expenditure rate of \$5,462 dollars.

When asked why more money was

spent on prisoners, Karen Anderson, Director of the Office of Government Services and Customer Satisfaction in Michigan, said, "We must not forget that our state representatives are responsible to adopt laws and budgets to assist in protecting the safety and welfare of Michigan's citizens, while providing resources to allow each and every child a quality, free education."

As corrections funding is rising, the statewide crime rate is dropping, statistics show.

In Michigan, serious crime dropped 5.2 percent in 1997 and violent crime dropped 8.6 percent according to Bureau of Justice statistics.

In 1998, according to the Michigan Department of Education, \$805.7 million dollars went towards education in our state. Corrections, on the other hand, received \$1.46 billion dollars during the 1998 fiscal year.

This year, more money will be spent

on education than corrections, according to Rick Floria, Director of Budget, Contracts, and Grants for the Michigan Department of Education.

However, corrections in Michigan received \$1,451,649,500, compared to the \$862,854,900 Michigan education currently receives.

The increase in funding was up five percent for corrections and only up three percent for education, compared to last year's figures.

The 1999-2000 fiscal year outlook seems like a repeat for education in Michigan.

"For fiscal year 2000, the governor has recommended a higher percent increase for corrections than education," Floria said.

The state's general fund is expected to grow by \$171 million dollars, and corrections is expected to receive a third of that figure, which is \$56 million dollars.

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Technical Trading

Q: I see that The Motley Fool doesn't subscribe to the day-trading phenomenon. What does the Fool think about technical trading? — C.S., via the Internet

A: There are two major schools of thought on stock analysis. Technical analysis dwells on looking at charts of stock price movements and trading volume. Fundamental analysis, on the other hand, focuses on determining the value of a company, studying such things as a firm's business, earnings and competition.

While investors from the fundamental school (Fools!) want to understand a business from the inside out, technicians mostly remain on the outside, observing how the stock has behaved in the past.

Technical analysis assumes that certain chart formations can indicate market psychology about either an individual stock or the market as a whole at key points. However, the statistical work done by academics to determine whether any chart patterns are actually predictive has been inconclusive at best, as detailed in Burton Malkiel's "A Random Walk Down Wall Street." Much of the faith in technical analysis hinges on anecdotes, not any kind of long-term statistical evidence.

In short, technical analysis has all the power of tea-leaf reading, though it costs a lot more to pay for a technical analyst's advice than for a carnival palm reader's.

Still, that doesn't stop Wall Street "gurus" who think they can predict where the market is going over the short term based upon the study of charts and intuition about investor psychology. Investors who use technical analysis try to determine where the big, institutional money is going, so they can put their cash in the same places and try to remove their money shortly thereafter. Technical trading is attractive to people who are not trying to participate as owners in the growth of businesses, but who instead simply believe they can outguess other investors and score a quick profit.

It's truly amazing to us Fools to think that technicians might study a stock chart, see a particular pattern, determine that the stock is "breaking resistance" and then buy shares. All this is typically done without understanding what a company does or what its prospects and circumstances are. We Fools just don't get it.

The second major problem with technical trading is that it is still, of course, trading. Buying any stock with the intent of holding it for only a couple of hours, days or weeks is just foolish (as opposed to Foolish) in our opinion, because of the transaction costs, the time and worry involved, and the capital gains taxes incurred.

The Motley Fool isn't merely trying to teach people not to day trade; we're also saying that any investment philosophy that can be called "trading" is, to us, not really investing at all.

What Now?

In March, Fool founder Tom Gardner addressed "The Nightmare of Day Trading" and other topics before a U.S. Senate subcommittee. Check out his testimony at www.fool.com/features.

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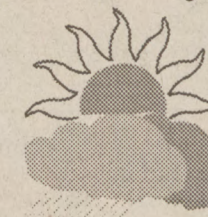
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Sunday



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High - 55°
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Journalism Sophomore Valerie Shultz is the Weather Forecaster for THE OAKLAND POST.

Pop

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last Wednesday. Many students said they would not want to be limited oin their soft drink choic-es.

One student said that he want-ed mmore, not fewer options, incluidign Gatorade.

Hemant Mahamwal, Student Congress Vice-President, said, "If I am going to be forced into buying Pepsi everyday, I want to know that there is a very good reason for it. I want to know that the money that is involved is going to go back to something that students are going to benefit

from, and it is a substantial amount of money."

The three congress presidential candidates also weighed in.

Carina Moore said that "by the University choosing one compa-ny over the other, regardless of revenues, restricts the students' choice. I think that they should look at some sort of contract where we could get both here on campus."

Nick Mitchell felt that "in today's market any kind of spon-soring you can get, you should go for. As long as you don't turn Oakland into a commercial uni-versity, sponsorship can be a good thing. It can help pay for events on campus which will

affect the students. It can also help getting bigger turnouts by bringing more students to them."

Michael Ott said he felt "that having an exclusive agreement with Pepsi, so that there would be nothing but Pepsi products on campus, would constitute a monopoly here on campus and I think that would be limiting stu-dents to some degree. If you look we already have the sign that says OU (is) brought to you by Pepsi. I think the school is getting more and more commer-cial, this being just another example of it. I would be opposed to it because it would limit students."

Budget

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In addition, the corrections bud-get will increase by five percent.

Currently, the increase in Michigan's funding for its public universities has remained steady at 1.5 percent for each of the past two fiscal years. Funding for community colleges has not increased over the past two fiscal

years. This worries some Michiganders.

OU Communications Freshman Kim Lacey said, "I can't believe how much money is spent on prisoners. It's ridicu-lous how little is being spent on students."

OU employee and parent Alison Maxwell expressed inter-est in more funding for schools.

"I do feel that the government should contribute, not only to academic programs but also to

social programs such as better lunch programs," Maxwell said.

Although funding increases for education are wanted by many Michiganders, a recent Michigan Education Poll (MEP) conducted during the 1998-1999 school year shows that most citizens are happy with the quality of public schools.

The poll showed that 53 per-cent of respondents give Michigan public schools A and B grades.

Crime

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when five were reported on cam-pus. Intimidation/stalking, a new category implemented in 1995, went from five in 1995 to one in 1996, and from zero in 1997 to six in 1998.

Drunk driving arrests also

decreased 57 percent from 10 years ago but have increased steadily since 1996. In that year only two were reported while, in 1998 eight were recorded.

According to Gilroy, OUPD submits a crime report to Michigan State Police on a monthly basis.

"Annually, they (Michigan state police) forward that data, along with all the [data from] other police departments in

Michigan to the FBI," Lt. Mel Gilroy of the OU Police Department said.

After compiling the data, the Justice Department publishes an annual summary report entitled "Crime in the U.S."

Both OU crime statistics and annual "Crime in the U.S." reports are public record, and can be viewed and photocopied at OUPD by anyone.

Urban

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those helping to turn Detroit's "Devil's Night," infamous for the destruction reeked by arson-ists and vandals into "Angel's Night Out." He was instrumen-tal in coordinating 32,000 volun-

teers to patrol the city streets that has reduced arson on the pre-Halloween event from more than 200 incidents to less than 60 in one night.

George has hope for the future of a city that many have already written off.

"If we stay on this path for the next 5 to 10 years, I believe the city of Detroit will become one of

the greatest urban comeback sto-ries in American history!" George said.

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RUBEN BOLLING

Profile

Name: Wouldn't you like to know? Ruben Bolling is his clever pen name.
 Birthdate: Nov. 30, 1962
 Residence: New York City
 Raised: Short Hills, N.J.
 As a kid he ...
 • read "Mad" magazine and "Spider-Man" comic books.
 • watched "Scooby-Doo."
 • lived "under a sugar cereal-induced haze."
 College education:
 • Tufts University, Bedford, Mass. He went on to continue his education at an Ivy league college. (Where you ask? Keep guessing, Ruben's wishes.)
 Undergrad degree: Economics
 Recently published: "All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned From My Golf-Playing Cats."
 Quote to live by: "Tricks are for kids."

Tom The Dancing Bug

Meet the creator of the controversial cutting-edge comic

By ANDREA NOBILE
Staff Writer

For an artist whose syndicated comic strip, "Tom the Dancing Bug" was called "offensive because it perpetuates racial/ethnic stereotypes..." in a "Letter to the Editor," its creator is surprisingly accepting of the criticism.

"I like there to be people talking about the comic strip. That's why I'm doing it — to get a reaction, not no reaction," said cartoonist Ruben Bolling in a phone interview Monday.

The 36-year-old said he has gotten tremendously positive comments from the cartoon's national readers. The few newspapers whose readers have protested a specific cartoon have supported Bolling's viewpoints.

"My goal is not to tackle issues, but make funny and interesting points on issues," he said.

According to Bolling's editor, Greg Melvin, he does just that, with success. The nationally syndicated cartoon is featured in many alternative weeklies, college newspapers and large dailies, including *The Washington Post* and the *New York Times*.

"A lot of people don't have that sort of broad reach," Melvin said. "I think it's the stuff, I really do. I think 'Tom the Dancing Bug' is unique among comic strips. There's nothing else out there with quite the same perspective as Ruben Bolling has in 'Tom the Dancing Bug.'"

Two weeks ago, the *Times* named Bolling's strip "Whites to Blacks: How're We Doin'?" the best political comic of the week. Ironically, *THE POST* ran that strip that same week, March 10, but some students found it to be racist and insensitive.

For some members of the OU community, the comic (featured in *THE OAKLAND POST*'s Etcetera section) is just too controversial. *THE POST* has recently held some comics it felt would offend readers, including the one to the right about baseball player Pud Reilly.

The cartoon entitled "Ethnic Humor, inoffensive because it's created by members of the ethnic groups," (see below) which ran in *THE OAKLAND POST*'s Jan. 20 issue, garnered several letters to the editor from concerned students and faculty. Many called and wrote about what they believe was a racist cartoon. Critics included ten faculty from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology who wrote a letter published January 27.

Among those who signed was Kevin Early, associate professor of Sociology.

Early, who doesn't read the comic on a regular basis, said the strips he has seen perpetuate the problems of racism. He feels that Bolling's kind of humor merely reinforces the stereotypes, or set of prejudices against a particular group.

"When I read that first one, I thought 'This is outrageous,'" said Early, referring to the "Ethnic Humor" strip. He

Read how "Disgusto" plans to destroy "Earthlings." Find "Tom the Dancing Bug" this week on B8.

also mentioned that even if the ethnic comic was written by a member of the minority, that still doesn't make it right.

That specific cartoon used Yiddish words such as "schlepped," and "tuchis" to stereotype Jews and words like "ghetto," "brother," and a deliberately censored expletive to portray a stereotypical member of the black community.

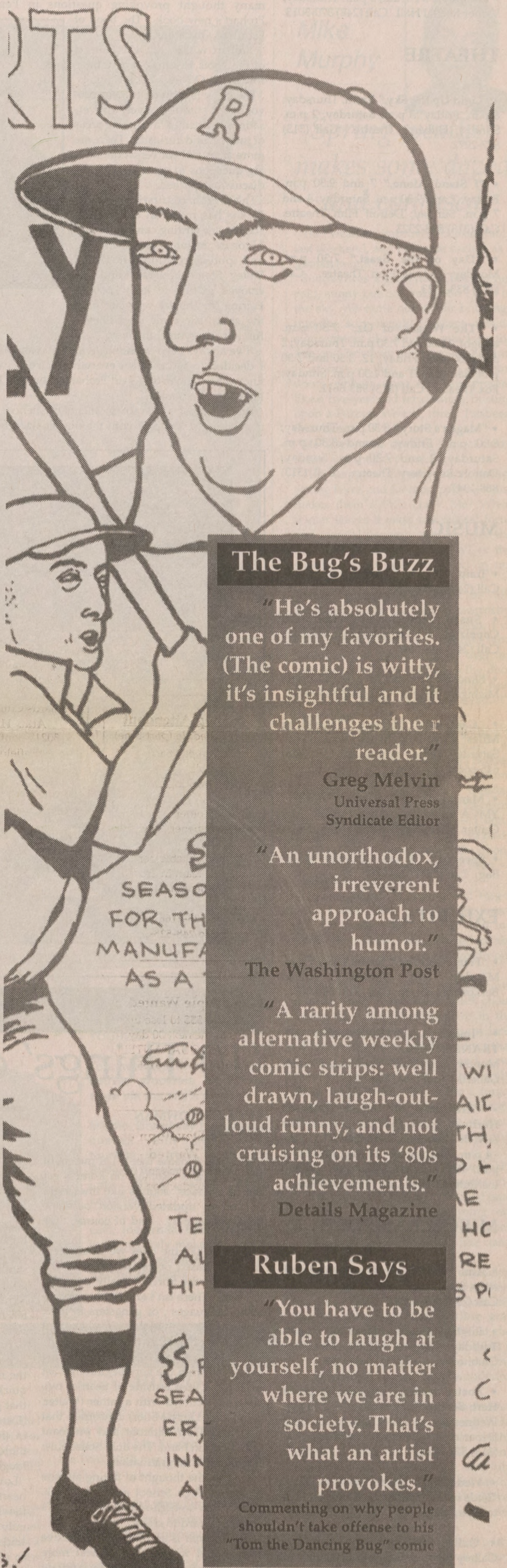
According to Bolling (a pen name by the way), that cartoon was part of a group of comics he wrote and illustrated that offered an ironic, yet biting look at other groups as well, including the mentally impaired and the elderly.

Bolling said he wrote the comic to make a point (with exaggerated humor) about the hypocrisy of our society.

"The point of the comic was not so much the ethnic humor ... The point of it is the hypocrisy. (Society thinks) it's inoffensive when members of the ethnic group make the joke," he said.

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ETHNIC HUMOR, INOFFENSIVE BECAUSE IT'S CREATED BY MEMBERS OF THE ETHNIC GROUPS



The Bug's Buzz

"He's absolutely one of my favorites. (The comic) is witty, it's insightful and it challenges the reader."

Greg Melvin
Universal Press
Syndicate Editor

"An unorthodox, irreverent approach to humor."

The Washington Post

"A rarity among alternative weekly comic strips: well drawn, laugh-out-loud funny, and not cruising on its '80s achievements."

Details Magazine

Ruben Says

"You have to be able to laugh at yourself, no matter where we are in society. That's what an artist provokes."

Commenting on why people shouldn't take offense to his "Tom the Dancing Bug" comic

Above: "Heroes in Sports," recently distributed for publication, was not printed in *THE POST* due to content.

Left: "Ethnic Humor ..." was part of the "Super-Fun-Pak Comix" and was printed in the Jan. 20 edition of *THE POST*.

CURRENT

EVENTS

ON CAMPUS

• **OU Jazz Ensemble**, 8 p.m. tonight; Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3013.

• **Composer's Forum**, 8 p.m. Thursday; Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3013.

THEATRE

• **"Light Up the Sky,"** 8 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; Hilberry Theatre. Call (313) 577-2972.

• **"I Stand Alone,"** 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday; 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday; Detroit Film Theatre. Call (313) 833-2323.

• **"Day of the Beast,"** 7:30 p.m. Monday; Detroit Film Theatre. Call (313) 833-2323.

• **"The Wizard of Oz,"** 7:30 p.m. tonight; 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 12, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday; Fox Theatre. Call (313) 983-6611.

• **"Magda's Story,"** 8:30 p.m. Thursday; 8:30 p.m. Friday; 3 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; Detroit Repertory Theatre. Call (313) 868-1347.

MUSIC

• **Train**, 9:30 p.m. Thursday; Blind Pig. Call (248) 645-6666.

• **Susan Tedeschi wsg Shemekia Copeland**, 8 p.m. Saturday; Majestic. Call (248) 645-6666.

• **Ekoostik Hookah**, 8 p.m. Saturday; Michigan Theater. Call (248) 645-6666.

• **Cassandra Wilson: "Traveling Miles"** a tribute to Miles Davis, 8 p.m. Saturday; Pease Auditorium. Call (248) 645-6666.

• **Marion de Laat**, 8 p.m. Saturday; YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit Arts Center. Call (248) 548-9888.

• **Speedball**, 8 p.m. Saturday; Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

EXHIBITS

• **"Flameworking,"** 8 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; Alfred Berkowitz Gallery. Call (313) 593-5058.

• **"Image, Light & Structure '99: TRANSITIONS,"** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday; Oakland County Galleria. Call (248) 858-0415.

• **"Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary,"** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday - Friday; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.

MISCELLANEOUS

• **Ann Arbor Dawn Dance Weekend**, noon Saturday; Scarlett Middle School. Call (734) 665-8863.

• **English Country Dancing**, 7 p.m. Tuesday; Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse. Call (734) 662-5158.

• **Poetry reading by Eric Torgesen, Herb Scott & John R. Reed**, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday; Wayne State University Department of English Building. Call (313) 577-7713.

• **Wednesday Night Brew & View: "Kids in the Hall: Brain Candy,"** 8 p.m. tonight; Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

• **Gallery Talk**, 2 p.m. Saturday; Gallery N240 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.

• **"Memories of Monet,"** 2 p.m. Sunday; Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall. Call (313) 833-7900.

Book spins quirky questions

By LISA SHANNON
Staff Writer

What was your favorite lunch when you were a kid? What was your most memorable family vehicle? What famous quotation do you live by?

Got you thinking? Well these are just some of the many thought provoking questions in Penelope Frohart's new book, "The Book of Fabulous Questions."

Frohart will be at OU's Festival of the Fools 11 a.m.-2 p.m. tomorrow in the OC for a book signing.

The book is a guide to help provoke and stimulate lively conversations to open up intriguing areas of interest and curiosity. There are more than 600 conversation starting questions to get an interesting discussion sparked.

This is Frohart's first book, and at 25 she has made an entertaining start to her writing career.

Frohart majored in advertising and public relations at Grand Valley State University and has enjoyed getting to know people. Pairing this hobby with her writing skills, she came up with this fun idea everyone can enjoy.

"I've always been an inquisitive person and one day I decided to write down everything I've wanted to know about a person," said Frohart. "The next thing I knew, I had a book."

Tired of those awkward moments of silence? They are a thing of the past with the pocket-sized book of

questions.

Frohart's book is marketed to also help anyone who's been in a dire social situation and can't think of anything to say.

For example, the socially inept subject could be sitting in class waiting for everyone to pile in. They're with one other person, sitting together, but alone in silence. Instead of pretending to read through last week's notes, you can actually start a pretty off-the-wall conversation.

Frohart's book offers questions like "Does size matter?" Or, if you're not feeling so brave, go for something a little milder like, "Did you have an imaginary friend when you were little? Do you still?"

The author claims that, before you know it, you will be the beloved conversationalist in your group of friends, able to conveniently start up a swarm of interesting discussions for any situation.

Frohart has had a lot of positive response to the book and tries it out at every opportunity she gets. "I always have a copy on me," she remarked.

After she finished writing the book she decided to go out with some friends to a bar to test-market its response.

"We ended up with a whole table of people around us answering all of our questions. People were drawing pictures of things they were talking about on napkins. They were really getting into it."

Frohart has met a lot of new people through her get-



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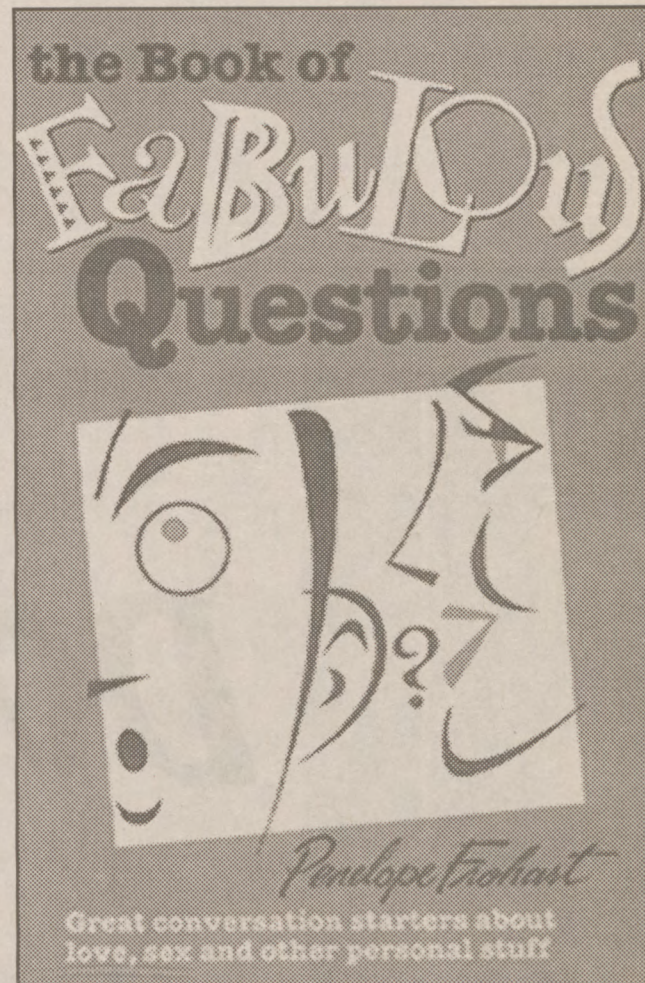


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INQUIRING MINDS: The pocket size book features more than 600 mind-probing questions.

ting-to-know-you tactics. "I've kept in contact with so many of the people that I've met," Frohart said. "It's been a lot of fun."



Post Photo / Jenn Madjarev

Enjoying the Outdoors

Many students took advantage of the spring weather earlier this week, taking time to enjoy the outdoors.

From left, two sisters, freshman Kelly O'Connor and senior Caroline O'Connor, both elementary education majors, bask in the sunlight just outside the OC on Tuesday.

Temperatures all this week have hovered around 70 degrees, making for a blue-skied breezy day on campus.

THE REEL DEAL

'10 Things' counts the ways to perfection

By CARA PLOWMAN
Staff Writer

"How do I loathe thee? Let me count the ways" and "Romeo, oh Romeo, get out of my face" sounds like lines right out of an updated version of some Shakespeare play. And of course, they are.

Much unlike the ones we've all seen, this one, based on Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," really does the job well. There isn't any hard to understand languages, or gangsters in love; there's just a cute plot set in a beautiful Seattle, Wash. background.

"10 Things I Hate About You" had me interested from the very beginning. Set in Tacoma (just outside of Seattle) two sisters are cursed with a father (Walter, played by Larry Miller) concerned that they'll end up barefoot and pregnant with beers in hand. The only house rule: No dating until graduation.

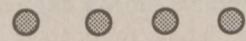
For Kat, the thought of dating anyone at Padua High School makes her sick. But for new-to-high-school Bianca, she's finding it hard to resist.

Joey Donner is an older and attractive teen model who wants to steal more than Bianca's heart. Played by Andrew Keegan, Joey executes the conceited, bratty rich boy part as good as any genuine one I've ever seen.

But, the new kid on campus Cameron James (Joseph-Gordon Levitt) is also in

"10 things..."

Lovely Loathings



out of 4 points

love with Bianca. He sees more to Bianca than the stuck up princess we all think she is. Of course, he falls in love with her before they ever even speak.

The plot is subsided by witty, laid back teachers. Three stand out above and steal each scene they appear in. Ms. Perky (Allison Janney) plays the principal, and she adds a twist to the feel of the movie with a few hard to swallow, quirky lines. The only actual learning that goes on was in Mr. Malcolm's class (Daryl "Chill" Mitchell). But, the lessons in this literature class are interrupted more often than not by crude jokes, laughter and trips to the office.

Love infiltrates when prom season nears. In a scam that their father feels is flawless, he says that Bianca can date only when Kat finally does. Cameron finds this out and consummates a plan to pay someone to date Kat so he can move in on Bianca.

The only person that would agree to the deal had just as bad of a reputation. Patrick Verona (Heath Ledger) steals the hearts (and the movie) when he finds



Photo Courtesy / Touchstone Pictures

COUNT THE WAYS: From left, Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles as two teens in "Ten Things I Hate About You," an update of "The Taming of the Shrew."

that he's falling for Kat. The two feed off each other with perfect chemistry.

Unlike "She's All That" and "Cruel Intentions" where some clueless girl falls prey to behind her back schemes, the ending reveals some surprising purposes.

The cast is so adorable when the time comes to admit their heart's contention.

There are so many times where valuable truths are revealed under a new light. Overall the movie will surprise you at how good it really is. The perfect cast, the prettiest setting ever, moody yet perfect songs and the lines that you'll laugh about long after they're said construct a strong story about love and life.

GET OUT

Big City Heavens for pennies

By TRACEY ROBINSON

Special Writer

Summertime is coming, and for OU students who've been stressing about finances, but want to travel, there may be a simple solution.

There are often special tours and rates available for students who want to travel to Europe, and hostels provide an inexpensive opportunity for travel accommodations.

Patty Balsis, travel consultant at Thomas Travel of Waterford said, "We use Contiki Tours for students. Most of the different tours include three or four countries."

She said some of the most popular places students visit in Europe are London, Paris and Rome. The cost is usually from \$1200 - \$1400 for a ten-day tour in Europe.

Traveling from place to place in Europe is done easily by the Eurorail. Krista McLaughlin, travel agent for Travelcraft, Inc. in Shelby Township said that the cost for a youth Eurorail pass (ages 12-25) is only \$233 for five days and \$513 for 15 days. The passes can be used on any days, and must be used within two months.

"You can also buy point-to-point passes, but you have to get them there," said McLaughlin.

Whether traveling in Europe or the United States, hostels are a much cheaper alternative to hotels.

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"Hostelling International membership has increased to 13 percent," said Toby Pyle, public relations for HIC.

OU's Student Program Board planned a trip Nov. 4-8 for students, to New York City. The students traveled

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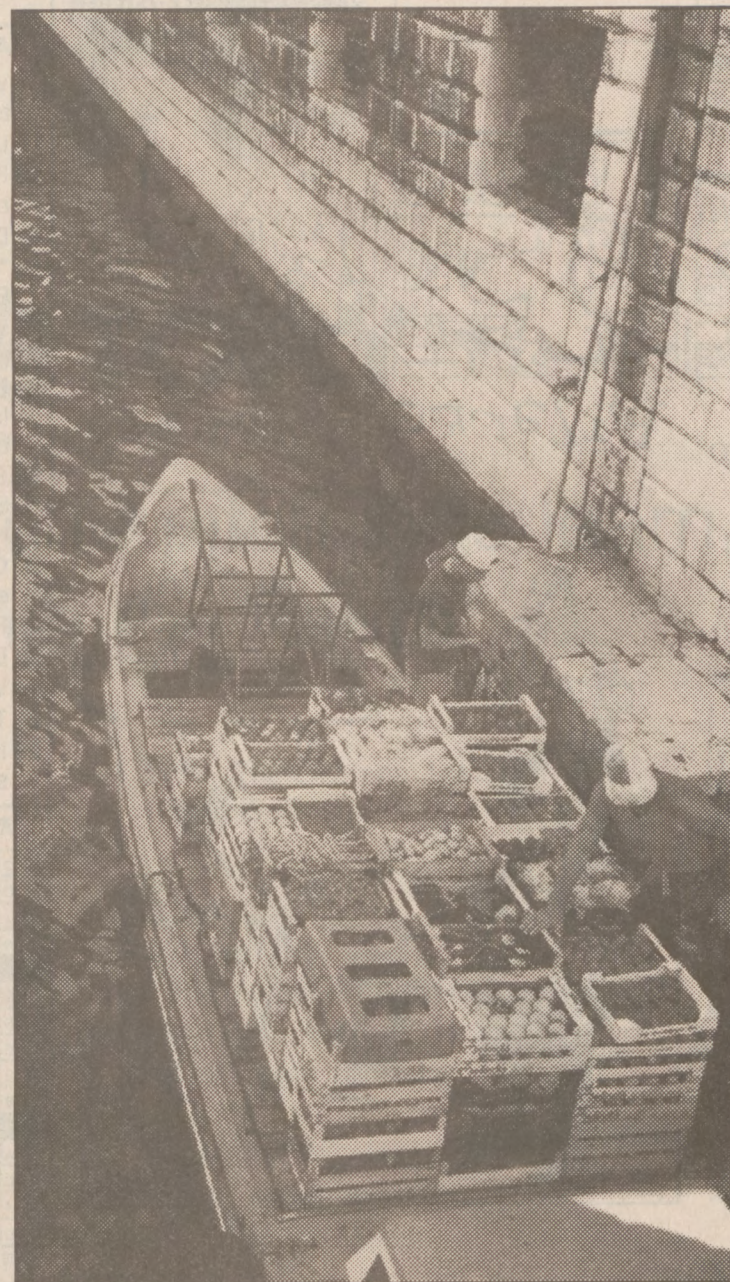


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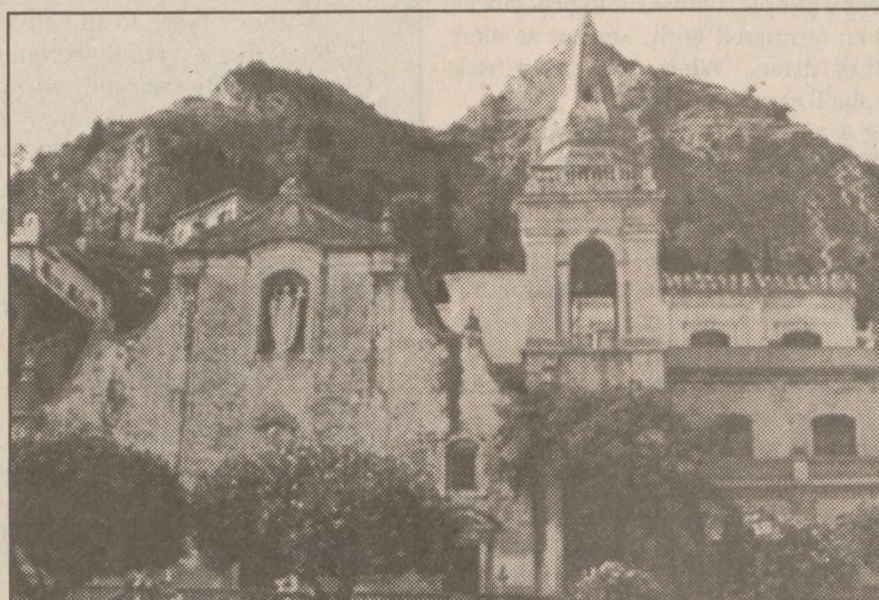


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Mike
Murphy

Spring weather makes some dazed and confused

The weather improved considerably last weekend, and I became useless as a human being.

Sunday was a great day. Cool but not cold, sunny but not hot, not a cloud in the sky. We came out of our buildings into the surprisingly pleasant outside environment like children attacking the tree on Christmas morning — hesitantly at first — then we set on the outdoors, ripping open our new present like a five-year-old ferociously busting open a Furbee. We ran, threw Frisbees, flew kites.

Me? I spent my day in a haze of clumsiness and memory loss.

This happens to me every spring. Spring fever, and for most people, it just makes them a little crazy. Me? When winter leaves it takes my mental focus and manual dexterity with it. I see the sun, feel warm breeze and all of the sudden I can't keep an object in my hands or a thought in my head.

Since Saturday, I've been an all-thumbed, butterfingering monstrosity, breaking everything in my path. I've spilled things, ran into furniture (and apologized to it), and tripped over my own feet. I tried to hold open the door for a girl today — and I damn near killed her. Chivalry's not just dead, it's dangerous.

And my memory? It's amazing I remembered to write this because I've forgotten to do everything else I needed to do. I may not have had an entire conversation with my parents Sunday morning that, as of now, I don't remember. They said it happened — I don't believe them. Liars. I only vaguely recall talking to someone on the phone that morning that may have been — possibly — my father.

I went grocery shopping and forgot what I was going to buy, then forgot that I'd made a list and put it in my pocket. Somehow, I remembered to take the groceries inside, but I forgot to put them away.

I forgot to put on my glasses until mid-day, and when I did, I set about losing them and finding them in the most interesting places, like on my face.

I forgot that I was holding things that belonged to other people and gave them away, forgot to return phone calls (then forgot who called), and I forgot entirely to go to bed. It's a good thing I didn't try to cook anything on an oven, or I'd likely be too dead to write this column.

I'm not usually like this. I'm ordinarily very organized. I have a planner, and I hate the cursed thing. It's latched onto me like a parasite, interrupting my usual routine of sleep and Playstation with unavoidable obligations like classes and meals.

The scary thing is, I'm still remembering things I've forgotten — and there must be plenty of important details still floating around in the swirling gray mass of my weakened mind. What else did I forget? Was it important? What if your mind went away on its own spring break and left you at home, wondering what just happened?

It's scary. Too scary. Thus, I say, someone stop the sun from shining. Take these blue skies away. I hate being clumsy. I want my brain back. I don't care if it means jacket weather until July, I have exams coming up and if I can't...

Great. I just spilled Kool-Aid all over myself. Crud. And where was I? Aw, screw it. I'll see you out there.

I'll be the confused-looking boy in the white T-shirt with a red stain on it dropping the Frisbee and falling down at the same time.

Yeah, I love Spring.
Now if I could only remember why.

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TOURING THE WORLD:

Top; workers in Venice, Italy deliver groceries to a local store via the city's canals.

Middle; Broadway hustles and bustles with traffic and tourists in front of the Ed Sullivan theatre, home to "The Late Show with David Letterman."

Left; the ornate Spanish steps in Rome, Italy make for a popular sight-seeing attraction for touring students.

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

- Jason Alexander plays Kurros on "Star Trek: Voyager" at 9 p.m. tonight on UPN. He said it's not too far of a stretch from his character George on Seinfeld.

- The series debut of "Big Wolf on Campus" airs at 5:30 p.m. Friday on the Fox Family Channel. Brandon Quinn stars as a high school student who is unnaturally controlled by the moon.

- A late 18th-Century British Navy man Horatio (Ioan Gruffud) fights more than the open seas. The first of the four part TV movie "Horatio Hornblower" is showing at 8 p.m. Sunday on NBC.

FILM

- "10 Things I Hate About You" (wednesday) stars Julia Stiles and Larisa Oleynik. The two sisters are in high school and are not allowed to date. Based on "The Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare.

- "The Out-of-Towners," starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn, is a remake of the Neil Simon original of the same name. John Cleese, Mark McKinney and Gregory Jbara also star.

- Keanu Reeves has made yet another "cyberpunk thriller." "The Matrix" (wednesday) explores virtual reality when it crosses the path of reality.

BOOKS

- "All Too Human: A Political Education" by George Stephanopoulos explores the uglier sides of politics. Stephanopoulos was at the heels of Bill Clinton during his campaign.

- "Business @ The Speed of Thought" is Bill Gates 12-step program to conquer the business world. He wrote the book to help everyone do better in the new millennium.

- Since 1915 "Best American Short Stories" have been compiled annually. John Updike and Katrina Kenison co-edit the newest addition "Best American Short Stories of the Century."

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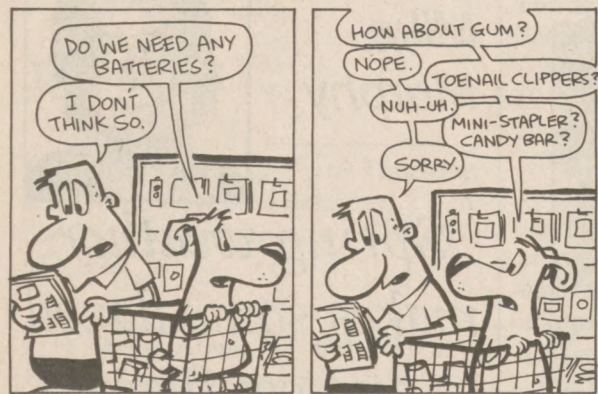
- "Everest" is a short documentary about a group of travelers who hike to the zenith of Mt. Everest. They filmed the 1996 climb just days after "Into Thin Air."

- "Home Fries" stars Drew Barrymore and Luke Wilson. Barrymore works at the drive-thru window at a chain restaurant, and finds out that her boyfriend is married and has two stepsons.

- "The Rugrats Movie" takes us on the wildly pure adventures of Chuckie, Tommy and friends. Little Dil, the newest addition to the family, steals the spot light.

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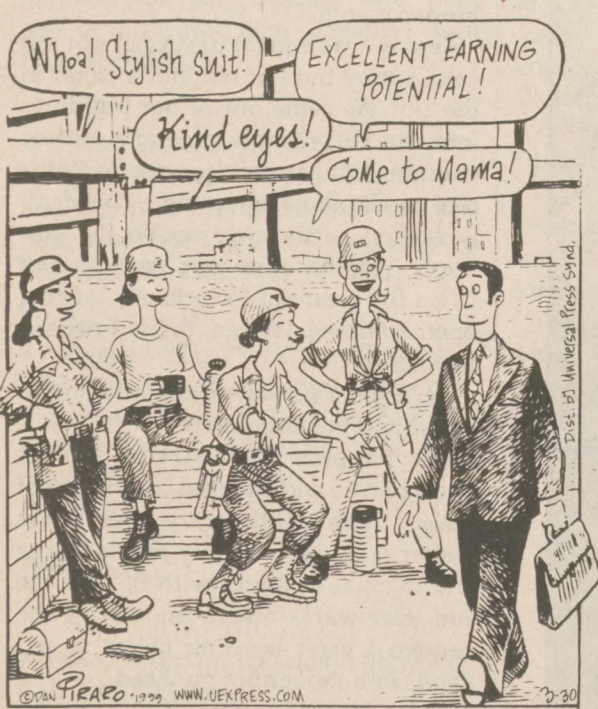


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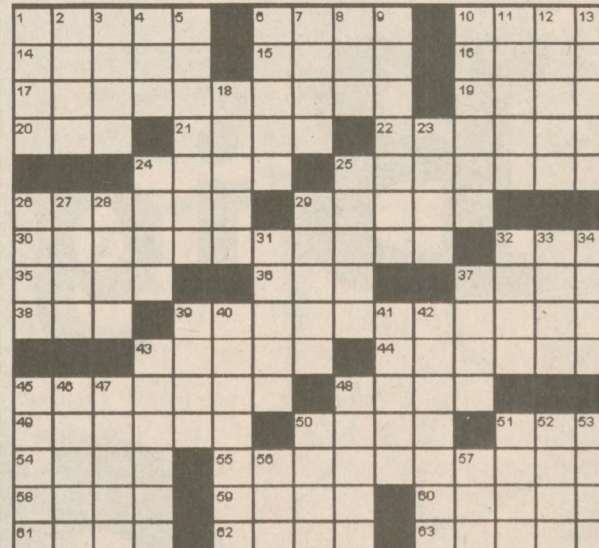
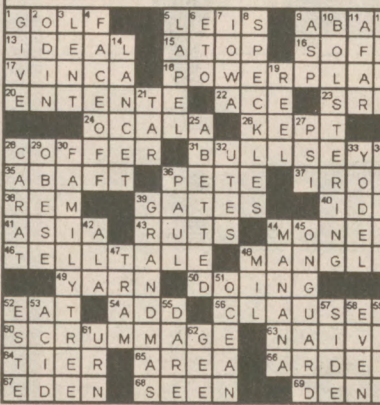
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Damon's SIGNS OF THE TIMES

March 31 - April 6

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- ARIES** (March 21-April 20) - This week you are a natural born leader. Your focus is on the big picture - use this time to plan ahead for the future and set goals for yourself and others.
- TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) - A realistic and strong foundation will help you from becoming swept away on emotion or inspiration. Inner peace can be regained at home.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Fun and luck are found with groups, particularly friends. Your insights can help an organization move forward. You are open to truly becoming more spiritual.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Partners are important, but don't sacrifice yourself to make your relationships smoother. A new perspective on life is found through your career.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Your positive energy is natural this week, though it may not be an easy week by any means. More experienced people know what's best for you - depend on them.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - Enjoyment is found in the more private areas of life, such as sex or meditation. Talking with others gives you more insight into your life.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) - Emotions are difficult to maintain. Friends can help you keep your cool, but you must reconcile your own issues. A partner brings good luck.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Time spent alone is time well spent. Actions that cause more negative than positive need to be reexamined - the ends doesn't always justify the means.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - You are best at pioneering or trailblazing activities, since the old stuff seems boring. Philosophy and study keeps you centered emotionally.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Your emotional energy is at work. Avoid putting up a social facade and show your true self to people. Luck is found at home.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - Conflicts between life at work and life at home make you face lingering issues - use your insight to reconcile the two. Your communication skills are excellent now.
- PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Inspiration is nothing without discipline. Many things are hidden from you, but soon will be revealed. Talking with others eases your confusion.

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Cheap Psychological Tricks

by Perry W. Buffington, Ph.D.

Time Bandit

Just when you get adjusted to the last daylight-saving time switch, approximately 150 days ago, it's time to do it again. But before you say, "It's no big deal," catch the facts. This simple change is no cheap psychological trick; it's a real physiological one: Alter your biological clock today, and you'll pay for it tomorrow.

To illustrate the point, conduct this simple observational experiment. Just like good little citizens, most people will reset their clocks on Sunday, April 4. On Monday morning, pay attention to the media's traffic reports. There will be between 11 percent and 20 percent more accidents that morning. Sleepy people, whose biological clocks have been tampered with, are not as alert when they drive. When you try to trick nature, she'll exact a payback.

Setting a watch forward is easy, but few people think about resetting (of technically speaking, "entraining") their internal clock. The result of the clock jump is like a mild case of jet lag, and it takes approximately one day per hour of time change for the body's internal mechanisms to balance out and get with the new time demands.

What to do? Use a cheap psychological trick. Instead of resetting your clock on Sunday morning like the masses, lose that hour one day early. Spring forward on Saturday morning. By the time you start work on Monday, your body will be rested, relaxed and entrained to the new system.

Little ones can have more problems adjusting to this one-hour time change than adults. So if you have children, try a variation of this trick. Instead of an all-at-once time-change, do two 30-minute changes. To help children adjust easier, spring forward 30 minutes on Saturday morning, and then the other 30 minutes on Sunday morning. If Friday is a holiday, then start the 30-minute wake-up regimen another day early so they will be "bright-eyed and bushy-tailed" for Monday morning school.

When Monday rolls around, here are a few tricks for the day. For safety's sake, depart for work later than usual, after the time-lagged commuters have arrived. While at

Sleep It Off

Many people believe that the best part of the day is over when the alarm clock rings. Wake these people too early and they're nasty. Others bounce out of bed with a big smile on their faces, ready to greet the dawn.

How about you: Do you scare little children with you bed head, or do you skip gleefully down the hallway eager for each new morning? Take this quiz and see if you're a morning grouch or a morning glory.

- Every morning my teddy bear is ...
(a) what adult in his right mind has a teddy bear?
(b) buried under me with his little legs and arms smooshed behind him.
(c) all that I've got!
- My best friend in the morning is ...
(a) my snooze alarm.
(b) caffeine and sugar.
(c) Mr. Sunshine.
- The best part of waking up is ...
(a) avoiding the tunnel of white light.
(b) the opportunity to express my affection with my mate's approval. (Author's Note: Read between the lines; this is a family column!)
- If Dr. Seuss wrote about my night's sleep, it would be called:
(a) "The Grouch That Stole Slumber."
(b) "Brown Java and Jam."
(c) "Cat Out and About."
- When I wake up in the morning, I feel as if I've been sleeping ...
(a) in a middle coach seat on an air plane.
(b) on a bed of nails.
(c) surrounded by gossamer clouds and diaphanous breezes.
- If today is the first day of the rest of your life, then tonight is a ...
(a) reprieve.
(b) an extension of a lousy piece of pop philosophy.
(c) the end of a perfect day.
- The best day of the week is ...
(a) a holiday.
(b) a payday.
(c) any day.

Scoring:

For every (a) you marked, give yourself one point; for every (b), two points; for every (c), three points.

If your score was nine or less:

You're a grouch. When you wake up in the morning, you have the potential to scare those who have known you for years. It's common knowledge in your household to avoid interaction with you until you've been awake at least one hour. There's no pop psychology in the world that will change you. But beware: Keep it up and you may end up in a separate bedroom, all to your lonesome!

If your score was between 10 and 16:

This is a pretty good place to be. When you slumber, you slumber well; and when it's time to get up, you take responsibility and get things going. As a general rule, the only thing that's scary about you in the early morning is your bad breath and sheet wrinkles on your face. Fortunately, these are easy obstacles to overcome. You're the type of person that people depend on to get them going in the morning. You're an enabler in the best possible way!

If your score was 17 or higher:

"Good Morning, Starshine!" Not only does the world say, "Hello," but you're right there each and every morning to accept the accolade! You're so cheerful in the mornings, it's almost unnatural, and it's certainly scary! OK, all teasing aside, if you really wake up this happy, you're to be envied. Not only do you get a good night's rest, but you genuinely look forward to each new day. So, keep up the good work and go get 'em, tiger. Your level of denial will protect you from any and all adversity.

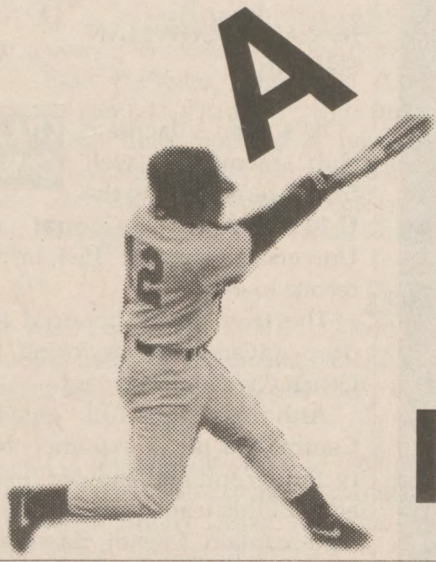
To learn more about the psychology behind this "trick," check out: "Spring Forward, Fall Back" by R. Vollmer, Psychology Today, September, 1983, P. 18.

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SPORTS



A HOME RUN INTO HISTORY

With a new coaching staff, OU has to pitch in to learn about the past in order to swing into the future . . .

1995: The OU team set a year record for most innings pitched with 365.2 innings.

1996: OU player, Jason Boron batted in the most runs (11) in a game against Michigan Christian.

1994: The OU team set a record of 104 stolen bases.

1989: OU player, Rob Alvin had a season record of the most home runs made by a OU player, 12. Alvin also holds the record for the most home runs in one inning (2) in a game against Siena Heights.

History in the making

Before the weekend, OU's Men's Baseball Team had a record of four wins and three losses. By Sunday night, after playing two sets of double headers against IUPUI, their record exploded to eight wins and three losses.

The winning OU pitchers were Jason Hoorn, Sean Boesch, Justin Robertson, and Erick Swanson, and the final scores were 6 to 2, 4 to 1, 14 to 4, and 5 to 0.

"Our pitching was excellent," said head coach, Mark Avery. "We allowed seven runs in four games, and I was very happy with that. We played decent defense, and we hit the ball well," he added.

In the first of the two games on Saturday, short stop Chris Kimball, and center fielder Kyle Simmons scored two runs a piece to pace OU. The second game featured right fielder, Kip Harris,

left fielder, Eric Paul, catcher, Chuck Van Robays, and designated hitter, Rick Green scoring one run a piece.

Sunday's games featured center fielder, Kyle Simmons scoring three runs in the first game, and five different players scoring one run a piece in the second.

Tuesday OU traveled to Eastern Michigan University and won 12-6. Eric Paul went five for six and drove in four runs.

The next five home games are April 3, and 4 against Western Illinois at 12 noon, April 6 against Toledo at 3 p.m., April 7 against Siena Heights at 2 p.m., and April 8 against Rochester College at 4 p.m.

BY RAMEZ KHURI
Staff Writer

Also in 1997: OU finished the season with one of the best winning seasons in history with a 27-14 (.659) record.

1997: The team finished the season winning 20 of its 25 games, including 14 of the 17 GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association)

1978: The OU team ended the year with a record winning 38 victories.

1970: OU's Baseball Team swung into action in its first year, coached by Gene Bolden. The team finished their overall season with a 10-16 record.

Late starting club leads with success

BY RAMEZ KHURI
Staff Writer

The end of the OU Men's Volleyball Club's first season has arrived, and the team should feel good about its accomplishments.

It all started when about 20 students responded to a flyer that was placed around campus.

"We started a little late in the season," said J.T. Delcamp, the club's vice president.

"We had tryouts, and we cut a few guys and a few others just left, but hopefully next season, since we already have a name out for ourselves, more people will be trying out.

"We are going to plan a little earlier, maybe in September, put up flyers and start getting practice under way," he added.

The team's first tournament was in

Toledo. The club played Central Michigan University, Ferris State University, and Bowling Green University, beating all three teams.

Entering the playoffs in third place, the team defeated the University of Toledo.

"It was our best tournament and our best showing," said Delcamp. "We played their second team and won, then we played their first team in the semi-finals and we beat them two games out of three."

In the finals OU defeated Bowling Green University two games to one.

Delcamp said, "They (Bowling Green University) beat us big time in the first game, but we regrouped and won the second game. At one point in the third game we were down by a score of 12 to five, and they pretty much had it wrapped up, but we came back and shocked them when we tied it up at 14.

Then we went ahead 15 to 14, and we ended up winning 16 to 14. They were really shocked and wanted revenge."

The next tournament was an open tournament, which means a team competing didn't necessarily have to represent a college or University.

"We played against a lot of really good guys, and we got beat really bad, then we started picking it up from there. We learned from our mistakes and we took first place in our next two tournaments," said Delcamp.

In the next tournament the team played at Central Michigan University. It beat all the college teams, but it still finished in second place because it lost to another open team.

Last week it defeated U-M.

"We beat them three out of five games, and we probably could have done better than that, but for some reason we weren't playing up to par. We gave our

crowd five good matches though," said Delcamp.

This past weekend the volleyball club played the biggest tournament of the year at Ohio State University called the Midwest Invitational Volleyball Association Tournament, or (M.I.V.A.). It played against Bowling Green on Friday and Saturday. OU won on Friday, but Bowling Green finally got its revenge on Saturday when it won to end OU's season.

Delcamp said, "I will be graduating this summer, but I don't know if I'm going to stick around and help out the team, maybe even coach if we can't find one in time."

"Our coach, Ed Tolentino, who used to be the women's volleyball assistant coach just got a job as a trainer with the Detroit Tigers. He helped put this team together."

Lisa Borich



Rivalry to the bone, but spirit's only skin deep

Once again, over the weekend, MSU proved it was hardly a class act. Students and fans managed to cause huge riots in the streets of East Lansing.

Personally, I have never liked MSU, if you can't tell already. You won't find an ounce of green blood in me, it's all blue.

I remember when U-M won the 1997 Rose Bowl. Were there any riots in Ann Arbor? No. Instead, U-M had rallies and parades to celebrate the win.

Sure people were drinking and having a good time, but U-M students proved that it belonged in the Big Ten because they showed nothing but class. I think the Big Ten should have standards that the university has to continue to live up to in order to maintain membership in the conference.

MSU whines how it is never in the spotlight, and how it is overshadowed by U-M. Well they finally got their chance.

Finally, the Spartans had the spotlight and they blew it. If hell freezes over and I have to attend MSU, I would be embarrassed and ashamed of the school.

Now, I know that OU was the honor school for MSU, (honor school is the key word). I guess that is why I do not mind going to OU. Since we have gone Division I, we have shown that, unlike our old sister school, we are a classy institution that has respect for our school.

I would like to know, along with the East Lansing Police Department, what genius came up with the riot idea and actually planned it.

There has been speculation that MSU students had planned the riots even before the game.

I heard that some MSU students called a few of their friends, who go to other schools, to visit MSU over the weekend because there were going to be riots in East Lansing.

If this whole immature act was planned, Where does it end? Where will students draw the line?

Some people were burned by the fires and beaten by police. Does someone have to die in order for all this madness to stop?

MSU has gone from a well known school of agriculture to the riot school.

Last year, MSU had what many students call the "beer riots." Why? Because the administration had the nerve to ban alcohol on Munn Field, a well known local field for its tailgating.

I don't know why these students are hurting themselves.

Does the student body at MSU actually think that the administration or the world will listen or respect them more if they cause havoc?

If anything people have been turned off by it. I'd like to see their enrollment numbers next fall.

If the students at MSU keep it up their is not going to be an MSU. Hopefully this will become a reality. I think with MSU out of the way, OU may be put in the spotlight more.

OU has the potential to be in the permitted spotlight. The student body has managed to conducted themselves in a proper manner when the spotlight has been put on them.

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Tennis swings with all aces

By ZVONKO BLAZEVSKI
Staff Writer

The OU women's tennis team defeated Albion College and IUPUI over the weekend to improve to a 6-1 record.

On Friday, the team defeated Albion College, 6-3 at the Rochester Hills Tennis and Swim Club.

"We went in thinking that it was conference game because they are a strong team," said Kristi Sabot. "We did not take them lightly."

In singles competition, OU won five of six matches against Albion.

Kristi Matthews defeated Albion's Stacey Portenga in two sets 6-4, 6-4 in the number one singles.

OU's Jayne Humphrey defeated Albion player, Tracy Gray in two straight sets 6-2, 6-1 in the number two singles.

Kristy Tragle beat Albion's Melissa Hall in the number three singles in three sets, 7-6, 0-6, 6-2.

OU's Kellie Tragle was defeated in number four in two sets 7-6, 7-2 by Karen Schinkel of Albion.

Sabot won number five singles in three sets, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 by defeating Holly Mann and The Nae won number six singles in two straight sets 6-3, 6-0 against Albion's Emily Arend.

OU lost two of three in the doubles competition to the visiting Albion College.

Albion took numbers one and two in the doubles from the Golden Grizzlies

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but finished strong in number three doubles.

The Golden Grizzlies' duo of Humphrey and Nae defeated Erica Bachman and Lynsey Klueuer, winning in straight sets 6-0, 6-1.

"Everyone played at the top of their game," said Matthews. "It was a good win for us."

On Saturday, OU defeated IUPUI in their first conference game of the year, 5-2 at the Rochester Hills Tennis and Swim Center.

Matthews and Humphrey won the first two matches for the Golden Grizzlies, both in straight sets.

Matthews won 6-4, 6-4 in number one singles by defeating IUPUI's player, Marise van Rensburg.

Humphrey won the number two singles 6-3, 6-4 against Amber Fentress.

Number three singles did not go OU's way as Kristy Tragle lost in two sets 6-3, 6-2 to the Jaguars' Laura Waggoner.

OU bounced back as Kellie Tragle won number four singles 6-1, 6-4 by defeating an Albion player.

In number five singles, Sabot lost in two sets 6-4, 6-0 to Sarah Van Gessel.

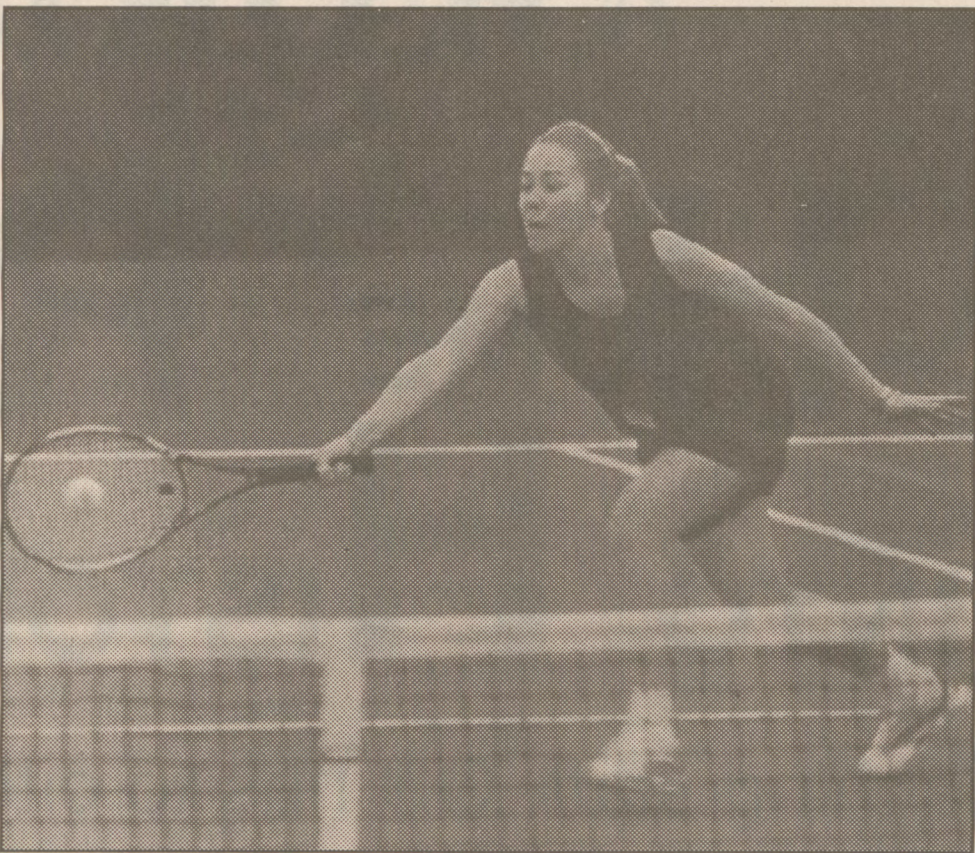
In number six singles, Nae defeated Heather Sykes in straight sets 6-4, 6-1.

In doubles competition, the Golden Grizzlies swept all three matches against the Jaguars.

Kelli Tragle and Matthews won number one doubles, 8-6. They defeated IUPUI's duo of Fentress and Waggoner.

OU's tandem of Tragle and Sabot won number two doubles, 9-7 by defeating van Rensburg and VanGessel.

Humphrey and Nae defeated



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

FOR THE STRETCH: OU tennis player Kristi Matthews in action during a match. In her singles match, Matthews beat Albion player Stacey Portenga, 6-4, 6-4.

Richards and Sykes in the number three, 8-2.

"We came out really fired up," said head coach Kris Jeffrey. "We played as well as we could play."

On Friday, the Golden Grizzlies travel to play Hillsdale College.

On April 3 the team travels to Valparaiso to face Western Illinois and Valparaiso.

"Western Illinois is on top of the conference," said Matthews. "It will show us how we will show in the conference next year."

Sabot added, "This weekend is going to be a challenge. It will give us a chance to measure where we stand."

Lacrosse cradles victory

By CARA PLOWMAN
Staff Writer

OU's men's lacrosse club recovered well from a recent loss to the U-M defeating Central Michigan University Saturday, 15-4, improving its record to 4-1.

"The team really bounced back from deep adversity (after losing to U-M)," Coach Gregg Garrett said.

"Although the full game against Central was not of extremely high quality, the second half showed the real character of this team," he added.

Co- captain Towbey Kassa started the scoring with two quick goals. OU then added three more before Central scored.

Freshman Mike Dungan slipped a goal in and gave an assist in the first quarter. He had to make an early exit due to a shoulder injury.

The offense was led by co- captain Justin Suarez who recorded three goals and three assists for the Grizzlies. At the half, OU jumped to a 7-2 lead.

"Offensively, we really used our quickness to generate some quality scoring chances," said Suarez. "Down low, our offense was able to bear down and just put the ball in the net."

OU continued dominating the Chippewas by adding five more goals in the third quarter.

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Spotlight on the Black & Gold

YOAV RITTER MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

BY MIKE ROBBERTSON
Special Writer

As a three-year member of the OU Men's Swim Team, Yoav Ritter has defined his role on the team as a leader.

As five time Division II All-American, Division II individual national champion in the 200 yard butterfly, and a finalist at the past two Mid-Continent Championships, Ritter knows what it takes to win.

Born in Ramat-Gan Israel, Ritter began competing in meets around Israel at the age of six. He quickly gained recognition for his talents, and by the time Ritter was 13-years-old he was competing for the Israeli National Junior Team. After three years of swimming on his country's National Junior Team, Ritter won the 100-meter butterfly at the European Junior National Championships.

"That was one of my biggest thrills in swimming, winning European Juniors," Ritter said.

He still competes with the Israeli National Team to this date.

At 19-years-old, after moving out of his parents house in Ramat-Gan, Ritter had to fulfill a duty to his country and spent two years in the military. It is Israeli law that all men spend two years serving, from the time you are 19 to 21-years-old, he said. This only shortly postponed his hopes of coming to the United States to swim and go to school.

Before Ritter's service was up he contacted OU's Head Swim Coach, Pete Hovland about coming to swim at OU. Since OU was losing five of its top scorers, Hovland needed someone to replace them if the Pioneers were going to win the Division II National Title again.

After his service was up, Yoav packed up his things and moved to the United States.

Upon arriving to OU, Ritter said he was greeted and treated with great respect.

"All the guys on the team were real supportive of

my situation. They really respected the cultural differences," Ritter said, explaining how it felt about the move to a different country.

He didn't have too much trouble speaking the English language either because it was taught in the Israeli school system since grammar school.

During Ritter's freshman year, he was the best butterflyer on the team, swimming almost every regular season meet. Ranking number one in the 200-yard butterfly across the country the entire year leading up to Division II Nationals, he was expected to win the title.

And in March of 1997, Ritter didn't disappoint himself or anyone else. After a successful year, Ritter Walked away with a national title in the 200-yard butterfly, 2:00.00.

"It was a sweet victory. I really didn't think about anything except swimming well for the team. I just really wanted to win the team title," Ritter said on his winning the race. "Considering it was the last time OU would swim in Division II, it was a real nice way to go out."

The following year OU moved to Division I, and changed its name to the Golden Grizzlies.

"It didn't change the attitude of the team a bit. We just looked at it as an opportunity to compete at a higher level," said Ritter.

This is exactly what happened, OU finished sixth in its first year in Division I at the Mid-Continent conference meet.

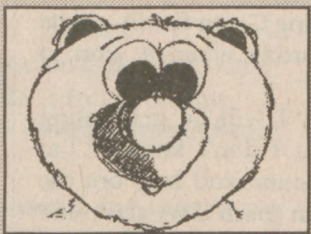
Career goals for Ritter are just as lofty as his swimming goals. With a major in biology and a minor in chemistry, Ritter hopes to attend medical school where he would like to either become a cardiologist or a transplant surgeon.

When asked if he would like to stay in the United States after finishing school Ritter said, "I don't plan applying for citizenship or anything like that because I don't know where I want to end up."

GRIZZWALD'S INSTANT REPLAY

BASEBALL

- The men defeated IUPUI 6-2, 4-1 on March 27.
- The men defeated IUPUI 14-4, 5-0.



LACROSSE

- The men defeated Central Michigan University 15-4 on March 27.

TENNIS

- The women defeated IUPUI 5-2 on March 27.
- The women defeated Albion 6-3 on March 28.

TODAY

- The men's baseball team at Siena Heights at 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

- The women's tennis team vs. Western Illinois at Valparaiso. Time TBA.

INSIDE SPORTS

SATURDAY

- The women's tennis team at Valparaiso. Time TBA.
- The men's baseball team host Western Illinois. Time TBA.

SUNDAY

- The men's baseball team host Western Illinois. Time TBA.

MONDAY

- The men's baseball team host Toledo at 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

- The men's baseball team host Siena Heights at 4 p.m.

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Spring Fling 1999 March 31-April 10

March 31st National Student Film Festival

See what university student talents are capable of..... Let the University Film & Video Association (UFVA) entice your imagination as they take you on an artistic trip which includes six of the best short films produced by university students from around the United States. These films range from three minutes to a half-hour intervals. Please come and enjoy the "view" at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Oakland Center.

April 1st Festival of Fools

Celebrate April Fool's Day with us..... With the help of roving musicians and jesters in and around the Oakland Center! Enjoy the festivities between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Dada Day

Enjoy the art of Dadaism the period of "anti-art"..... This form of historical art is demonstrated and displayed by the students and faculty of the Art History Department. La Pittura sponsors the event along with all campus art lovers.

Crispy M&Ms Give-A-Way

Stop by the "Festival of Fools Table" in the hallway and get a sample of the "new" M&M Treat. Melts in your mouth and provide a crunch at the same time! 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Book of Fabulous Questions:

BookSigning

Come by and have author Penelope Frohart sign her new book. "The Book of Fabulous Questions: Conversations about love, sex and other personal stuff" will be available for sale. The questions are sure to be conversation starters. Don't miss it!

April 5th-7th 16th Annual Photography Contest

Smile your on Candid Camera..... The Center for Student Activities and the Student Program Board proudly sponsor this annual contest of photographic talent. All entries will be on display in the Fireside Lounge at the Oakland Center for the public to view. Cash prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Pick up an entry form at the CSA window by April 2nd or just come browse the entries in the Fireside Lounge on April 5th-7th. Judges will make their decision and winners will be announced on April 6, 1999.

April 6th Comedian Darren Carter

Laughter is the best cure for any "End-of-the-Semester Stress"..... The Student Program Board invites you to come and enjoy the talents of Darren Carter. He's been seen on "The Jamie Foxx Show" and on Comedy Central's "Make Me Laugh". Come see him at 9:00 p.m. in the Vandenberg Cafeteria. All students and Oakland University Employees are invited to attend!

April 7th "Octoberfest in April"

Come join the German Club for a taste of Germany..... Music, German food, and dancing will make this learning experience a real "Aprilfest." There will be giveaways and Polka dance lessons throughout the evening. We will have a live band and a Polka Contest. Come join the fun beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Court in the Oakland Center.

April 8th Outdoor Concert featuring "Blue Lunch"

Swing Baby..... Come learn to swing as the Student Program Board presents the soulful, bluesy sounds of "Blue Lunch". This swing band will really knock your socks off, and make your "zoot suit" dance on its own. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. between the Oakland Center and Vandenberg Hall, on the shores of Beer Lake. (Inclement weather site is Vandenberg Cafeteria.) Don't be square - Be there! Bring your dancin' shoes and swing the night away with your friends enjoying the music of Blue Lunch.

April 9th Ballroom Dance Lessons

Join the Association of Black Students (ABS) and Professional Dance Instructors to learn how ballroom dancing is done..... This elegant form of ballroom dancing has always been the envy of high-class balls and dancing events. If you plan to attend the ABS Ball or are learning just for fun, join us in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center at 5:00 p.m. and let the dancing begin.

April 10th Association of Black Students Ball

Why not display your ballroom dance talents you've learned from the Friday evening lessons. Tickets will go on sale beginning March 15th at the CSA Service Window. Single tickets will be \$10 and a couple ticket will cost \$18. Don't wait! The Ball will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. Don't miss this classic chance to enjoy one of the best traditional events at Oakland University.

National Alcohol Screening Day

Have you shown up late for classes or work, disappointed family members, or discovered what happened the night before because you ad too much to drink? Are you concerned that alcohol is becoming a problem?

Thursday, April 8 is National Alcohol Screening Day, and the OU Counseling Center is offering free, anonymous education sessions for OU students where you can take a written self-assessment for alcohol problems, ask questions, and/or talk to a health professional.

Call the OU Counseling Center at (248) 370-3465 for more information.

Student Org/Greek Org Recognition Night

Student Org/Greek Org Recognition Day will be held on Sunday, April 18, 1999. Nomination forms are now available in CSA for you to nominate outstanding organizations for the work that they have done during the 1998/99 school year. Take the time out to nominate. Nominations are due Friday, April 2. It has been a great year! Show those who made it a great year you appreciate the work they did!

The CSA Service Window

We now have tickets or sign-up sheets for the following activities:

- ❖ Photography Contest Entry Forms
- ❖ ABS Ball Tickets
- ❖ Sign up for Ballroom Dance Classes

The Student Program Board's
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Comedian Darren Carter

Growing up in a diverse neighborhood, Darren Carter has developed a quirky and cross-cultural appeal. He has wowed audiences with his many impressions on "The Jamie Foxx Show", Comedy Central's "Make Me Laugh", and has opened for Chris Rock and the New Kids on the Block. Don't miss your chance to see him!

Tuesday, April 6th
9pm in
Vandenberg Cafeteria

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN
TO ALL STUDENTS!

Contact SPB for information
248.370.4295

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Viking Mobile Power Wash is looking for strong bodied workers for deck cleaning and treating service in the Oakland County area. Full- and part-time positions available. Earn up to \$12 per hour. Own transportation is preferred.

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Lacrosse

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The men finished the game with the fourth quarter goals. OU defense was led by defensemen Drew Walkotten, Paul Patra, Dan Markus and goalie Dan Cashman. Together, they allowed four goals during the physical game.

Walkotten said, "All around, the defense really stepped it up this game."

Kassa finished with six goals and Todd Miodek added four goals and assisted on one goal. Middle Shawn Penzian also scored for OU.

"(Defense is) what coach emphasized all week at practice, and we played up to (his) expectations," said Walkotten.

The next game is April 7 at Michigan State University.



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Bolling

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He credited the comic to phantoms authors "Washington/Shapiro," instead of himself, judging that the comic would be taken differently if it had been written by a Jewish individual or a black individual. The cartoon has the two minority groups asking why their minorities are never on the space shuttle.

The answers (see the illustration below) they give each other are stereotypes that are supposed to be taken ironically, Bolling said.

"The point of that (comic) is, if a black and a Jew wrote this comic, it would be OK (with society)," he said.

"It's getting people to discuss it on those terms. That's exactly what a good comic strip should do."

"You have to be able to laugh at yourself, no matter where we are in society. That's what an artist provokes," he added.

However, Early believes that society, and especially our campus, hasn't yet reached the point

where we can laugh about stereotypes.

"We have not arrived to that point in this country," he said, adding that the comic was probably harder for the OU community to swallow because of the lack of diversity on campus.

He feels there are still issues the campus has not dealt with concerning race and racism in this country.

"The whole point of the strip is to do anything at all that I find funny — with no restrictions."

Another prominent face on campus, Assistant Director for Student Activities and Leadership Development Jean Ann Miller had comments about the comic, which she also said she doesn't read on a regular basis.

"People have the freedom to express themselves in the press. However, I just wish they'd be more sensitive and understanding to the opinions and ideas of

others," she said.

Bolling, a 1984 economics graduate of the prestigious Tufts University in Bedford, Mass., has been venting political commentary through humor for almost 15 years.

The cartoonist, who Melvin said is very modest and private, was raised just outside of Newark, N.J., and currently resides in New York City's Manhattan burrow.

He's been creating the "Tom the Dancing Bug" comics since his

college years, but said he never thought he could make a professional career out of it.

He began, with no previous art training, after seeing an ad for a cartoonist in the college's student newspaper.

"I just effortlessly sat down and did it," he said.

What came out of his hands was a comic with bite that doesn't shy away from political

humor, especially that dealing with his two favorite issues, race and religion.

"I deliberately don't shy away from that because these are two issues that need to be confronted by society," he said.

"The whole point of the strip is to do anything at all that I find funny — with no restrictions."

Bolling took a few years off from "the Bug," before resurrecting it in 1990, while working for a small weekly newspaper. About a year later, he began self-syndicating his work, launching a side career as a home-based cartoonist.

By 1997 he was delivering his comics to more than 50 newspapers.

Universal Press Syndicate (which brings the world "Dear Abby," "Calvin and Hobbes" and "The Far Side") took over the business aspect in 1997.

Bolling usually works on two comics at a time, spending anywhere from 2 to 4 days to illustrate his point.

"To write? Anywhere from 0 to fifty (days)," he joked.

"The comic sort of runs me as opposed to me running the comic."

Ruben Bolling
Creator of "Tom the Dancing Bug"

Travel

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on a charter bus and stayed in a six-story Hostel in Manhattan for only \$20 a night.

Many school groups, like SPB, travel through HI because it is more affordable rates and accommodations for students.

The rooms are dormitory style with 6-10 beds and community bathrooms.

An average of 12 people stay in one room. Additionally, there is a cafe, a theater, a gift shop and lobby area within the Hostel.

Sophomore Latoya Smith, journalism, said she initially had apprehensions about staying at a hostel, but "The trip was excellent, pretty comfortable and def-

initely worth it," she said.

She says the rooms were spacious, not crowded, and the only thing she had to pay for was food and miscellaneous things.

"You would think that the trip was going to be costly just to stay in New York City," Smith said, but she spent only \$300 altogether.

Smith plans to go back to New York City and has a trip to Florida planned for May.

Hostels host diverse groups of students and older travelers as well, from across the world.

According to Uniglobe Travel in Rochester, HI seems to be the best and reasonable choice for students.

Uniglobe Travel, on S. Rochester Road, is a full-service agency.

"Florida is the most popular

place where students travel and South Padre Island in Texas is the second," said Brenda Self, owner of Uniglobe Travel.

Pyle said there are many cities in the United States where travelers can find bargains.

"Florida is a popular place and California is popular during the summer months. Many people travel to Miami Beach in Florida for \$14 (a night) and Orlando (also)," she said.

Hotels along the beach have specific prices, and the top three most expensive franchise hotels are: Hyatt, Hilton and Sheraton.

For more information about HIC, visit their web site at <http://www.hiayh.org>.

Assistant Life Editor Krystal Kaltz contributed to this story.

Finding fares

Here's a few of the best places to find cheap hotel and air fare on the web.

- www.priceline.com
- www.travelocity.com
- www.lowestfare.com (airfares only)

TOM THE DANCING BUG



Chuck Shepherd's

News of the Weird

LEAD STORIES

— The Times of London reported in March that a convicted rapist in his 30s has been recommended for British government-provided Viagra to treat a depression he has been suffering since his release from prison a year ago. Doctors at St. George's hospital in Tooting, south London, say his main problem now is the lack of a girlfriend.

— According to a recent issue of the Indian Journal of Orthopaedics, a majority of arthritis patients in a study showed a reduction in pain and an increase in hand-grip strength after a regimen of "autohemotherapy." About 3/4 cup of blood was withdrawn from patients' veins, mixed in a copper bowl with 1/4 cup each of honey and lemon juice, stirred for several minutes, and then taken orally.

— Clergyman James Elrod Ogle, 46, was indicted in March for the counseling he provided a parishioner at his Bull Run Bible Fellowship in Manassas, Va. According to prosecutors, after the parishioner confided his marital difficulties, Pastor Ogle offered to kill the man's wife if the man would help him out by killing Mrs. Ogle. The parishioner reported the conversation to police and wore a wire for several meetings with Ogle before the indictment was obtained.

FRONTIERS OF MEDICINE

— Authorities at National Women's Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand, opened an inquiry in February into an unusual treatment of premature babies during 1993 and 1994 that might have been the cause of five deaths and eight cases of brain damage. The practice involved removing congestion from the lungs by striking the babies on the chest for hours at a time, up to 200 blows per treatment, which objecting parents were told was harmless and that in fact most babies enjoyed it.

— In January, a Chicago company, Baxter International, defended a patient study conducted in 1998 in which nearly half the patients receiving its artificial blood died after treatment. Although a relatively high death rate was expected (since artificial blood was only to be given to patients in critical condition), Baxter revealed that no patient had given consent to the treatment and that instead the company had relied on a not-previously used Food and Drug Administration rule that required "community notification" rather than individual patient consent.

— In November, Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City was fined \$30,000 for permitting a medical equipment salesman, dressed in scrubs, to assist in a 1997 surgery by operating a new machine in the OR. The patient had entered for a common, uncomplicated operation (removal of a benign tumor in her uterus) but died when a surgeon was unable to detect that she had retained too much saline.

— According to a January Chicago Sun-Times report, a 1998 National Institutes of Health surgery trial at the University of Colorado experimented with 40 Parkinson's disease patients, 20 of whom received fetal tissue implanted in their brains and 20 of whom had four holes drilled in their heads as placebos but nothing implanted. Some medical ethicists draw a distinction between giving patients placebo sugar pills and drilling holes in their heads, but apparently none of the 20 was adversely affected. However, the trial was delayed when a couple of the real-implant patients died.

LATEST BREASTFEEDING NEWS

World women's chess champion Zsuzsa Polgar, 29, was scheduled to give birth this month in New York City and so had been permitted to reschedule her required title defense from April to June. However, Polgar said that meant she might have to breastfeed her baby during the match, though she thought it would be more of a distraction to her than to her opponent. And a Hamilton, Ontario, lifeguard ordered Shannon Wray, 25, out of a municipal pool in February when she began to breastfeed her 9-month-old daughter. Wray assumed it was because she was offending swimmers, but the lifeguard pointed to the "no food in the pool" rule.

MUSIC FROM HELL

— In February, an upscale housing development north of West Palm Beach, Fla., was denied a restraining order against pig farmer Paul Thompson, who blares country and western music from loudspeakers in order to soothe his hogs and improve their appetites. And an Associated Press report from Fort Lupton, Colo., in March detailed municipal judge Paul Sacco's punishments for violators of the town's boombox noise ordinance: They must report to court weekly to listen to selections ranging from Roger Whitaker standards to bagpipes to Navajo flute music to Judge Sacco's own guitar compositions. (Several violators interviewed by the AP admitted they were scared straight by the music.)

EVEN MALFUNCTIONING AIRBAGS SAVE LIVES

Deputy Sheriff Elbert Fuller of Sand Springs, Okla., shot and killed prisoner Clyde McShan in February after McShan pulled a knife on him in a squad car, causing Fuller to lose control, run up an embankment and flip over. Fuller, who was hanging upside down in the car and seat-belted in, managed to reach his gun and shoot McShan before McShan could stab him, which Fuller was able to do only because the car's airbag failed to inflate.

LEAST COMPETENT PEOPLE

— At a routine traffic stop in Horseshoe Bend, Ark., in January, Donnie Todd, 17, presented a driver's license in which Arkansas was spelled "Arkansa" and slightly misprinted, and he was cited for suspicion of forgery. However, after investigating, officials said the license was real, issued by a Sharp County office whose computer was malfunctioning. The big loser was Francis McCabe, 19, who pleaded guilty in February to forging driver's licenses, a crime detected because he had inadvertently used a Sharp County-issued license as a model for his own bogus licenses.

— Joseph Kubic Sr., 93, was hospitalized in Stratford, Conn., in February after he tried to punch in an additional belt hole by hammering a pointy-nosed bullet through the belt. It fired, ricocheting off a table and hitting him in the neck. (In the last two years, Kubic also accidentally cut through his leg to the bone in a chainsaw mishap and set a small brush fire that raged nearly out of control, threatening neighbors' houses.)

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