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War hits home

Campus community responds to conflict

BY ANN ZANIEWSKI
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Although the war is several thousand miles away, its effects have rippled through the U.S. and touched the lives of many of those in the OU community.

According to Registrar Steve Shablin, 12 OU students in the reserves were recently called to service and received full tuition refunds.

Several students, faculty and staff members participated in large teach-ins recently held in the Oakland Center. The two rocks in front of the building's north entrance have donned messages of both protest and support, and candlelight vigils and small anti-war demonstrations have dotted campus in recent weeks.

Although public opinion polls show that domestic support for the war has grown, the opinions of people across the country, and those at OU, are mixed.

At Monday's teach-in in Fireside Lounge, a panel of faculty from various departments strongly expressed both anti- and pro-war viewpoints.

"War with Iraq is the best option of a

lot of really bad options the U.S. had," said Peter Trumbore, professor of political science, adding that he thinks war was the United States' last resort.

Some panelists, including interim Chair of the Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism Department Shea Howell, disagreed with Trumbore.

"I can think of no more important obligation of the people of the U.S. than to protest this war," she said. She added that war protests are important to show the world that not all Americans are supportive of military action against Iraq.

Mike Lewis, a news anchor for WDIV and visiting assistant professor of journalism, expressed his concerns about the media's objectivity in its coverage of the war.

"It's hard to argue the news media has been completely neutral," he said.

"How many journalists do we have embedded in the Iraqi Army? I think none."

Vincent Khapoya, professor of political science, examined the Bush administration's method and questioned its moral integrity.

"I was just horrified the other day

"I am really, really opposed to the war. If you have family there, you look at everything in a whole different way."

Renee Hannish
Sophomore

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Above: Students listen to a war discussion led by panelists Alan Epstein, Mike Lewis, Peter Trumbore, Shea Howell, Vincent Khapoya and Don Matthews.

Right: Pro-war messages decorate the rock in front of the Oakland Center. Just days earlier, it was covered with anti-war sentiments.

Above: Marek Olech/
The Oakland Post
Right: Ann Zaniewski/
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OU student offers support for families

BY ANN ZANIEWSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Robert Rooth watched anti-aircraft fire and explosions light up Baghdad's dark skyline last week, and, like many, continues to regularly check TV news for any updates on the progress of U.S. troops.

Rooth, an OU senior who served in Somalia during the U.N. withdrawal when he was a Marine, knows what it's like to be on the front lines of a dangerous situation, and how being in the military can be hard not only for the troops, but for their families back home.

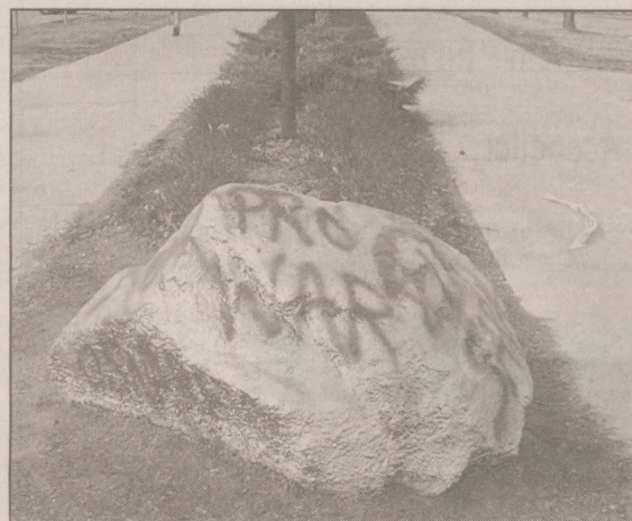
That's why earlier this year he began a support group for the friends and relatives of service men and women stationed in the Middle East. The group, he said, provides much needed comfort and serves as a source of strength.

"For the troops overseas, it gives them peace of mind. It's great to know they're being taken care of. Families don't feel left behind, like they've given up their son or daughter for the military," he said.

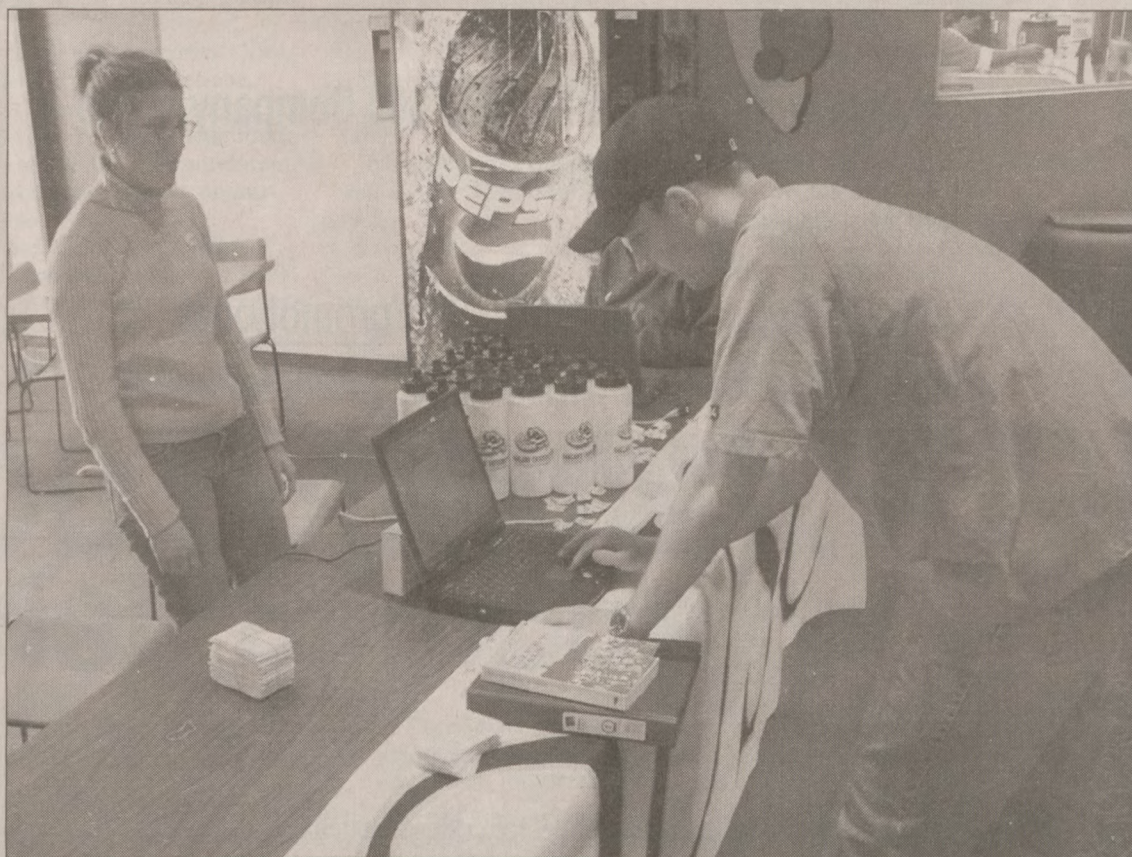
Rooth joined the Marines in 1992, one

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Making a difference



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Senior Adam Boyd (right) casts his vote for OUSC president while senior Jill Steinkraus looks on Monday in the Oakland Center. Elections for president, vice president and legislators continue through today and voting can be done at the stations set up in the OC or by visiting www.oakland.edu/voteou.

Dean's office rewards community involvement

Students looking for extra money for school can apply for one of the scholarships sponsored by the Dean of Student's Office.

"Students each have unique talents that manifest themselves in different ways," Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of students, said.

The first award is the Sidney Fink Memorial Award.

The \$100-200 awards are given to student employees who have

worked to improve race relations.

The Commuter Involvement Award recognizes those commuting students who have made a difference through involvement in on-campus activities.

The students must carry a minimum of 12 credits each time they receive the award and be in good disciplinary standing.

Students must have a 2.5 GPA at the start of the academic year

for which the award is given.

Winners receive \$500 for the academic year.

The deadline to apply for both awards is this Friday.

For more information, call the Dean of Students Office at (248) 370-4200.

— Calvin Gilbert
& Rebecca Wyatt
The Oakland Post

Post files suit against BOT

BY REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Oakland Post filed a lawsuit against OU's Board of Trustees this morning challenging the legality of a secret meeting held in January and the BOT's stance that it is exempt from the state's Open Meetings Act.

The OMA requires public

bodies to meet in open sessions except for a limited number of exemptions.

The lawsuit was filed by media attorney Herschel Fink, who is representing The Post.

The dispute started on Jan. 15, when three Post editors saw six of the eight Board members meeting behind closed doors in the Oakland Center. The editors were not allowed in and

told the meeting was a briefing about budget issues effecting the state and higher education.

After the closed meeting, one of several since 2000, The Post circulated a petition asking the BOT to reaffirm its commitment to openness and conduct all of its business in public.

The petition, signed by 1,201

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D.C. trip canceled

BY GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

Affirmative action supporters suffered a blow last night when Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh announced OU will not financially sponsor the two Washington D.C.-bound buses.

"We can not support it (the trip) in good conscience," he said, citing heightened state of security and ongoing war in Iraq as the reasons.

The national march will take place Tuesday as U.S. Supreme Court justices start work on two cases in which they will decide whether applicants to the University of Michigan and its law school were constitutionally turned down because they were white.

More than 100 people from OU were signed up for the trip. The cancellation came 24 hours after Student Congress

President Brian Tomina's decision to donate \$1,500 — his entire discretionary budget — to secure a second bus.

McIntosh and Lloyd reminded students the decision is not reflective of OU's position on affirmative action.

After emotional debate by disappointed students, the collective decision was made to prepare awareness programming on campus next Tuesday. Shemeka Pearson, vice president of OU's NAACP branch said, "Look what we did in six hours (referring to organizing last night's meeting). Imagine what we can do in six days."

Pearson will hold a planning meeting at noon today in the Heritage Room.

Anyone interested in participating in on-campus affirmative action events can contact the CSA office at (248) 370-2400 for more information.

Nursing names new head

BY RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After more than two years of candidate searches, applications and interviews, Dr. Linda S. Thompson, DrPH, RN and former Special Secretary for the (Maryland) Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, was recently tapped to fill the vacant position of dean of OU's School of Nursing.

Thompson will assume her new position on Aug. 1.

Professor of Nursing Anahid Kulwicki was on the search committee that helped select Thompson.

"She has a fantastic background. She's done a lot of

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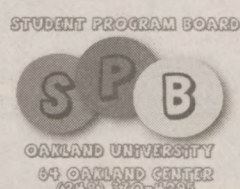
OU's community includes several international students, including some from as far away as Pakistan, Australia and China. **A3**

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Student Program Board

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 27th 8:00 pm - Foodcourt

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Friday, March 28th 9pm-1am - Gold Rooms

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Friday, April 4th - 11pm-5am - Rec Center

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Representation grows

Diversity increases as more out-of-state, international students come to OU

By REBECCA WYTT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The OU student population is made up of many different kinds of people from many different places in the country and the world.

According to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, in the fall 2002 semester, OU had 16,059 students. While 15,283, or 95 percent, of students are from Michigan and 9,049 of those come from Oakland and Macomb counties, many travel from miles away to go to school here.

International students make up 2.2 percent of the student population.

According to the International Students and Scholars Office as of fall 2002, India has the largest international population with 138 graduate and undergraduate students at OU.

The People's Republic of China follows with 52 students and Canada has the third highest representation with 31 students.

David Archbold, director of the ISSO said most students who come to OU from other countries hear about OU from the Internet or from friends who have studied here.

Archbold said students come to OU because the "higher education system is highly valued."

He said in many countries, for example China, there are not enough universities to hold all the students that want to study. He said students must pass an almost

impossible entrance exam. He said those who don't get in come to the U.S.

Archbold said Sept. 11 didn't keep international students from coming to the U.S. "We saw an increase of 30 percent over last fall," Archbold said.

Archbold said all Sept. 11 did was make it harder for students from certain places in the world to get to the U.S. He said it is hard to get to the U.S. from the Middle East, Africa and China because there is "more scrutiny."

According to Archbold, it may be hard to get to the U.S., but OU still has representation from the Middle-East. It has one student from Iran, one from Saudi Arabia, two from Israel, three from Pakistan, four from Jordan, two from Turkey, one from Kazakhstan and one from Lebanon.

However, international students are now required to register with the Student Exchange Visitor Information System. SEVIS is an Internet based system that allows the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to track information regarding international students and visitors.

OU hopes to increase enrollment from Canada. To increase the number of Canadians on campus, a recruiter has been assigned to the region.

Peter Nacy, director of Admissions, said Canada is going from a 13-year school program to a 12-year school program so there will be a double graduation class this year.

OU is hoping to bring some of the students here.

"There are more graduates than Canadian universities can hold," Nacy said.

He said Canadian students are offered a Canadian tuition differential, or what he calls a friendly neighbor pricing, which means students pay in-state tuition.

This tuition differential makes OU's pricing competitive.

"Without it, OU wouldn't be affordable," Nacy said.

Students don't just come from far away lands, but also states throughout the country.

While Ohio is the most represented state besides Michigan with 80 students, Illinois is represented with 27 students and New York has 11 students.

Megan McNally, assistant director of Admissions, said students from out of state mainly hear about OU from college fairs and searching on the website. She also said some of them have lived in Michigan at one point moved and want to come back.

She also said there are certain programs offered only at OU and very few other schools in the country. She said the program like Engineering Physics is a program only offered by Harvard, MIT and OU. Students from around the country have a better chance to get in and afford OU.

She said the Admissions Office tries to get the word out about OU.

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Top five countries represented at OU

(Other than the U.S.)

1. India (138 students)
2. People's Republic of China (52 students)
3. Canada (31 students)
4. Norway (12 students)
5. Taiwan (9 students)

Top five states represented at OU

(Other than Michigan)

1. Ohio (71 students)
2. Illinois (27 students)
3. New York (11 students)
4. Florida (9 students)
5. California (8 students)

Turn candy into cash

M&M raffle offers scholarships

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Guess how many blue M&Ms are in the jar and win a prep course scholarship worth \$1,400.

The Pre-Medical Society is raffling tickets for scholarship prep courses. Tickets are sold Monday through Friday from 12-1 p.m. in the OC.

Tickets are \$3 or \$5 for two raffle tickets. Participants write their guess of how many M&Ms are in the jar on the ticket. The participants closest to the actual total win.

Winners can choose the prep course of their choice, from the LSAT, MCAT, GRE or GMAT.

The two-second place winners will receive half scholarships and the third place winner will receive a set of books relating to whichever prep test they will take.

The Princeton Review is sponsoring the scholarships.

"The society wants students to know that just because the Pre-Medical Society is sponsoring the raffle, it's not just for the pre-medical students," said Sally Merad, junior.

Raffle winners will be announced at 1:30 p.m. on April 2 in the Fireside Lounge, in the OC.

Students do not have to be present to win. Those who cannot be at the drawing can get the results of by contacting Rachel Boura, Pre-Medical Society president, at Rboura7921@hotmail.com.

Getting creamed

By JILL M. KRAJEWSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's Gamma Phi Beta sorority is hosting a pie-throwing contest for charity from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 4.

According to the sorority's Vice President of Public Relations, Melissa Sheroski, sophomore, Gamma Phi Beta is raising funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, one of the sorority's two philanthropies.

The national Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980 and is an organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.

According to Make-A-Wish, the

Michigan chapter was founded in 1984 and has made dreams come true for more than 3,400 children in the Michigan community.

The event will take place outside of the Oakland Center between the Kresge Library and South Foundation Hall.

Sheroski said the fundraiser was also held last year and raised \$460.

"It's open to the students, as well as the community," Sheroski said.

Those who want to give can do so by either a direct donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or by participating in the contest.

The participant gets to choose one of the sisters of Gamma Phi

Beta to throw a pie at.

"You can take your aggression out on one of us sorority girls," Sheroski said.

It costs \$1 for a long-distance throw, \$2 for a mid-distance throw, and \$3 to walk up and shove a pie in one of the sisters' faces.

Sheroski, who has been the sorority's vice president of Public Relations since January, said that she had a blast last year and is hoping for a big turnout.

"Make-A-Wish is excited about this," Sheroski said.

The sisters will be promoting the event with "throw pie" T-shirts, flyers and posters.



Jennifer Janowski creams a Gamma Phi Beta sister at last year's pie-throwing contest. File Photo

OU hopefuls visit campus

ByTIMOTHY M. LAFOREST
THE OAKLAND POST

OU is opening its doors to middle school students who hope to attend college one day.

OU's "College Days" program has been doing its part to "give minorities and other under represented segments of Michigan's population access or at least a view into higher education, that they may not have had before," said College Days, pre-college coordinator Candice Rogers.

This program, King/Chavez/Parks Initiative College Days Program, was started in 1986 by the Michigan Department of Career Development.

Administrators from schools that want to participate send student data to the state.

Rogers gets a copy of the list that is made from this data. Some schools in the areas that use this program come from Detroit, Southfield, Oak Park and Pontiac.

"I send a blanket letter to (these) schools and hope that they will accept (the university's) invitation," said Rogers. The program is free.

Middle school students are given a tour of campus and attend lectures. A small class session is held to give these impressionable minds a first hand look at exactly what college is like.

Another highlight of the tour is a trip to chemistry laboratories. There students could see a wide range of experiments.

While on campus, the middle schoolers have the opportunity to speak to OU students about what it takes to go to college, and what it's like to be a success.

OU students can get involved in the program in many ways. The best thing a student can do is to become a KCP mentor for these students. For more information on "College Days," call Learning Resources at (248) 370-4455.



Future students spend a day at OU learning about college life through student mentors, tours and mini-classes. Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Grant supports disease research

By TARA GOCI
THE OAKLAND POST

The \$1.05 million grant awarded to OU's Eye Research Institute earlier this month should provide new opportunities for student researchers investigating the causes of eye diseases.

The National Eye Institute grant will fund technicians' salaries and the purchase of sophisticated testing and analysis equipment for two laboratories in Dodge Hall where students work with professional researchers in investigating the causes of eye disorders such as cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration.

The new equipment and staff signal ERI's arrival at a "new level of research on the eye and blinding eye diseases," said Frank Giblin, ERI's interim director who wrote the grant application.

Student researchers Sara Pelliccia and Afreen Siddiqui, both juniors, said they were ecstatic about the grant and how it would

support future research efforts.

Because Pelliccia needed a tissue culture lab for her work with human eye lens cells, she is "very excited" that the grant is furnishing light microscopes and other equipment and supplies for a Cell and Molecular Biology lab.

Siddiqui will also take advantage of grant purchases for the Cell and Molecular Biology lab, especially the real-time polymerase chain reaction machine, called PCR for short.

"I have to do a lot of PCR for my research," she said.

Using PCR, Siddiqui can get up close and personal with suspected problem-causing genes in human eye tissues. The problem genes are identified through a filtering process called microarray analysis, another activity supported by the grant.

"Now, instead of years trying to devise a way to study a single sample, we can isolate and test

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Crime Watch

A faculty member's crossbars and bike rack were stolen from the top of her 2000 green Nissan Xterra on March 14. The woman parked her car in the P5 lot by Vandenbergh Hall at 7:45 a.m. When she returned at 1:30 p.m., she found the rack had been removed. There were visible scratches on the top of her vehicle. The crossbars and bike rack are valued at \$892.

A 23-year-old man was arrested for OUIL around 2:11 a.m. March 21 at Squirrel and M-59. An OUPD officer reportedly spotted his 2002 silver Pontiac Grand-Prix going 58 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. When the officer asked the man to retrieve his driver's license, registration and proof of insurance, he noticed the man's eyes appeared watery and bloodshot. The officer reported he

could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from the man. When he asked the man if he had anything to drink, the man allegedly admitted to drinking "five or six beers about an hour ago." The officer administered several sobriety tests, all of which the man reportedly completed with some difficulty. The man then submitted to a PBT where he reportedly blew a .104. He

was placed under arrest and taken to Auburn Hills Police Department for a chemical test and processing. He was transported to Oakland County Jail.

A 22-year old student was arrested at 8:33 p.m., March 21, for driving with a suspended license and having a bench warrant out for her arrest. She was stopped as she headed west on University Drive in her 1992

blue Chevrolet. When the officer asked her for license, registration and proof of insurance, she lacked insurance or a license. The officer reportedly checked with the LEIN/SOS and found she had a warrant and was driving with a suspended license. The woman was arrested and taken to OUPD for processing. The woman phoned her mother to ask her to bail. When her mother arrived,

OUPD conducted a LEIN/SOS check on her to find her license was also suspended four times and she had two warrants for her arrest. The mother stated she did not drive to OUPD, but could post bond for her warrants. She paid \$200 toward her warrant from Redford, and her daughter paid \$100 toward her warrant from OU.

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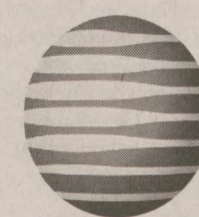
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Venues give discount



Marek Olech/The Oakland Post

DTE Energy Music Theatre is now offering discounted tickets.

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

Going to concerts is a favorite summer pastime for some OU students. However concert tickets are expensive, especially for college students.

This summer, Palace Sports and Entertainment, along with its partner Clear Channel Entertainment, will be working with performers to make tickets available for only \$10.

Jeff Corey, Public Relations Director for PS&E, said the program was implemented to "offer

an affordable alternative which we hope will attract some concert goers who couldn't normally afford to see a show."

The discounted tickets are being offered for lawn seats at both the DTE Energy Music Theatre (Pine Knob) in Clarkston and Meadow Brook Music Festival on campus.

Normal prices for lawn seats vary by show, but range from around \$30-\$60 depending on the event.

In order to offer the discounted tickets, venues must approach each performer and have the special price and quantity of

tickets available approved.

The performers generally collect a percentage of ticket sales, according to Corey. For this reason, the number of \$10 tickets, and the shows they are available for, will vary.

Corey said most artists have been very supportive of this new promotion.

"We are hoping all shows ... will participate," he said. "Since the artists must approve making \$10 tickets available, there could be some that might decline. But so far they have been very receptive."

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Mysterious tree memorial found by man

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

During a routine walk with his dog in Hawthorne Park, a former resident of Pontiac found a ten-year-old memorial at the base of a tree.

Even though he doesn't know who the memorial is dedicated to, he would like to see it protected from any possible harm.

Sean Tate, a Pontiac Northern High School graduate and current student at Baker College, discovered a plaque at the foot of a tree about five years ago standing in front of what was once the site of Hawthorne School.

Even though the tree is not necessarily in any immediate danger, Tate said he wants to make sure it will never be harmed in the future.

The plaque holds the names of three children who were born in the late 1940's and died in the 1950's.

The children held no ties to Tate, however, he was just curious as to why a tree was planted in their memory.

Since the school was torn down and Telegraph Road extended though the park, Tate said he decided now was the best time to speak up.

"I never thought much about the memorial site," Tate said. "But when I found out the school was gone, I realized that I wanted to save that tree."

He said he wanted to do something positive for the community he grew up in, not just for those kids, but also for the memory of the loved ones he has lost.

"I want these children's story to be told," said Tate. "It just seems like our past connects us to who we are. Without

the past, we can't have a present, and without the present, we have no future."

With these thoughts in mind, Tate contacted the *Oakland Press* and the Pontiac Board of Education.

When the story ran, Tate said he didn't receive much support from the Board.

"They pretty much gave me the run around, but Susan Shoemaker was a lot of help," Tate said.

Shoemaker is a councilwoman for the city of Pontiac who said she has been just as determined to figure out the mystery of this memorial tree. After some checking, the legacy of the children was found.

According to Shoemaker, the three children were students who came from Lebaron, Weaver and Owen Elementary Schools to attend Hawthorne School.

The first of the children was Peggy Talbot, who died at the age of 6. Gerald Miller died when he was 10 years old from a kidney disease, and Michael Stevens died tragically when he was 9 years old.

Shoemaker said the tree was planted in memory of the children, and the plaque was placed on it later. The entire school participated in the planting of the tree, and family members were also invited.

"I'm happy the mystery has been solved," Shoemaker said. "No matter which school deals with Hawthorne Park in the future, I want to preserve the memory of those children by protecting that tree. That alone is my number one goal."

Another former resident of Pontiac and graduate of Pontiac Central High School, Jessica Powell, junior, said it makes her proud to see people from her hometown



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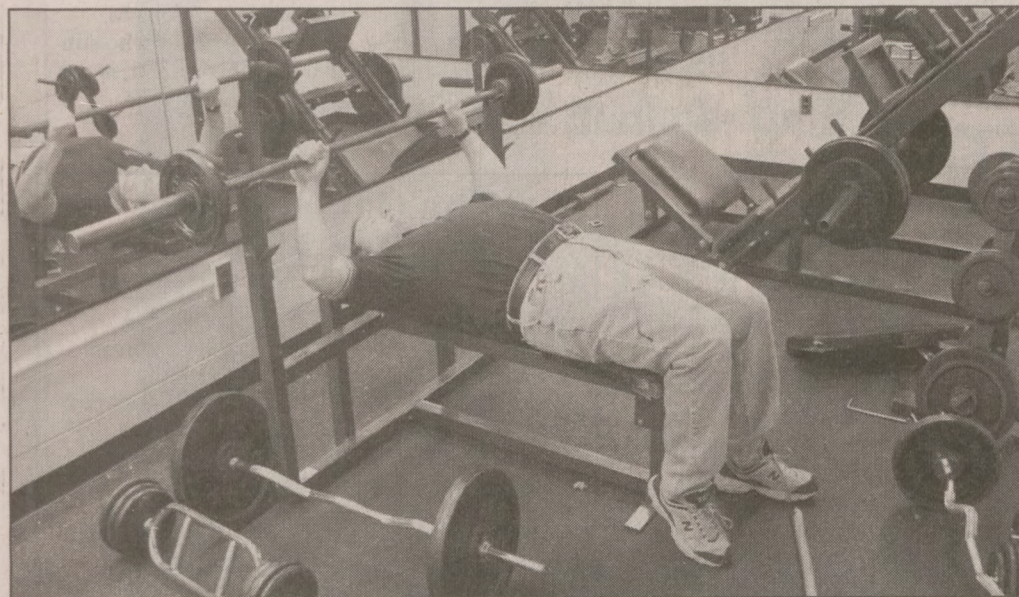
Sean Tate, a Pontiac Northern alumnus, found a memorial when he was walking his dog. He said he wants to see the memorial preserved.

who still have a heart.

"I'm really happy that they would go to all of this trouble to protect the memory of those children," Powell said. "There is so much negativity going on in the world,

it's nice to see people who still care."

For more information on the tree or the children, or to find out how you can help preserve the memorial, contact Susan Shoemaker at (248) 758-3210.



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Oakland County Sheriff Sgt. David Mailloux works out at the OCSO weight room.

Sheriff's Department receives equipment

By TRACY ESTES
THE OAKLAND POST

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is ready to get into shape with \$28,000 of Olympic fitness equipment donated by the Detroit Lions.

The Lions gave the equipment after the shift from the Pontiac Silverdome to their new home at Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

Senior Vice President of Detroit Lions Football Administration and Legal Affairs Martin Mayhew said, "The OCSO has helped us out for many years that we were at the Silverdome, and we appreciate their support and were willing to give them the equipment.

"We looked at many different places to donate the equipment to, but the OCSO stood out due to their strong commitment to public safety," he said.

The old equipment was being held in a storage facility in Pontiac, not far from the Sheriff's office.

Mayhew also said that giving the equipment to the OCSO was largely due to a convenience factor. It was easy for them to come out and pick the equipment up with no hassle because they were already in the area, he said.

The Lions donated everything from free weights to heavy-duty strength training equipment. Please see WEIGHTS on A9

War protests break out at universities

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Demonstrators at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan State and Wayne State universities marched across campuses and communities last week to protest the war in Iraq.

At MSU, 14 demonstrators were arrested after about 100 protesters blocked a main road in East Lansing last Friday.

The demonstrators taped off Grand River Avenue with yellow caution tape and formed a human chain around a car in the middle of the street blocking traffic. Police broke it up shortly after it started.

A day later, "Rally for America" went to the Lansing State Capitol with an estimated 500 who support the war in Iraq.

Students at the U-M Ann Arbor campus held a peace march from the university to downtown Ann Arbor last Thursday.

Eric Berg, an OU sophomore, went to U-M Ann Arbor two weeks before this for a protest campaign against the war.

"I have strong beliefs," he said.

"Part of our responsibility as citizens is to represent our views and beliefs."

Berg said he went to seminars to learn more about the war.

"Protests are ways we express our views because college students usually don't go out to voting polls," he said.

Students from both viewpoints peacefully marched from the Diag building on campus to the Ann Arbor Federal Building, which was still laced with police tape from an earlier incident that led to 19 arrests.

The earlier incident became violent when protesters refused to move from their human blockade in front of the Federal Building. Some demonstrators had to be carried to police cars because they refused to walk.

The Students' Movement for Justice sponsored an anti-war rally that more than 200 people participated in at WSU last Thursday.

The protesters marched from campus to down Cass Avenue in Detroit shouting chants and caring signs.

Even though there were protesters from both views of the war, no violence or arrests occurred.

Information taken from various news sources.

GLOBAL GLANCE

• Even though U.S. and allied troops were blasted with a sandstorm Tuesday, it didn't stop them from crossing the Euphrates River and ultimately getting closer to Iraq's capitol of Baghdad. The U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division's 7th Cavalry Regiment battled a yellow haze of sand through desert terrain as it continues to gain control of the Iraqi city of Basra and move north to Baghdad. The cavalry crossed over a bridge laced with explosives that did not detonate. U.S. and British troops are about 60 miles away from the ultimate goal of seizing and overthrowing Baghdad, Iraq's largest city.

• The Pentagon confirmed the capture of two U.S. Apache helicopter pilots by the Iraqi military Monday. The U.S. Apache helicopter was under heavy attack by Iraqi troops about 60 miles south of Baghdad when it went down. The pilots, both chief warrant officers, were captured and broadcasted on Iraq's Abu Dhabi TV. The U.S. military later destroyed the helicopter with an air strike so Iraqi intelligence could not benefit from it. Along with the two pilots, the broadcast also showed many identification and bankcards from the military.

• With the cost of war continuing to rise everyday American troops are in Iraq, President George W. Bush on Monday gave lawmakers an estimated cost of \$75 billion for Operation Iraqi Freedom. This will be the first of many requests by Bush to aid in war, according to lawmakers and congressional aides. Some Democratic lawmakers are upset with the cost saying the money could be spent more wisely by concentrating on keeping American children safe, enriching pre-kindergarten classes or helping senior citizens pay for prescription drug care.

• The potentially deadly pneumonia virus that has caused 17 deaths and more than 450 cases in 15 countries worldwide may be worsening in China. Beijing hospitals were filled with citizens who may have symptoms of the severe acute respiratory syndrome virus. The Chinese government has not confirmed any cases in Beijing. Other news agencies have reported two people have died from the virus outside of the capital. The same report said a doctor in Beijing said there could be more than 100 cases in the city.

• Russian tycoon Boris Berezovsky was arrested at the request of Russian authorities Monday by British police for alleged fraud. Once an adviser to former Russian president Boris Yeltsin, Berezovsky, 57, fled Russia in 2000 to avoid what he called political motivated corruption charges. A LogoVaz associate was also detained with Berezovsky. A Moscow court issued arrest warrants for Berezovsky and other associates last October.

Global goof

• A judge got more than a sentence hearing when he had Ray Mason in a Texas courtroom. Mason, 40, who pled guilty for aggravated assault, picked up an additional six months of jail time on his eight year sentence when he dropped his pants and mooned Judge Jim Parsons. The full moon came out after the sentence was read. About 70 other people were in the courtroom and witnessed Mason's display. Parsons held Mason in contempt of court.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources

Editorial

War sentiment shifts

If popular sentiment needs to shift, start a war.

It doesn't matter what we thought before last week. The reality is, war is on. Let's hope for the best outcome even if we believe war is the worst option. Iraqi president Saddam Hussein's regime needs to be collapsed. No one can doubt his own people and the world will be ultimately better off.

During the last week, anti-war protestors have faded and according to a CNN poll 72 percent of Americans are now in favor of the war.

While Americans hold the absolute and fiercely guarded right to speak what they think, it doesn't mean they should. Think Michael Moore and his controversial comments during the Academy Awards.

Nevertheless, we should protect the anti-war protestors' right to demonstrate against a cause, which has not won their favor. But the fact remains: The war started, it continues and will not end until one country emerges victorious.

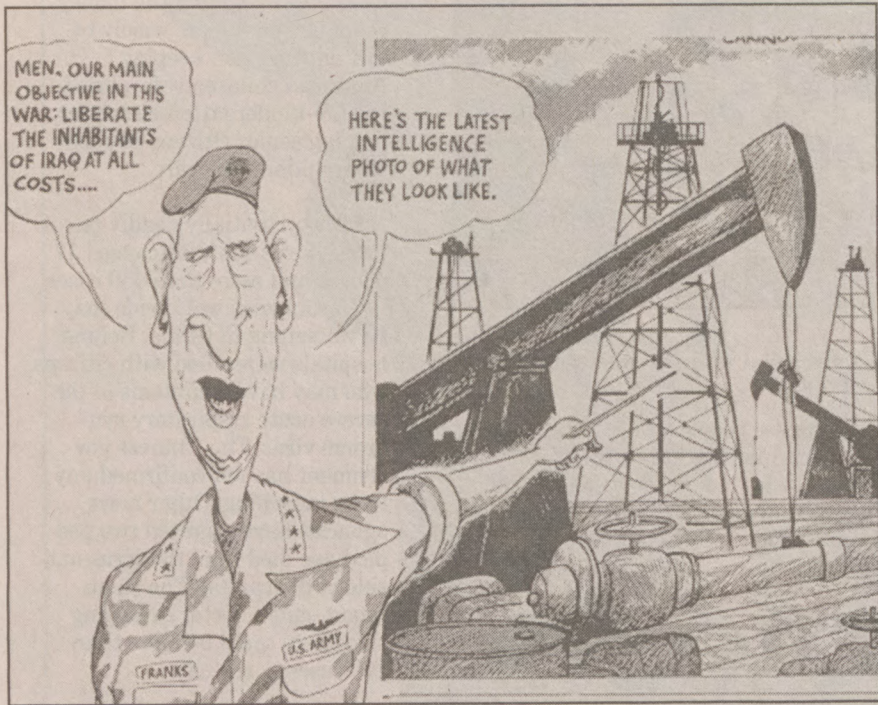
Remember, the U.S. (and British and Australian) troops advancing into Iraq at this very moment are all volunteers. They enlisted from personal choice. The probable success of the U.S. armed forces depends on the willingness of these individuals to march into the unknown and in many cases live fire. They deserve our unreserved thanks, regardless of our own personal opinions on the merits of the war.

It should not matter whether we agreed with the political decisions that led up to this war. Our soldiers did not make those decisions. They are there because they believe in the greater American values, and because they have faith in the U.S. government's foreign policy route. They are a part of us, and they are putting their lives at risk in the belief that it is for our greater good. Never forget it.

Post-Iraq reassessment will mean a re-evaluation of the U.S. role in the United Nations. The League of Nations became obsolete because the U.S. never participated. Any further reduction in the U.S. commitment to the United Nations will threaten its continued viability in the 21st century. Why should the U.S. have had to vie for Cameroon or Angola's support in this war?

Nobody inherently agrees with war, but it may save millions of lives in the future. For now, all we can do is stay glued to the TV for developments as American troops inch closer to Baghdad and wait anxiously for updates on our POWs.

When it is all over, Americans may argue about the pros and cons of war, as a free people can do. Hopefully, the Iraqi people will be able to do the same. Right now all we can do is pray.



Letters to the editor

Reader wonders if Post has double standard

Dear Editor,

I was wondering what the opportunity cost of the lawsuits you (may) file against the university are, in terms of tuition increases borne by Oakland students?

The university has to pay to defend these suits, regardless of their merit and *The Post* has seemed to show no regard to this fact. I know *The Post* is aware of the reality of constrained resources because *The Post* has run several stories on the university budget.

Yet *The Post's* actions indicate an ignorance of simple concepts. Perhaps an economics (or math) class is in order for the staff at *The Post*.

Matt Wimbles
MBA student

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the Point/Counterpoint in the March 19 issue. I object to Ms. Angus' point that women are needed at home to bear and raise children – it is a partially biological fact, but also a degrading argument against endangering female lives – I would like to point out one factor in favor of a possible draft of women.

Specifically, current military regulations suggest both parents will not be sent into combat at the same time. During WWII, restrictions were placed on sending the sole surviving son of a family, or all of the sons, into combat

(Remember "Saving Private Ryan?" That could never happen today).

It would be only logical that such protections would extend to parents – if one had already been drafted, the other would be given a duty station away from the fighting when he/she was called up.

Single parents would require a special support structure within their extended families, but that's already a problem for single fathers who are potential draftees – and single parents who have enlisted by choice.

At the same time, some good points about the problems with women in the military, draftees or otherwise, were also missed. Women in the Army are currently held to lower physical standards than men in basic training. I'm not sure if that holds for all branches. Not every woman, or every man, is average and there are certainly niches for different types of women in the military.

For example, a good number of women with smaller bodies and good reflexes, could be trained as pilots. It is a matter of matching the right person to the right job, based solely on the requirements for the job. Unequal standards are useless and insulting.

If female soldiers are fraternizing with fellow soldiers or locals, they will require some form of birth control – not necessarily something one wants to be worrying about in the middle of a war. The Army already bars those on anti-depressants from serving due to the fact that they may not be able to get their medica-

tions in a war zone and doing without may make them unable to fight well. A pregnant woman would be an even worse potential liability.

Mixed-gender combat units would cause distraction for many men and women. Single-sex units are one potential solution.

Equal rights must carry equal or comparable responsibilities, but practical considerations also have to be entertained in thinking about this decision.

Jennifer Miller
Senior, Computer Engineering

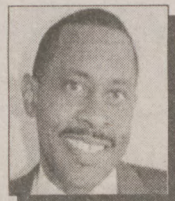
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We're sorry ...

A column by Associate Editor Randy Dudek that ran in last week's issue contained material from the book "Brain Droppings" by comedian George Carlin. Dudek failed to properly attribute the material to Carlin. We appreciate our readers letting us know.

FEATURED COLUMNISTS

Reparations argument is legitimate



JUDE NIXON

Honors College
Director

In response to an invitation by *The Oakland Post*, I felt that I would contribute only if I could say something materially on something that matters – and yes, race matters (apologies to Cornel West).

Following his Meadow Brook Theatre address, Tavis Smiley was asked to comment on reparations. Whereas the American government has apologized to many groups it has harmed, he responded, no such apology has been forthcoming to African-Americans, who have not uniformly demanded one.

I do not wish to take a position on reparations – a public apology, certainly – because quite frankly, I don't know if I have one. Instead, I want merely to contextualize reparations within the larger issue of the economics of slavery and black contributions to

America's prosperity that are yet to be realized by many African Americans.

Following emancipation, no comprehensive financial and educational program was established to redress, or to get blacks caught up on, a century of exploitation and coerced labor, a labor that has effectively enhanced America's hegemony. Indeed, there were a number of failed experiments, among them the Freedmen's Bureau and the Southern Homestead Act.

And, yet, the little inroads affirmative action has made is under assault in Stephen Cole's controversial study, "Increasing Faculty Diversity" (the argument Cole makes, I think, also could be made for the way integration has decimated black entrepreneurship). Affirmative action is about to be challenged in the Supreme Court under the mistaken assumption that America is now a color-blind society, that all races should be treated equally (as if they are), and that race no longer matters or should matter, at least as it concerns blacks and that the color line is no longer

a problem. In our vernacular, Eight Mile has virtually ceased to exist.

In a recent visit to the British Library, I came across a curious essay in *Fraser's Magazine*, a nineteenth-century propagandistic organ of the West India planter lobby. Entitled "The Fate of the Colonies," the article addresses the debate over financial compensation for slaves because slavery was a traffic legitimized by the government. Opposing such compensation, the writer cites a planter pamphlet: "If the slave be entitled to his freedom, it is equally clear that his owner is entitled to compensation. If slavery be a crime, the people of England are the guilty parties, in a still higher degree than the owner of the slave ... The nation must make compensation to you before it can have any just right or pretence for calling upon you to sacrifice your property," (my italics).

If this planter advocate felt that slaves were property, and in every sense they were, and that granting them freedom must coincide with repara-

tions to planters who owned them, then the current debate over black reparations is fundamentally a legitimate one.

Historians such as David Brion Davis and John Walvin, in *The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture and Black Ivory*, respectively, have acknowledged the argument made by Sir Eric Williams, in *Capitalism and Slavery* (1961), that slavery was inextricably linked to economics and not to fraternal feelings for blacks (am I not a man and a brother)?

I do not wish to diminish or disparage the fellow-feelings, human goodwill, and moral fervor that drove the abolitionist movement, but only to say that the issue of slavery from its inception to its abrogation was foremost an economic one (cheap labor for reliable production). And that because reparations to planters denied of that labor should have been contemplated in the argument for emancipation, reparations to African-Americans who supplied that labor, then, is not such an unreasonable demand.

Point / Counterpoint

Should the U.S. be at war in Iraq now?

Yes

BRIAN TOMINA
STUDENT CONGRESS PRESIDENT

More often than not, Sunday evening discussions at the Tomina household take my siblings and I back to Baghdad in the 1960s. My parents affectionately refer to Baghdad as "back home." Baghdad is – and always will be – my ancestral homeland. However, people illogically assume that because my family is from Iraq, we should therefore be automatically against the current war in Iraq. Wouldn't that be tantamount to the colonialists rejecting the idea of the revolutionary war? After all, they were mostly from Britain.

I am for the war in Iraq. First and foremost, I know the people of Iraq crave the very freedoms we take for granted. In my house, political opinions are spoken freely. We are not worried about losing our tongue if we speak out against the current administration. My parents would not dare to do the same "back home." As a matter of fact, the look on my parents' face is almost disturbing when they mention what would happen to those who dared to dissent: It's almost as if

they still are under the omniscient control of the Ba'ath Party.

The opposition will claim that the world will be a more divided place with non U.N.-approved action in Iraq. But what about the children in Iraq who will never have a chance unless the Ba'ath' party is ousted? Remember, it is the United Nations, not the U.S., that has imposed murderous sanctions on Iraq. Will they lift the sanctions when Saddam dies and his more ruthless, crazy sons take over? No. The only way to deal with this problem is now. Let's not forget that Saddam killed 60,000 of his own people with chemical weapons. We are not safe with this mad man in power.

U.N. Resolution 1441 sanctioned the use of force if Saddam did not comply, which he did not. Hans Blix, Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector in Iraq, said in January, "Resolution 687 (1991), like the subsequent resolutions I shall refer to, required cooperation by Iraq but such was often withheld or given grudgingly."

But when my safety or the safety of the world is at stake, I know the U.S. will stand and fight. Even the fond memories of "back home" are not enough to make my parents forget the true colors: red, white and blue.

No

BRETTON JONES
CAMPUS GREENS PRESIDENT

As the war in Iraq enters its early stages, I find myself already disgusted by my government's action.

As if the fact that waging an illegal, unconstitutional and unilateral war, not on the grounds of self-defense, but on the presumptuous notion that the nation of Iraq could potentially be a future threat to the U.S., wasn't disgusting enough.

So now there are several concerns that I have.

The first would be that the pretexts for which the U.S. entered the war are false or misleading. Saddam Hussein's government has yet to be proven to be in possession of chemical or biological weapons. The notion that they were producing nuclear weapons was absurd.

The second concern is based on the instability and rival factions that exist in a post-Saddam Iraq. As for the future of this conflict and the regime which the U.S. will install once Saddam has been killed, there is still much speculation.

The U.S. Congress passed the Iraqi

Liberation Act in 1998, which stated that six groups would have possible control in a post-Saddam Iraq.

Of the groups listed there is a Hashemite group which wishes to install a monarchy. Two of the groups are Kurdish militias. The Iraqi National Congress and the Iraqi National Accord are two groups that U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney might favor. The last is a group based out of Iran that is dead set on installing an Islamic theocracy in Iraq called SCIRI. It stands for The Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

So essentially the U.S. now stands ready to promote a group of Islamic fundamentalists in an Iraqi government.

The SCIRI is actually Colin Powell's (U.S. Secretary of State) favored choice.

In my opinion, none of these groups value human rights or the freedom of the individual to control their own affairs, but since the U.S. doesn't value these either, don't expect much in terms of democracy in a post-Saddam Iraq.

Keep informed.

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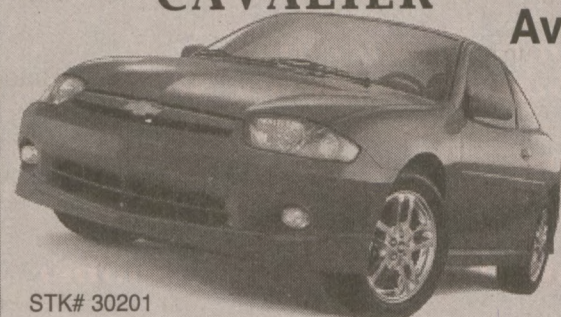
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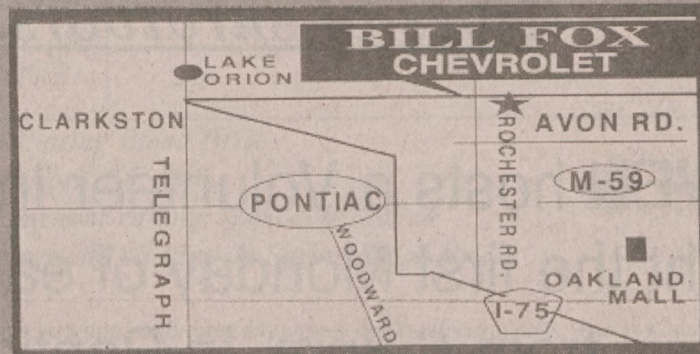
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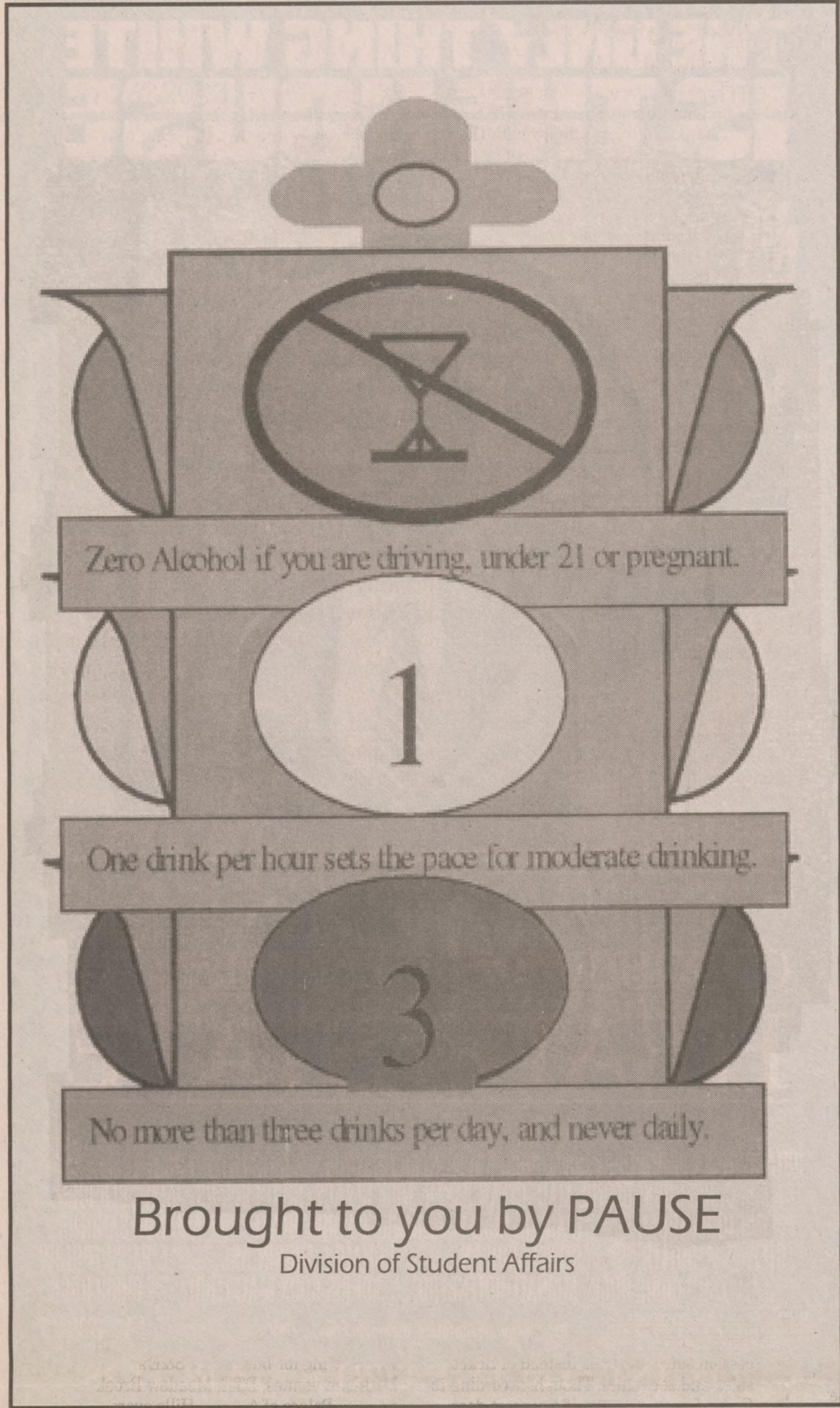
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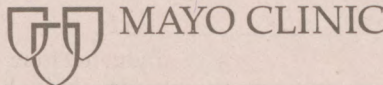
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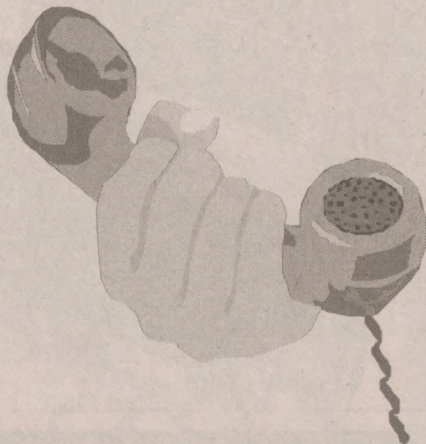
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when I saw the president of Cameroon was a welcomed guest at the White House just because he was on the (U.N.) Security Council," he said.

Sophomore Renee Hannish has been keeping very close tabs on the war. Her aunt and five cousins are still in Baghdad, and Hannish's family hasn't heard from them since New Year's Eve.

"I am really, really opposed to the war," she said. "If you have family there, you look at everything in a whole different way."

Hannish said she is worried about not only the safety of civilians during the war, but also the stability of Iraq's economy once it is over. She said the Desert Storm conflict permanently damaged the country's businesses, land and citizens.

She added that she knows several people of Middle Eastern descent who have experienced racial harassment in recent months. Hannish's best friend was recently called derogatory names by a man at a gas station, and she knows someone who, while working at a party store, was told "I'll send you back to Iraq" by an angry customer.

"It makes you think that a lot of people in this country are so ignorant. You feel so helpless," she said.

Like Hannish, junior Sally Murad's parents left Iraq more than 20 years ago to find freedom. Three of her aunts are still living in Baghdad, and she is very concerned about their safety.

"My heart kind of dropped," she said about watching live footage of the massive bombing of Baghdad on TV Friday. "Anytime there's war, regardless of the causes, people are going to die."

Murad said she hopes Bush's intentions are good, and that they result in the freedom of the Iraqi people.

"If Bush's purpose is to make a free country, that's great. But if it's just for oil, a lot of people will die for nothing," she said. "It's a hard situation, because more than anything, we want them (Iraqis) to be free."

Junior Eric Schornberg has strong feelings against the war and questions President Bush's motives for attacking Iraq.

"If what they say is true then, yes, I think (Saddam) should probably be removed from power, even though we put him there," he said. "However, I think this is the wrong way to go about doing that."

"There is no real reason for us to attack. People around the world hate the United States and Americans. This is why - because our leaders feel like going around and bullying people."

Mike Coury, senior, said that if the U.S. handled 1991's Desert Storm gulf conflict differently, today's conflict wouldn't exist.

However, he said the U.S. showed "great patience" with Hussein and the United Nations, and taking action almost immediately after the 48 hour deadline ran out sent a strong message.

He said he thinks the war will be over quickly but is concerned about whether U.S. actions will leave a permanent scar on diplomatic relations between the U.S. and those countries opposed to the war, namely France, Germany and Russia.

"Hopefully ... relations between U.S. and Germany will not disintegrate and the diplomats will treat this as a disagreement of philosophies and not let it get in the way of other foreign relations," he said.

One of senior Lisa Zitzmann's friends has family in Iraq, and she is in favor of the war.

"I'm supportive of the Iraqi people being liberated and having a change for the better," she said. "No one should be ruled by a dictator."

GROUP

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year after he graduated from high school. One of the things he remembers most from his four years of service was how tough it was being away from home for long periods of time.

After Sept. 11, 2001, he became very involved with veterans organizations and made it his goal to help support the troops serving our country and their families.

"I was always getting asked questions by mothers with kids overseas," he said. "What's my son thinking right now? How much danger is he in? How often does he get to call? It proved to me that there is a unique bond between military families, and a bond of fellowship within the military."

Rooth runs two support groups, one in Waterford and a new one in Oak Park.

Meetings open with a prayer, then each participant has an opportunity to talk about their friend or relative in the military and share any thoughts or feelings.

Portions of the meetings are devoted to organizing individual care packages, each of which includes a photo of everyone in the support group. Rooth said every package is tailored to its recipient, and one headed for the

USS Abraham Lincoln in the Persian Gulf even fulfilled an interesting request for chocolate and health food magazines.

Linda Goforth plans to attend her first support group meeting today in Waterford.

Her son, Marine Lance Cpl. Don Goforth Jr., is in the Middle East, and she admits she hasn't gotten much sleep since he left about a week and a half ago.

She said that she has been relying heavily on the support of her friends and family and hopes at the meeting she'll be able to network with other people who can relate to what she's going through.

"He felt that he was doing the right thing, making it (the U.S.) safe for his nieces and nephews," she said, adding that she and her husband are extremely proud of him.

The Waterford support group meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall at 1690 Airport Road. The south Oakland County group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Oak Park Community Center at 14300 Oak Park Blvd. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, call (248) 682-1202.

WEIGHTS

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equipment, including squat racks.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard said he was happy with the donation.

"The equipment provides tax payers a better sense of security to know that their deputies are in shape to stop crime and help the public," he said.

According to Bouchard, the OCSD has more than 1,200 employees who are all eligible to use the equipment at anytime.

The equipment was used in the expansion of the workout facilities at the department's Pontiac headquarters. Some equipment was also sent to the 12 substations

across the county.

Dave Michael, senior, agreed with the decision to donate the equipment to the OCSD.

"I think it's great that the Lions are being charitable in giving back to the community around them instead of profiting from what they had," he said.

Although the Lions are now located in Wayne County at Ford Field, the OCSD still has a close relationship with the organization, according to Bouchard. Many of the football team's players and coaches currently live in Oakland County.

POPULATION

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"We do direct mailings to students in targeted areas," McNally said.

She said the targeted areas change from year to year based on college-bound student rates and the poverty level.

According to McNally, most recruiting goes on in Ohio with a little in the Indiana and Illinois area.

McNally said students who come from out-of-state are also eligible for the tuition differential.

In order to receive the tuition differen-

tial the students must be in good academic standing and live on campus. McNally said this type of program is done by other schools. The tuition differential is in-state pricing, no matter where the student is from.

"It's definitely harder to recruit out of state," McNally said.

She said there is little name recognition associated with OU. She said most students think Rochester, N.Y. and don't even know about Rochester, Mich.

ERI

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6,500 genes at a time (using microarray analysis)," said Kenneth Mitton, Siddiqui's research supervisor.

"You can quickly get rid of all the garbage that has no effect on the outcome you're studying, and concentrate instead on the gene that's most interesting," he said.

Giblin said the grant will fund equipment, supplies and a full-time technician for the microarray analysis facility. He stressed that the new facility will drastically reduce monotonous and time-consuming work, allowing research to proceed "thousands of times faster."

The grant also will provide small equipment, supplies and partial funding for a technician to operate the transmission

electron microscope in the Ocular Ultrastructure lab. The electron microscope, which magnifies objects up to 100,000 times, was purchased with other grant money.

Researchers sharing in the new grant include ERI's Giblin, Mitton, Andrew Goldberg, Barry Winkler, Shravan Chintala and Sitaramayya Ari, plus John Reddan, Anne Hitt and Sheldon Gorydon from the Department of Biological Sciences.

The National Eye Institute is a federal-funded organization that supports vision research through grants to hospitals, medical centers and college research facilities across the nation.

TICKETS

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The venue traditionally thrives off concession sales and beer instead of ticket sales and souvenirs. Though, according to Corey, for most shows, if a concert does poorly, the venue stands to lose more money than the artist.

Shawn Hartford, junior, said he thinks it's impressive that the bands are offering so much support.

"Since it's the bands that make the most money off the concerts, it's great that they are willing to agree to these lower ticket prices."

I think in the long run it'll bring them more publicity and fans anyway," he said. "I'd have more respect for an artist who agreed to discount its concert tickets than for one who refused the offer and kept ticket prices at \$40 or \$50."

The number of \$10 tickets available will be limited to two discounted tickets per person per show. This price will also include parking at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

The Palace Box Office can be contacted for availability and a list of shows offering the \$10 tickets. Discounted tickets can only be purchased through the Palace box office or directly from the DTE or Meadow Brook box offices when they open closer to the start of the summer.

PS&E said the outdoor venues are in no way hurting for business. PS&E's Michigan venues, DTE, Meadow Brook and the Palace of Auburn Hills average a combined 300 events and 3.5 million guests a year, according to the Palace's website, www.palacenet.com.

Tom Wilson, PS&E president and CEO, said the company is hoping these specially priced tickets will allow people who normally wouldn't be able afford to attend concerts to be able to see the shows.

"There is nothing like an outdoor concert on a Michigan summer night. It has become a tradition at our venues, and this program will allow more fans an opportunity to enjoy it," he said.

Corey also said price is a bigger factor now than in previous years due to the current economic conditions.

"We are simply offering a less expensive alternative and we hope to see new concert goers. Those who used to attend shows and families taking advantage of the deal," he said.

According to PS&E ticket sales, the largest response so far seems to be among families. The events drawing the most people taking advantage of the \$10 tickets are Alabama, Peter Gabriel and Poison, all at DTE.

SUIT

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students, faculty and staff, was presented to the Board at it's March 6 meeting. OU Student Congress and OU Senate also presented resolutions at the meeting asking the Board to be more open with its business.

On Feb. 29, OU's General Counsel and Secretary to the BOT Vic Zambardi sent a letter to some of the members of The Oakland Sail, Inc., the corporate owner of *The Oakland Post*.

The letter said OU would sue for defamation if *The Post* continued to publish stories about the secret meeting the BOT held on Jan. 15 and the ongoing OMA dispute.

In response to the letter, *The Oakland Sail* retained Fink.

He faxed a letter to Zambardi on March 6 and gave him one week to respond and offer "some satisfactory explanation for the closed session and ... unambiguous declaration from the Board of Trustees that it will obey OMA and the mandate of the Legislature to do so."

According to Fink, Baskin called

him just before the original deadline of March 13 and asked for a week's extension.

Fink said, at that time, Baskin gave the impression he would be getting back to Fink early last week.

"The ball was in their court," said Bruce Mann, chairman of The Oakland Sail, Inc and chairman of the English department. "They chose not to return it."

BOT Trustee Chairman Henry Baskin spoke with Fink on Monday.

Fink told him that unless Baskin was able to assure him the Board of Trustees was going to pass a resolution that it was subject to the Open Meetings Act and would follow OMA in the future, a lawsuit was going to be filed.

Baskin told Fink he could not speak for all board members.

Fink said the lawsuit outcome effects everyone.

"It's an important matter for public policy," Fink said. "It's important to students. It's important to faculty."

DEAN

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academic research and had a lot of administrative experience," she said.

Thompson is leaving her position as Acting Chair and Associate Dean for the Policy and Planning Department at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.


She earned her BN and MSN from Wayne State University and her DrPH from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Thompson was the first director of Baltimore's Center for

Community Partnerships for Children and Families.



The dean is responsible for the management, staffing, public relations and funding for the School of Nursing.

According to Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery, the position opened when former dean Justine Speer stepped down in August, 2002. Kathleen Emrich has been the interim dean since Speer stepped down.



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Women's History Month @ Oakland University * March 7 - April 13, 2003		<h3>AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW</h3> <p>Reservations for:</p> <p>CSA has arranged for discount tickets to be made available for the following shows and events for the entire OU Community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Don Giovanni (April 30)- Joffrey Dance Company (May 8)- Beauty and the Beast (May 15 & 18)- Die Fledermaus (May 16 & 21)- Dead Man Walking (June 11 & 13) <p>Tickets for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Vagina Monologues (April 11-13)
<p>"OUR Bodies, OURselves"</p> <p>Wednesday, March 26</p> <p>Women's Studies Celebration</p> <p>Noon-2:00 p.m. -- Lake Superior Room B, OC</p> <p>Sponsored by Women's Studies</p>	<p>The 20th Annual OU Photography Contest</p> <p>Entry forms and rules are available at the CSA Office, 49 OC for the contest. Photos will be displayed April 14-16 in the Fireside Lounge, OC. There are two categories: 1) Black and White, and 2) Color. First and second place prizes will be awarded in each category: 1st Place - \$150; 2nd Place - \$100. The entry deadline will be April 11.</p>	
<p>Friday, March 28</p> <p>"Collaborative Knowledge Networks" by Dr. Peter A. Gloor, Center for Coordination Science, MIT Sloan School of Management, and Center for Digital Strategies, Tuck Business School, Dartmouth College</p> <p>11:00 a.m.-Noon -- 235 Elliott Hall</p> <p>Sponsored by Applied Technology in Business, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, School of Engineering and Computer Science, Women in Engineering & Women's Studies</p>	<p>Student Organization Recognition Night</p> <p>Thursday, April 17</p> <p>Nominations forms now available at the CSA Office and are due April 4! Nominate the organizations and programs that were outstanding during 2002/2003!</p>	
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Blood supplies in Southeast Michigan are low. In many cases just a two-three day supply of blood is available. This low blood supply makes elective surgeries at risk of being delayed or cancelled. Many Americans do not understand that blood must be regularly replenished so enough is on hand when an emergency strikes. Some donors do not see a need to give again until and unless there is an emergency. Emergencies happen every day. A single car accident can require 50 units of blood. People who donate blood on a repeating basis truly understand the significance of this selfless act and its importance.

In addition, as the war with Iraq begins, the low supply of blood makes it difficult for the American Red Cross to supply all the blood necessary to assist those in need as a result of the war. While the Red Cross cannot promise that any particular donation of blood gets sent to Iraq, every pint of blood collected, assists meeting the supply needed at home and abroad.

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Horror hits stage

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Meadow Brook Theatre's new production of "Wait Until Dark" can be described with only one word: Intense.

This edge-of-your-seat thriller opened last week to a nearly packed house.

The show was great all-around, as are most MBT productions, with a small cast of nine.

Starring is Julie Marie Paparella, who turns in a spectacular performance as Susy Hendrix, the blind wife of Sam Hendrix, played by C. W. Gilbert.

Sam is an ex-marine turned photographer. He picks up a doll from a stranger in Montreal, asking him to deliver the doll to a sick child in New York.

Little does he know, the doll is actually full of smuggled heroine.

Now, the owners of the doll are interested in cashing in on their drugs, and go after Sam and Susy.

The show opens with three con men meeting in the Hendrix's basement apartment in New York City. The three plot to trick

Susy into finding the doll and giving it to them.

With many twists, turns and back dealings, the play leads the audience to a nail-biting end.

The intricate plot focuses on the scheme to con Susy into giving up the doll, without her learning the true importance of it.

Susy stumbles onto the plot but seems helpless without her sight.

Luckily for her, her husband, in a militaristic style, pushes Susy to be the "champion blind woman."

He lets her get away with nothing, having her pick up dropped silverware on her own and walk around town without assistance.

He even lectures her for asking for help while crossing the street.

Gilbert does a good job in this small role, playing the harsh yet caring husband. He finds the right balance between the two extremes to keep the play believable.

While this behavior may seem cruel, it ultimately gives her an edge against the con artists.

Her hearing is so good that she can identify the types of shoes treading on her floor and can find



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre

Meadow Brook Theatre's new spine-tingling thriller "Wait Until Dark" stars David Regal, Thomas Gebbia and Julie Marie Paparella.

and teasingly slap her husband.

Paparella was excellent in her role. She was compelling in her performance as a blind person, and her struggle with this handicap was convincing.

She shines in the second act, when she outsmarted the con artists, with some help from her neighbor Grace, played by 13-year-old Lauracindy Plague from Canton.

For much of second act of the show, the audience is in the dark,

literally.

These scenes are the most intense as audience members can only rely on their hearing and the occasional lit match to witness the action.

The con men, played by David Regal, Thomas Gebbia and Wayne David Parker, also do a great job in their roles. Working to keep one step ahead of Susy and each other, the trio keeps the audience guessing until the end.

The Fredrick Knott play is

excellently written. The script has enough mystery and gore to be shocking to the audience, without being morbid or overly violent.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on March 26, 27, 28 and 29, at 2 p.m. on March 29 and 30 and at 6:30 p.m. on March 30.

There will be a Meet-the-Artist Talkback after the 2 p.m. matinee on March 30 and an audio described performance at 2 p.m. on March 29. There will also be

an American Sign Language interpreted performance in April.

Ticket prices range from \$19-38, but special student rush prices are available. Students need to present their IDs on the day of the show and can buy up to two tickets for \$7 each.

For April show dates and ticket information, check out www.mbttheatre.com.

Nickels & Dimes

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Many students might balk at the idea of giving up their comfortable homes, warm Starbucks Espressos and stylish clothes.

But Barbara Ehrenreich did just that, giving up all of the comforts of her home and a successful career as a journalist to work on the book "Nickel and Dimes: On (Not) Getting by in America."

Ehrenreich lived in several cities for a month each, hiding her credentials while trying to find a well paying job and affordable housing and attempt to get by on the jobs out there for the lower middle class.

Ehrenreich came to OU last Thursday to speak to students about her experiences. She spoke to a packed house in Varner Recital Hall that was simulcast in the Oakland Center.

This mother of two grown children started her professional life as a biologist, studying at Reed College in Portland, Ore. and earning a Ph.D. in cell biology at Rockefeller University in New York City.

Ehrenreich became interested in social issues during the Vietnam War.

She said she was involved in an anti-war group and questioned being a research scientist for the rest of her life.

She decided she wanted to do something more socially relevant and started working for a group that was trying to get health care coverage for people in New York City.

She later started writing, and during her time as a freelance writer, she decided to study life

in the lower class.

Telling prospective employers that she was a divorced housewife reentering the work force, she worked as a maid, waitress, in a nursing home, as well as several other jobs.

Although she has a Ph.D., she listed "college" as her education, because she said employers would be concerned about someone with a Ph.D. looking for a job in Walmart.

The work was challenging, and making ends meet was hard, she said.

"Sometimes I thought I was doing well," she said of her time.

One time, while she was working in the nursing home, she had to feed and take care of 30 Alzheimer patients by herself because someone else didn't show up.

"I was very proud of myself," she said.

She said that evening, she could barely walk and was exhausted.

During her lecture she said that people work that hard every day.

Those people, she said, don't get to stop after a month, and don't have a safety net to fall back on, like she did.

Supporting herself on \$6-7 an hour was nearly impossible she found. She said she can't even imagine trying to raise children on those wages.

She said that at \$7 an hour, a person will earn about \$1,200 a month.

Two-hundred dollars a month is taken out for taxes, and then about \$600 is spent on rent.

That leaves a person with \$400 for food, clothing and other necessities.



Photo courtesy of Paul Franklin, director of Campus Programs

Barbara Ehrenreich

With children, it would be nearly impossible to make ends meet, she said.

"You can work very hard, and you might not be able to get by," she said.

Ehrenreich said she blames greed from people at the top for this punishment of people at the bottom.

She also wonders why there aren't more government services like national health care, subsidized childcare or subsidized housing.

She said she is sad about the war in Iraq and is opposed to it.

"Going after Iraq is like going after Switzerland," she said.

She said she's always brought the military up in her

lecture. She said it's sad that so many problems go unsolved in the U.S., even though there is a budget for these conflicts.

During her lecture, Ehrenreich encouraged students to get involved. She asked audience members to come up to the stage to announce ways to be active in the community.

A high school student announced a war protest, students from AmeriCorps asked for volunteers and other organizations spoke out about the need to get involved.

She suggested alliances between the students and the underpaid staff on campus as one way to help correct these social problems.

Jamming in jammies

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

The Student Program Board will be hosting OU's first ever Pajama Jammy Jam from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. on March 28 in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

All students are invited to wear their pajamas and dance the night away.

Admission to the party is free and each student is allowed to bring two guests at no additional cost.

Students and guests must be at least 18 years old.

A D.J. will play the latest jams.

Jean Mick, chairperson of SPB, said students don't have to wear pajamas, but are encouraged to do so.

"The atmosphere will really make a difference," Mick said, "and if students participate, this will be a lot of

fun."

According to Mick, the idea came from various nightclubs, but unlike those clubs, "inappropriate garments" will not be allowed. Students may not wear lingerie to the dance.

Janell Hearn, junior, said she would definitely consider attending.

"It sounds like a lot of fun," Hearn said, "and the idea is different from the usual parties. Hopefully, students from different organizations and different nationalities will consider attending so the party can be more diverse."

Depending on the turnout, the Pajama Jammy Jam may become an annual event for OU.

"We're going to see how well it goes," Mick said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to do this every year. I know it's going to be fun. Why not try it... it's free."

Pranks galore

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

April Fool's Day is traditionally a day to play practical jokes on others and fool the unsuspecting.

No one knows how this holiday began, but it was thought to have originated in France, according to the website www.holidays.com.

According to the website, in the sixteenth century New Year's Day was celebrated on March 25 and celebrations lasted until April 1.

In 1562 Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, and the New Year fell on January 1.

There were some people who still celebrated it on April 1, and those people were called April fools.

In the past, students have taken advantage of this day with a few tricks up their sleeves.

Natalie Amaral, senior, said she really ticked off her best friend last year.

Amaral wasn't dating anyone at the time but she told her friend she just got engaged. Her friend didn't believe her until another friend went along with the joke and convinced her it was true.

"She freaked out, and I hung up the phone and ignored her calls," said Amaral.

A couple of hours later, she returned her friend's phone calls and told her the engagement was a lie.

Last year, Riva Abouzeid, junior, stole a "For Sale" sign off a neighbor's lawn and stuck it in front of her friend's house. Then she took his mom's ceramic deer off the front porch.

The mom filed a police report for the missing deer. Abouzeid said her friend came home and saw the sign and said, "I didn't know we're selling the house."

She said she pulled the prank because she was bored that day.

"It was exciting, I got a kick out of it," she said.

The prank lasted a week before Abouzeid admitted she was the thief.

According to Joey Qonja, junior, moms are easy targets for April Fool's pranks.

He said when he was 15 years old, he, his brother and cousin were goofing around in the basement.

"I took a stick and broke it against a pole," said Qonja.

He squirted ketchup on his face to resemble blood. He pretended to cry and scream knowing his mother would rush downstairs.

"My mom almost had a heart attack," he said.

De-stress with Residence Halls

For those OU residents wishing to retreat back to the world of coloring and make-believe, Residence Halls Programming has organized Doodle Day.

From 9-11 p.m. on April Fool's Day in Vandenberg Dining Hall, students can color and participate in other crafts, as well as enjoy cookies and juice.

"It's really just a little kids' hour," said

Janece Hayes, program director.

The free event is offered only to residents of the dorms.

Some of the attractions include beading projects, watching cartoons and reading children's books.

Hayes said the event will allow students to go back to childhood in order to wind down as they get close to finals and

other semester end stresses.

Freshman Annie Phillips said she will probably go to the event.

"Sounds like it might be fun," she said. "It would be fun to be like a little kid again."

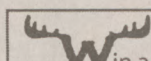
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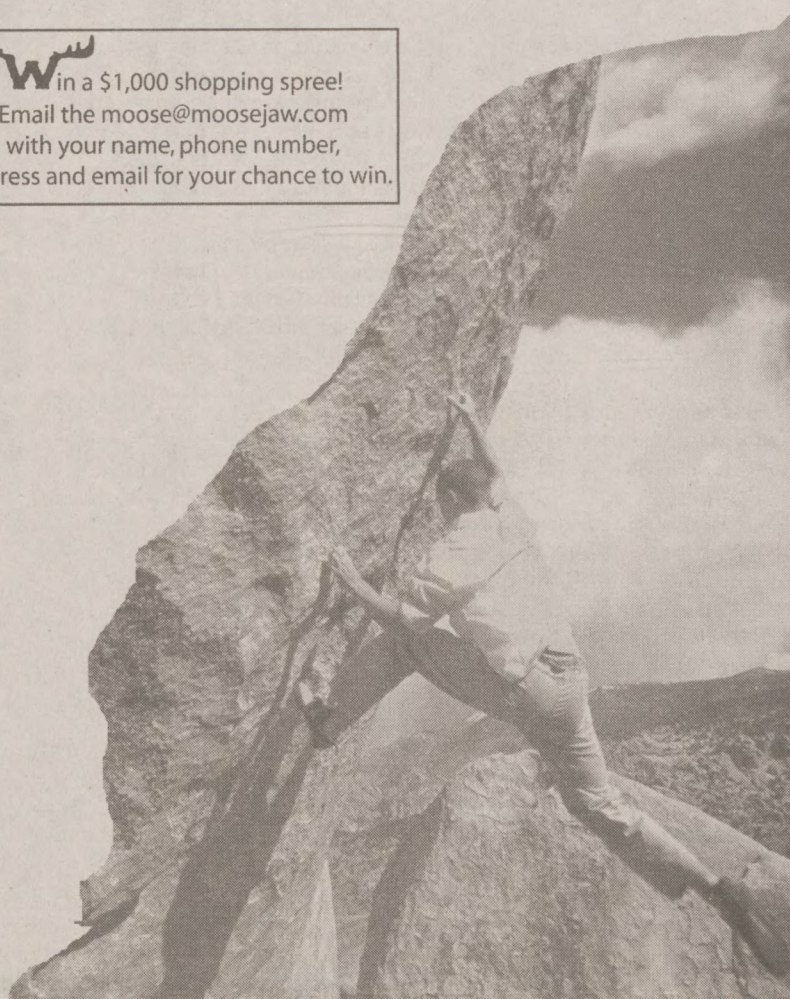
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AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

2003 SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARDS

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

Deadline is Friday, March 28, 2003.

2003-2004 COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AWARDS

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

Application deadline is Friday, March 28, 2003.

Strike a pose

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Balancing school and a modeling career is time consuming for Kimberley Johnson, junior, and Kaley Robertson, senior, but they said it's worth the hard work since modeling helps pay for college tuition and gives them recognition.

Johnson has modeled as a hobby for three years.

While working as a cashier at XS, a nightclub in downtown Detroit, she was approached by a modeling scout who asked her if she would be interested.

Her modeling experience includes runway, print and commercials with Dietrick Fur Company, Ace Jeans and Enchanted One.

In the future, she hopes to work in the fashion industry, either as a fashion consultant or buyer.

To achieve this goal, she hopes modeling will get her foot in the door.

Her next job will be at the "Fashion Party Weekend" at the State Theater in Detroit. Johnson will be one of the women modeling clothing made by designers from all over the U.S.

She's planning to graduate next year, move to California and then, eventually, end up in New York some day.

Without trying to discourage anyone from pursuing a modeling career, Johnson said, "If you can't take criticism, you can't do it."

She's 115 pounds, five feet and seven inches tall, and she said she can't cater to every employer's preference.

"A model has to be versatile about her looks, attitude and how she portrays herself," said Johnson.

She said for those wanting to get into the business, patience is needed. There is a lot of waiting and rejection.

One day, Johnson aspires to work closely with a new up-and-coming fashion designer.

"I want to be able to see how I helped them grow," she said.

She's modeling right now for the experience she gains from working with different people from all aspects of the fashion industry, and not for the money she earns.

She said she is trying to gain exposure and make her name known in the fashion world.

Johnson warns future student models to protect their image because, once it is destroyed, it will be hard to regain and Robertson agrees.

For the last three years, Robertson has been modeling to help pay for her college tuition.

Her most recent jobs include being part of D.O.C., Ford and Eyeglass Factory commercials.

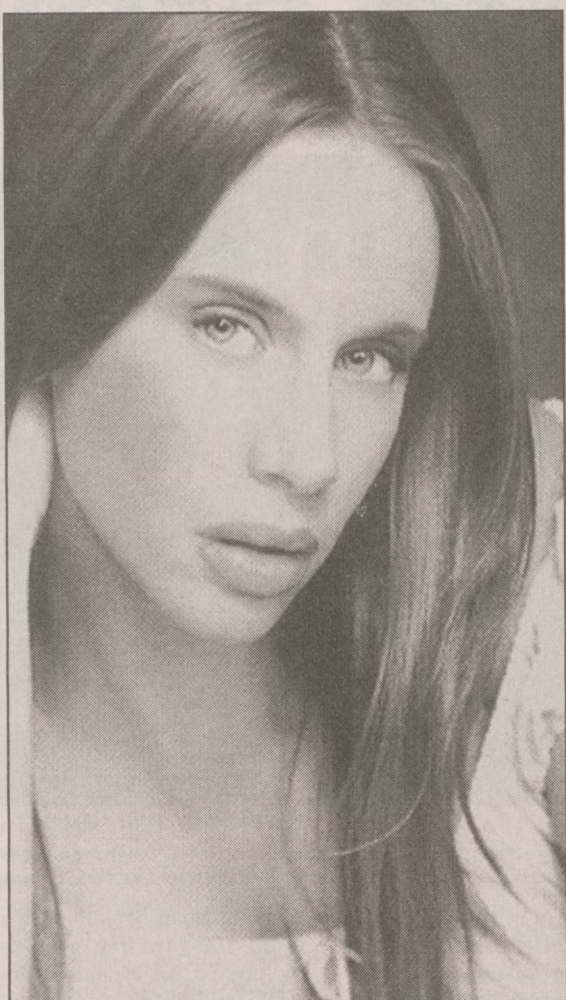
She's modeled designer clothing by St. John and Ellen Tracy for *Hour Magazine*.

Robertson disagrees with Johnson, saying modeling itself isn't hard work, but time consuming.

"I model right now for financial reasons," she said.

After graduation she'd like to become a financial counselor.

She had an opportunity to move to Chicago and sign a contract with Elite Modeling Company but turned it down because she said becoming a super model is not



her ultimate goal.

"Beauty fades," said Robertson.

Her family and faith are the two most important elements in her life.

"What I want people to know about me is what I am living for, and that's Jesus Christ," she said. "Modeling isn't who I am it's what I do."

She says the media portrays a perfect body image, which she doesn't believe exists.

"God made us all individual and unique," she said.

People who get into this business have to know what their focus is and her focus is not her image, it's her religion.

She said she puts herself on the line, knowing she could be fired from a job when there's something in the photo-shoot or commercial that she wouldn't wear or do.

During the shoot of a Ford commercial, Robertson said she stopped production and walked up to the producer and told him she couldn't dance provocatively with the men for the commercial.

"I knew he could have sent me home right then, but I risked it," she said.

But the producer understood and worked around it. She left with her head up high.

Johnson offers some advice to students.

"No matter what your dreams, learn as much as you can, nothing is an overnight process," she said



Above left: Photo courtesy of Kaley Robertson

Above: Photo courtesy of Kimberley Johnson

Kimberley Johnson, junior, and Kaley Robertson, senior, are models as well as students. Johnson has modeled for D.O.C., Ford and Eyeglass Factory commercials and Robertson has been in Dietrick Fur Company, Ace Jeans and Enchanted One. Although juggling school and their careers can be tough, both students said modeling is worth it.

OU's fountain to open for spring

By CRISTINA VENDITTELLI
THE OAKLAND POST

Thousands of students, faculty and staff walk through the OU campus every day, and if any of them pass Kresge Library, more than likely they have noticed the sculpture fountain in front of the building.

With spring's arrival, many are anticipating the fountain to be turned on, even though few know what the sculpture represents, or that there is a story behind it.

Junior Steve McCue can be included among those who don't know about the sculpture.

"I always thought it was a pretty nice fountain, but I didn't really know that the figures meant anything," he said. "It's fine artwork, but I thought that's all it was."

The sculpture, called "Saints and Sinners," was OU's first major exterior sculpture.

Its entire history can be read on OU's website, www.oakland.edu.

Dedicated on September 9, 1976, the \$100,000 sculpture was given by the Josephine E. Gordon Foundation, according to the site.

The seven 10-foot bronze figures are named "The Good Influence," "Pious Monk/Saint of the Church," "Eve/Knowledge of Good and Evil," "Mother and Child," "Temptation," "Warrior Saint" and "The Evil Influence."

Created by sculptor Marshall Fredericks, the website said the figures were not originally commissioned for OU. Actually, they were not a commissioned work at all, but a personal project of Fredericks'.

For almost 30 years, whenever he had free time, Fredericks focused his attention on the seven figures, calling them a labor of love.

Each one was worked on individually and was designed from smaller models that were made shortly after World War II.

Frederick's doctor, Warren Cooksey of Troy, was active at the university and was the first to bring OU's attention to the figures, and eventually arranged for OU to be their permanent home.

Fredericks' university commissions include several pieces at the University of Michigan and Cranbrook Educational Community.

It seems that Fredericks' work has

touched at least some OU students.

Despite a lack of knowledge about the sculpture, many students still consider it to be a great addition to the campus. Junior Jovana Kosica is fond of the sculpture.

"I'm a big fan of it. It's a beautiful piece of artwork – very unique and inspiring," she said.

Among the many honors he has received, Fredericks has been awarded with the American Institute of Architects' Fine Arts Medal and a gold medal from the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

More of his famous works include the "Spirit of Detroit" and the massive Indian River Crucifix.

Depending on the weather, the "Saints and Sinners" fountain should be turned on again some time in April. However, according to Khaled Dahr, senior architect at OU, there has been a problem with the pump in the fountain that needs to be fixed before the fountain can be started again.

He said the earliest it may be restarted is mid to late April.



Marek Olech/The Oakland Post

The "Saints and Sinners" fountain in front of Kresge Library is expected to be restarted in mid to late April. The figures were sculpted by award winning artist Marshall Fredericks and purchased by the university in 1976.

Entertainment

New King adaptation, 'Dreamcatcher,' disappoints

By PATRICK LABADIE
THE OAKLAND POST

Director Lawrence Kasdan's adaptation of "Dreamcatcher," Stephen King's mammoth 800-page novel, plays more like a glorified TV miniseries than the A-list Hollywood feature it is.

Like King's novel, the film proves to be just as bloated and overblown.

The story focuses on four young telepathic bachelors – played by Timothy Olyphant, Damian Lewis, Jason Lee and Thomas Jane – who embark on a hunting trip in rural Maine only to find themselves in the midst of an alien invasion.

The film's first 30 minutes suggest it may be a decent claustrophobic thriller (see King's "The Shining").

However, once the aliens appear in the guise of razor-toothed worms that burst forth out of human rectums, it becomes readily apparent that this will not be one of those movies.

A scene, which can only be described by the words "violent alien turd," ensues. For what is billed as a spine-tingling thriller, it contains one of the more extended fart jokes in recent memory.

The film's absurd nature does not stop there. A childhood flashback sequence (a la King's "Stand by Me") sees the group as youngsters bestowed with special powers from a mentally retarded boy named Duddits.

To complicate matters further, a covert military unit led by veteran alien fighter Morgan Freeman, sporting a ridiculous

flat top and some of the wildest eyebrows in cinematic history, is called upon to quarantine the area and combat this alien menace.

Yet another subplot is set inside the head of the Lewis character as he tries to thwart the alien attempts at mind control – a literary metaphor gone cinematically haywire.

This leads to some very hammy split personality sequences where Lewis' other personality speaks with an remarkably effete British accent. Who knew that aliens were British?

The film's 136-minute running time could have easily been trimmed considerably, most notably the final half hour – so full of action movie clichés it is almost excruciating to sit through. In addition,

the reappearance of an adult Duddits (Donnie Wahlberg) leads to one of the worst endings in recent memory.

What's surprising about the film was, despite its B-movie pedigree, its lack of campy fun – which may have helped temper the film's ridiculous story.

There is probably a decent movie in here somewhere – the first 30 minutes were very strong – although Kasdan's incoherent storytelling is unable to find it.

The film isn't scary – outside of Freeman's freakish eyebrows – or funny when it tries to be – failing as both a horror film and a sci-fi invasion piece. What remains is probably the most boring, lifeless motion picture ever made about alien invasion.

In addition, Freeman, whose ham-fisted performance is difficult to watch, is horribly miscast as the psychotic army colonel.

Given the worst material of his career, the normally dignified Freeman seems hopelessly out of place here. Shackled with clichéd action movie dialogue, Freeman's talent is wasted.

If one thing can be learned from "Dreamcatcher," it is that Kasdan needs to get back to making boring movies about middle-aged white people because his career as an action director should mercifully end here.

Ward ends OU career

OU was represented by senior Danielle Ward at this weekend's women's NCAA swimming and diving championships.

Ward competed in her first event, the 200-yard freestyle, on the second day of the three-day competition.

She finished with a time of 1:50.88 in the preliminary round, which placed her in 54th out of the 59 swimmers.

Ward competed in the 100-yard freestyle, her best event, on Saturday. She finished with a 50.44 in the prelims, placing her 35th out of 71 competitors.

She did not move onto the finals in either event, failing to swim a top-16 time.

University of Georgia senior Martiza Correia set NCAA, American and U.S. Open records with a 47.29 in the 100-yard free finals. The previous record was 47.24, set in this year's 400-yard free relay prelims by University of California junior Natalie Coughlin.

Head swimming and diving coach Pete Hovland commended Ward on her carrying her team during the Division I transition.

"Danielle is the greatest freestyler in school history, bar none," Hovland said. "She has done it all. She's helped the program in a key portion of its growth."

—Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

Men in elite group

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

While OU has only been a Division I program for five years, the men's swimming and diving squad has made a national statement.

Five Grizzlies will compete in the upcoming men's NCAA swimming and diving championships, which will take place Thursday through Saturday at the University of Texas-Austin.

OU is one of only 20 schools sending four or more athletes to this year's competition.

"They need to realize that we're not going just to go," head swimming and diving coach Pete Hovland said. "We've emphasized to them that if they can stay focused and stay sharp for another couple weeks, they can make history here at Oakland by being the first team to score points."

Hovland said he hopes that gives the men some extra incentive.

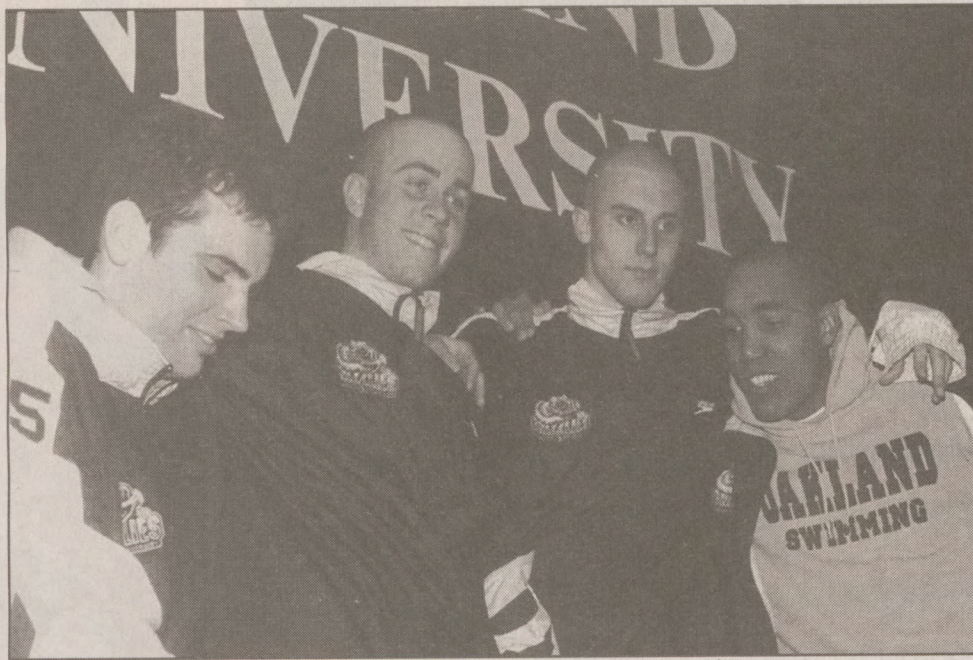
The Grizzlies will not only be well represented, but also active. Between the five swimmers, OU will be involved in 10 different events.

Sophomore Chris Sullivan makes a return appearance after finishing 25th at last year's NCAA championships.

Sullivan hit automatic qualifying time in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle races with times of 19.63 and 43.62, respectively. Both times set school, pool and National Independent Conference Championship records.

His time in the 50-yard free is projected in top the five.

"Chris is developing very fast," Hovland said. "He is actually now getting to be to be



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The 400-yard free relay team, junior Sean Broadbent (left), freshmen Andrew Coupland and Scott Dickens, along with sophomore Chris Sullivan at the NIC Championships.

in that upper five percent of the swimmers in country in his specialties. Chris is taking it to the next level. He's on the verge of becoming one of the United States' best sprinters."

Freshman Scott Dickens automatically qualified to compete in the 100-yard breaststroke event with a time of 54.17. That time is projected in the top 10.

With times of 1:49.06 and 2:00.92 in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke, respectively, Dickens will also compete in those events.

Junior Sean Broadbent will be competing in the 100-yard free event as well, after making NCAA consideration times.

OU will also be competing in four relay competitions.

Freshman Eric Lynn and senior Doug Drazin, along with Sullivan, Dickens and Broadbent, will compete in the 200- and 400-yard free and medley relays.

Hovland said that the return of Lynn, the Grizzlies' strongest backstroke, after being sick for the NIC Championships will help make the relays even more competitive.

OU splits in home opener



Bob Knoeska/File Photo

Indiana Tech sophomore infielder Brian Turner swings at a breaking ball thrown by OU senior pitcher Gordon Hosbein. Turner missed the ball, but IT won 18-3.

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

In the fifth week of its season, the OU baseball team finally had its home opener against Indiana Tech on Tuesday, splitting with the Warriors in a doubleheader.

The Grizzlies dropped the first game to IT, 18-3, but bounced back in the nightcap, winning handily, 10-5.

"You've got to be happy about the way they came back and performed in that second game," head coach Mark Avery said. "This is a team that we have to go out there and beat twice, and just be done with it."

Mental mistakes and poor defensive play turned into the difference in the first game against the Warriors, as the Grizzlies committed six errors while IT was mistake-free for all seven innings.

"Anytime we've struggled this year, it's been because we were struggling defensively," junior shortstop Ryan Freiburger said. "When we pick up the ball as a team, we are going to win ball games."

OU (10-7) was still in the game going into the final inning trailing only 6-3, but the Warriors scored 12 runs, six unearned, with two outs to seal the victory.

"It's frustrating knowing that you can't run nine pitchers out there," Avery said. "I could have just run pitchers out there but we have other games to play. That's the frustrating part."

Junior lefty Dominic Carosino (2-3) started the game but pitched only two innings after having five runs cross home plate, only three of which were earned.

Carosino was credited with the loss.

Senior right-handed pitcher Gordon Hosbein came on in relief, pitching four and two-third innings, and also had to deal with the multitude of mistakes.

Hosbein watched as eight Warriors tallied runs while he was on the mound, but none of the eight were earned.

Freiburger was the Grizzlies leading offensive producer with two hits and a RBI.

In the second game of the doubleheader, OU made an early statement by scoring nine runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The Grizzlies capitalized on four free passes to first base and clutch bases-loaded hitting to jump out to what would be an

insurmountable lead.

Senior first baseman Peter Varon started off the rally with a single that drove in two runs and Tollison scored a third run on a balk.

Third baseman Brian Keim added two more runs with another single.

Leach singled in a lone run to keep the scoring barrage going before Freiburger would blow the game wide open.

"There's a little bit (of pressure) because you know you want to come through with a big hit to get some runs," Freiburger said, "but what I think about doing is getting a pitch I can drive. I was looking for pitch up and in that I could drive, and I got it."

With the bases loaded and already leading 6-0, Freiburger hit a base-clearing double to cap off the bottom half of the inning.

OU scored its final run in the bottom of the third when Tollison singled in Freiburger from second.

The Warriors attempted to claw their way back, but solid pitching kept the game out of reach.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Billy Schmieder (2-1) started the game and pitched well for the Grizzlies.

In four innings of work, Schmieder struck out two batters while letting in four runs, half of which were earned.

Junior righty Steve Kniebbe picked up his second save of the season with three innings of relief. He allowed one run and sent to batters to the bench on strikeouts.

In both games, OU committed a total of seven errors and allowed 12 unearned runs.

On the season, the Grizzlies have committed 38 errors in 17 games, which has led to 40 unearned runs. That's more than two runs per game that OU gives its foe.

Tuesday's results for the Grizzlies' contest against Eastern Michigan University were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

This week OU has a full plate of games, starting off with a 3 p.m. Thursday contest against Siena Heights at the Lower Fields.

At noon on Saturday and Sunday, the Grizzlies take on the University of Detroit-Mercy in a home-and-home series.

Saturday's game is at home and Sunday's is in Detroit.

EMU and OU rematch at 3 p.m., Tuesday at the Lower Fields.

Unavailable Results

Softball: Results and stats for the recently scheduled doubleheader against Wayne State University on Tuesday were unavailable at the deadline of this issue.

Golf: Due to Butler University's continuing success in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, results and stats for the Butler Spring Invitational, where the OU men's and women's golf teams competed on Monday and Tuesday, were also unavailable.

Check next week's issue for results.



ADAM SPINDLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Club sports all guts, no glory

If you've been watching half the March Madness I have, you've probably caught the NCAA's new "student athlete" commercial. You know – the one extolling the virtues of student-athletes who will "go pro" outside of sports.

In a sea of mind-numbing ads, this one stands out. The NCAA obviously intends the spot as a reminder that, yes, there is an academic side to college athletics. But the most remarkable aspect of this new ad campaign is that it's based on truth.

The vast majority of student-athletes have no chance of becoming professional athletes. Yet they get up most every day earlier than the rest of us, and sweat more than we do, and yes, maybe even study harder than many of us. Their day has 24 hours just like ours.

All of this begs the question: Why would anyone put yourselves through that kind of punishment if there isn't a fat contract at the end of the tunnel?

The answer? Love of their sport. Just ask OU's club lacrosse team about that. They may not qualify as traditional "student-athletes," but it's not for lack of effort.

This past weekend I attended my first OU lacrosse match, as the Grizzlies hosted the University of Michigan.

Late in arriving, I tried to locate the OU sideline. On the near side of the field, I saw a small cluster of players in Grizzly gold, but nothing compared to the mass of maize and blue populating the far sideline.

As I settled in among the crowd, I realized that small cluster of Grizzlies was the OU sideline. The Grizzlies appeared to be operating with about a third of the personnel at Michigan's disposal. OU's players, unable to get a breather, looked exhausted by halftime.

The goals used in that game were paid for out of players' pockets. And the coaches on OU's sideline? They work cheap – but not free. That's just a taste of the laundry-list of expenses that add up over the course of a season.

"Those uniforms you see us wearing, those helmets, the sticks – we pay for all of that ourselves, because we love to play this sport," says team captain Towbey Kassa.

Kassa estimates a season of lacrosse costs \$40,000 to play. Most of the \$7,500 the club lacrosse team gets from OU goes to renting a practice facility over the winter. The Wolverines' lacrosse team gets to use U-M's grade-A facilities for its winter practices – free of charge. The Grizzlies get no such love from OU's athletic department, despite their top-20 national ranking.

"Lacrosse is a mentality," says coach Dwayne Hicks. "I'm amazed that 17 guys can get together and be ranked nationally."

Hicks added that most of the team members work 20-40 hours a week at jobs outside of school.

OU's impressive success in Division I, especially in "olympic" sports like swimming and cross-country, has helped raise the profile of this school. But varsity sports aren't alone in gaining exposure for OU.

"We're getting our name out there," said Kassa. "There's a kid in California who wants to transfer out here just to play for us. I think that's amazing."

Kassa's enthusiasm is shared by his teammates. Their idea of glory is getting a few paragraphs in this paper each week.

Kudos to those student-athletes who toil in obscurity, on and off the field, for a sport they love. But let's not forget the club athletes who give it everything they have – just to get on that field.

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Rain shortens golf action

The OU men's golf team was desperately asking the rain to go away and come again another day.

Sitting in 12th place with two rounds to play in the Bearcat Classic hosted by Sam Houston State University, OU's hopes of moving up in the standings were drowned by rain.

After shooting a two-round score of 364 on the first day, the Grizzlies were tied with the Army squad and looking to improve.

But rain shortened the tournament, held in Huntsville, Texas, to only one day and left OU in 12th place.

Junior Ryan Yelen was the lowest-scoring Grizzly, firing a 151 (76-75) in two

rounds of play. The score placed him in a tie for 18th, nine behind the leaders.

Yelen's 75 in the second round of the first day turned out to be the lowest score any OU golfer would shoot in the tournament.

Sophomore Brian Stuard finished eight strokes behind Yelen with a 159 (82-77), placing him in a tie for 53rd.

Three other Grizzlies were close behind Stuard.

Senior Chris King shot a 76 in the first round but fell behind with a 85 in the second round, giving him a total of 161.

Joining King in the 160s was freshman Rob Tate and junior Matt Pullen.

Both Tate and Pullen put 80s on their

scorecards in the opening round, but Tate shot one stroke better than Pullen in the second round to beat out his teammate.

Tate shot a 165 and Pullen fired a 166.

Two Mid-Con foes also competed in the Bearcat Classic, Oral Roberts University and Western Illinois University.

WIU finished in second place with a total score of 593, five strokes behind tournament-winner Oklahoma State University.

ORU finished in a tie for 10th place, just ahead of the Grizzlies, with Nicholls State University with a total of 620.

—Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

League tournament up next

Women's club hockey finish regular season in fourth

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a year of steady improvement for the OU women's club hockey team, and the squad will have a chance to measure that improvement against its league this weekend.

The Grizzlies will compete against the five other teams in the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association in the league's tournament Friday through Sunday, hosted by Michigan State University.

MSU, Northern Michigan University, the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and the University of Notre Dame are also members of the CCWHA.

OU (7-11-2) earned the fourth seed in the tournament and was placed in the Blue Division with the one and six seeds.

MSU is the first seed by virtue of winning the tiebreaker over NMU, and ND is the sixth seed.

In the Red Division, NMU (second seed), U-M (third seed) and WMU (five seed) will square off.

OU head coach Shana Osler said she believes in her team's chances at the tournament.

"If we play like we have against MSU and U-M in this last part of the season, we can beat any team in our league," she said. "It's just a matter of how much they want to win."

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Shana Osler
Head coach
Women's club hockey

The Grizzlies open up the tournament with a 4:15 p.m. on Friday contest against the Fighting Irish. OU's other opening round game will take place at 11:45 a.m. Saturday against MSU.

If the Grizzlies can defeat ND, it will set up a showdown with the Spartans that will determine who wins the division.

"The team will be fired up to play," Osler said. "I kind of like being the underdog because it's possible MSU won't get as fired up to play us."

Each team in the division will play two games against opponents within its division.

After all the opening round matches are completed, the team with the best record from the Red Division will faceoff against the team with the second-best record in the Blue Division at 6:15 p.m. Saturday in the first semifinal.

The second semifinal is scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday and will pit the team with the best record from the Blue Division against the team with the second-best record in the Red Division.

At 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, the two teams with the worst records in the two divisions will square off in the fifth-sixth place game.

The two losers of the previous day's semifinal games will square off in the consolation game at 10 a.m. the same day.

The CCWHA tournament victor will



Junior goaltender Jane Lemaux makes one of many saves in a 3-2 victory over the University of Michigan on Saturday at the ONYX in Rochester. Lemaux will be tested at this weekend's Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association tournament.

be crowned after the winner of the two semifinal games go toe-to-toe at noon in Sunday's championship game.

Forwards Kristin Czarnecki, junior, and Laura Owczarski, senior, were both named second team all-tournament in last season's tournament, while senior defenseman Rebecca Kelly earned honorable mention.

The Grizzlies prepared for the upcoming

tournament with a home-and-home series against U-M this weekend.

Friday, OU fell to the Wolverines, 4-2, but the Grizzlies rebounded with a 3-2 victory on Saturday.

Czarnecki had two goals and one assist to tally three points, while Owczarski recorded a playmaker by notching three helpers.

Junior defenseman Kristy Kamin

recorded OU's final goal in the second period, which gave the Grizzlies a 3-0 advantage going into the final stanza.

U-M scored two goals in the third period but could not tie the game. OU now travels to the CCWHA playoffs on a high note.

In last year's competition, OU finished in fifth place by defeating WMU in the fifth-sixth consolation game.

Club lacrosse rally falls short, 14-10

By ADAM SPINDLER
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OU's club lacrosse team welcomed its most prestigious opponent of the season this past Sunday when the University of Michigan visited the upper fields of the OU campus.

The Grizzlies were looking to pull off the biggest upset in their short history, but despite a blistering fourth-quarter comeback, the Grizzlies (3-1) fell by a score of 14-10.

Sophomore attacker Billy Binge led the Grizzlies with four goals and two assists. Freshman attacker Josh Williston added two goals for OU.

Facing their highest-ranked opponent of the season, the Grizzlies had their share of first-half jitters, trailing 7-2 at halftime.

"We didn't play as well in the first half because our heads weren't in the game," said head coach Dwayne Hicks. "We just weren't there mentally."

"Penalties killed us, and that was a result of nerves."

Lack of depth was also a factor as U-M made good use of a roster nearly triple the size of OU's. The Grizzlies squad of 17 players hung in with Michigan's roster of 50-plus until the final whistle.

"Toward the end, our legs were just wearing out," said team captain Towbey Kassa.

"But it seemed like Michigan was wearing down towards the end, too."

Michigan held a 14-3 advan-

tage at the end of the third quarter, but OU scored seven straight goals in a valiant fourth-quarter comeback before running out of time.

"If we had three more minutes," said Kassa, "we could have pulled it off."

OU's fourth-quarter rally was sparked by the solid goaltending of freshman Chris Wood, who made 17 saves under tremendous pressure from the aggressive U-M offense.

"Chris came up big," said Hicks. "He had some big saves, and that's the kind of thing that can change the momentum of the game."

Despite the tough loss, coach Hicks feels his team will be better prepared for a rematch with U-M in the playoffs.

"I think we showed them a little too much respect this time around," said Hicks. "By the time we see them again, we'll be ready. Now we know their weaknesses."

Hicks added that the postponement of last week's scheduled matchup with MSU may have hurt the Grizzlies in preparing for Michigan.

OU also had to postpone last Thursday's match against Taylor University because of a scheduling conflict. The game will be made up later this season.

The Grizzlies are currently ranked 16th nationally, heading into next week's action.

OU hosts Buffalo University on Saturday, March 29 before welcoming Purdue University on Sunday, March 30.

Club curling finishes well at nationals

By ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

OU junior Steve Scheffler and four of his closest friends decided this past October that it was high time OU had itself a curling team.

Never mind that Scheffler and his mates had never participated in the sport. Never mind that they had no knowledge of the rules. They were going to curl their way straight to nationals, and they were going to finish in the top five of their division.

Okay, so maybe their plan wasn't quite so detailed. But last week, OU's club curlers impressed even themselves by taking fourth place (Division III) at the College Curling USA National Finals in St. Paul, Minn.

In just its third month in existence, the OU curling club posted a 2-1 record at the December regionals held at Bowling Green State University.

That earned the Grizzlies a trip to the regional finals, where they lost a close contest to host BG SU, 4-3.

The Grizzlies' second-place showing garnered an invitation to participate at Nationals, held March 14-16. In the round-robin tournament, OU defeated Marquette University by a score of 9-4, and downed Transylvania University (Kentucky) by a 10-2 margin. OU's only opening-round loss came against Eastern Michigan University, 8-6.

The Grizzlies' 2-1 record propelled them into a tie-breaker for third place, which they lost to the

Medical College of Wisconsin, 9-2.

For a team formed on a whim less than six months ago, success came much quicker than any of the five friends could have ever anticipated.

"Our expectations going into regionals were not very high," said Scheffler. "We were just there to have a good time and be competitive. (Being invited to nationals) was a huge surprise."

OU's team consists of Scheffler, junior Matt Mills, junior Trevor Roelfs, and two U-M sophomores, Matt Lake and Jill Inman. The five have been friends for several years, and were simply looking for a fun activity outside of the norm.

"It actually started out as kind of a joke," said Scheffler. "We just wanted to do something different. But we had a really good time, so we stuck with it."

Sticking with it entailed weekly practices at the Detroit Curling Club in Ferndale as well as trips to Windsor for extra practice.

As nationals approached, the team practiced for as many as ten hours a day.

OU's curlers also did conditioning work to prepare for the day-long tournaments.

"You need to be in fairly decent shape," said Scheffler.

Scheffler hopes the curling club will continue to grow, and encourages any OU students interested in friendly, fun competition to join up.

"It's a very gentlemanly sport but it's competitive, too," head said. "We want to win it all next year."



OU senior attacker Jonathan Machak fires the ball at Michigan's goaltender during Sunday's home loss to the Wolverines. OU rallied from an 11-goal deficit in the fourth quarter but lost by four goals.

Detroit shows no mercy

After taking the winter off, the OU women's tennis team shook off the rust on March 18 against the University of Detroit-Mercy.

The Grizzlies were swept by the Titans, 7-0, in what was considered a home meet, although it was held at Lifetime Fitness rather than on campus.

UD-M won all the singles and all the doubles matches, but OU did not fall without a fight.

Freshman Lisa Pellafone took her first-singles match to a tie-breaker but fell to Titan senior Renee Kuzava, 3-6, 6-4 (10-6).

Senior Jennifer Herrera also extended her match into extra

points, but eventually lost to Titan freshman Giannetta Savarino, 3-6, 6-2 (10-3).

All of the singles players managed to take games against their UD-M opponents, but no other women won a set.

Pellafone and fellow freshman Emily Kahanak competed well in the second-doubles match, but lost 8-5 to the UD-M pairing of junior Mandy Perzanowski and freshman Rachel Merritt.

The other two doubles pairings were shut out against the Titans, 8-0.

This week, the Grizzlies will play in their first Mid-Con clus-

ter of the spring season.

A cluster is a series of matches held in the same location where the teams play each other in a round-robin format.

OU will take on the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Southern Utah University on Friday in Tulsa, Okla.

Saturday, the Grizzlies take on the cluster's host Oral Roberts University.

OU wraps up versus Chicago State University on Sunday.

—Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

GRIZZLY SPOTLIGHT

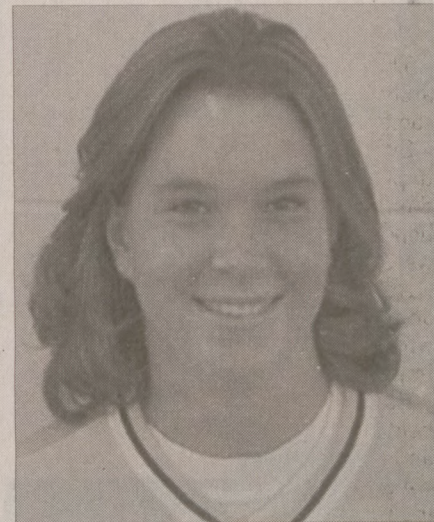
Nicole Marzano Sophomore Pitcher

Marzano was named Mid-Con Pitcher of the Week for the week ending March 17. OU competed in the Buckeye Invitational March 15-16, where the team went 1-3 against Ohio State University and Morehead State University.

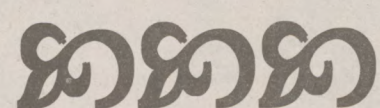
Marzano picked up the team's sole win during the invitational. She picked up the victory in a 3-2 win over Morehead State on March 15. Marzano pitched all seven innings while allowing one earned run and striking out five.

She also pitched three innings in a relief appearance against Morehead State on March 16. In three innings, Marzano struck out seven batters, giving her 12 strikeouts in 10 innings of work in the invitational.

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Any student submitting a contract during the early sign-up period is not required to pay the \$100 down payment.

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Student Spotlight

My-Ishia Cason-Brown

By Laura Angus
Campus Life Editor

My-Ishia Cason-Brown, senior, lights up stages at OU and elsewhere and has been working toward stardom for as long as she can remember.

Currently, she can be seen in the production of "Anything Goes" as Chastity, a doo-wop girl for the character Reno.

She started her acting career when she was young, performing in talent shows and in the Reed Youth Theatre in middle school.

She said she thinks the acting bug bit her when she gave speeches she gave during Easter at her grandmother's house when she was young.

She also did plays while she was in high school at Thurston High School in Redford.

Cason-Brown has been in many professional shows, performing with the Detroit Repertory and in Meadow Brook Theatre.

She has also been in a few movies, including independent films such as "Beautiful." She was even an extra in Eminem's film "8 Mile."

"You can just see the back of my head at

the very end," she said.

Her role in "8 Mile" was small, but she said she learned a lot.

Watching the actors and other people who made it into the business giving "120 percent" and doing their thing is really beneficial, she said.

The U.S. Armed forces enlisted her talents for an Industrial Film.

"Everything you do, you put on a resume," she said.

All of these small roles are allowing her to start her professional career much earlier than most, she said. She also is getting a lot of networking done, so when she graduates she will be in touch with people in the field.

One big name she knows is Molly Flinn, who she said is the biggest casting director in Los Angeles.

"It's all about networking," she said, "Going to school while working in the business has been helpful for her, she said. She is learning and doing, and that is a bonus."

When it comes to theatre, Cason-Brown has no limits. She sings, acts and dances and wants to work in theatre and in film.

She has taken several acting classes at OU and is majoring in Theatre. She has

also taken voice lessons and dance classes here.

The dance styles she knows include tap, modern, jazz, ballet and pop lock dance styles.

Recently, she went to the American Black Film Festival and worked in an actor's workshop.

"It was awesome," she said.

She not only learns, she teaches classes for children in dance, theatre and creative movement in area schools and churches.

Cason-Brown said one of the challenges she gives herself is working to improve her weaknesses and make her strengths even better.

"I continue working on something because I want to get to the next level," she said.

She said she is constantly growing.

Cason-Brown said she auditions for something about every two weeks, and she has gotten her share of rejections.

"You go to an audition and then you forget about it," she said. "That's all you can do."

Because of this attitude, Cason-Brown does not let rejections get her down.

She said for some shows she's not the actress for the role, but for others she



My-Ishia Cason-Brown

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THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, March 26

The winners of the fourth annual flash-fiction writing contest, "Flash for Cash," will be reading their stories at noon today in Lake Superior Room A in the OC.

Women's Studies will be sponsoring a "Women's Studies Celebration," from noon-2 p.m. today in Lake Superior Room B in the OC.

Thursday, March 27

SPB will be presenting "Comedian Shang" at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court in the OC.

Friday, March 28

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will present "OZ Apollo Night" to showcase student talent at 7:13 p.m. in 201 Dodge Hall of Engineering.

Monday, March 31

This is the last day to submit an application for the student liaison position to the Board of Trustees in the Student Affairs office in room 144 in the OC.

Tuesday, April 1

The Center for Student Activities will be presenting a "Festival of Fools" at noon in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

A bus of OU students will be going to Washington D.C. for an affirmative action rally. A second bus for the trip has been added. For more information, call (248) 370-2400.

Wednesday, April 2

The Center for Student Activities and Women's Issues Forum will be sponsoring "That Women's Show," from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, in the OC.

Monday-Wednesday, April 7-9

The annual spring blood drive will from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms in the OC.

Tuesday, April 8

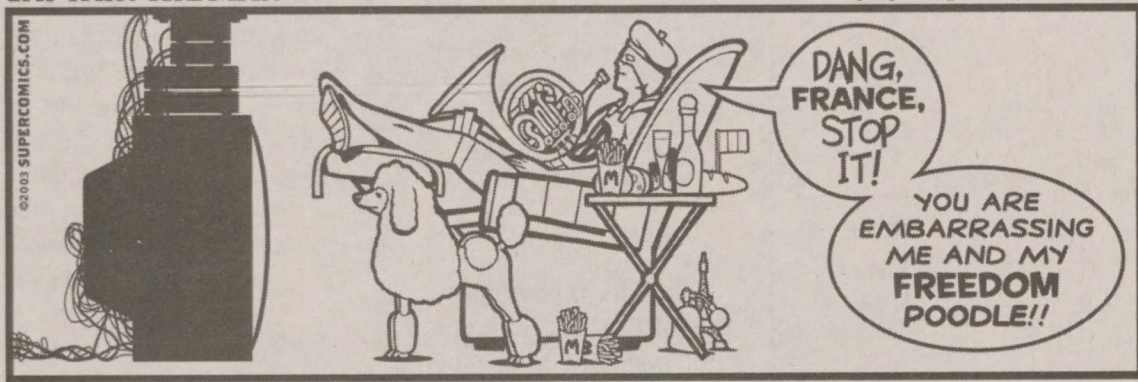
"Senior Send-Off" will be held from 4-6 p.m. in Fireside Lounge in the OC.

Wednesday, April 9

The Social Work Club and HAVEN will be presenting, "Take Back the Night," a rally, march, speak out and candlelight vigil at 6:30 p.m. on the steps of Kresge Library.

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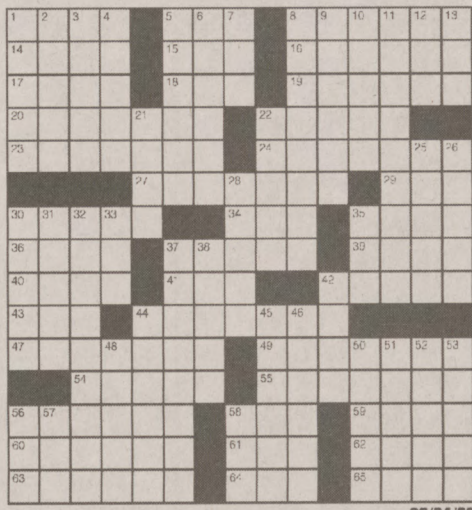
Grizzly Sports Calendar

Games shaded in gray denote home contests. Records and standing in bold denote Mid-Con. Records and standings in *italics* denotes league.

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		11a.m. & 7p.m. NCAA Men's Championship in Austin, Texas	11a.m. & 7p.m. NCAA Men's Championship in Austin, Texas	11a.m. & 7p.m. NCAA Men's Championship in Austin, Texas			
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	9-8-1 9-8-1 Fourth Place						3 p.m. Eastern Michigan
	10-7 0-0 No Mid-Con	3 p.m. Siena Heights		Detroit	Detroit		
	5-0 0-0 No Mid-Con	3 p.m. Wisconsin (DH)					2 p.m. Central Michigan (DH)
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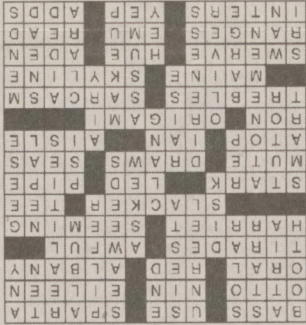
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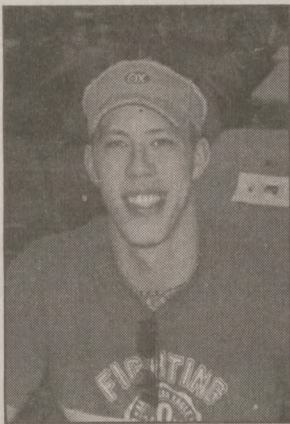
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"I liked that Eminem won."
Dustin Smith
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Communication



"I don't care for them."
Randi Clark
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"Boring. Halle Berry should have been nominated."
Melisha Ramsey
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"It was all right, I liked Kate Hudson's dress."
Alicia Sossi
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"It was different not having the red carpet."
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Student Affairs

Updating OU

2003 Sidney Fink Memorial Awards and 2003-2004 Commuter Involvement Awards

Applications for both awards are still available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Please see display ad elsewhere in this issue for more details. **Deadline for both award applications is this Friday, March 28th.**

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WINTER ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING

Students seeking to interview with employers on campus (during the remainder of this semester) but who have not yet registered with **Career Services** need to do so as quickly as possible. Our online resume and job search system, **eRecruiting@OU**, is available to students **free**. Employers scheduled to recruit during the remainder of the semester for full-time positions include **American Axle & Manufacturing, Applied Manufacturing Technologies, ASG Renaissance, Benefit Outfitters, Comp USA, FEV Engine Technology, Lear Corporation, MetLife, R.L. Polk, UBS PAINWebber and Wells Fargo**. All interviews take place at the **Career Services** offices at **275 West VBH**. For additional information, call 370-3250 or visit our web site at www.oakland.edu/careerservices.

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Thursday, March 20th was the start of a "Best of 3" championship series in intramural all-star basketball. #2 "The FAM" will play #1 "BP-2." The 2nd and 3rd game (if needed) will be played in the Rec Center on March 26th and 27th. Bring your friends and come watch the most prestigious event at Campus Recreation in 2003!

Kayak Instruction

On March 30th and April 6th kayak instruction will be offered at the Rec Center indoor pool. The five-hour class will be split into two 2-hour sessions on Sunday mornings from 9-11:30 AM. Instruction will be supplied by PaddleWize Inc. All instructors are certified through British Canoe Union and are experienced paddlers. All necessary equipment will be supplied. Bring your own swimsuit and a desire to learn and have fun. Cost is \$80 for student members, \$95 for non-student members. Payment due by March 17th. Contact Mile Padgett @ 248.370.4910 for more info.

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Discover Scuba Session

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This Week

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This spring's **MCJF** will be held this **Friday, March 28** at Burton Manor in Livonia. For those who have not already pre-registered, registration "at the door" is \$20. MCJF is a statewide job fair for **graduating students and alumni** of Michigan colleges and universities, as well as for current students of those institutions who are seeking **internship, co-op or other career-related opportunities**. Job openings will be represented for most majors, with the likely exception of medicine, law and education. **Nearly 100 employers are expected to participate**. Additional information on MCJF (incl. information on the employers that will be represented at the event) is available on campus at **Career Services (275 West VBH, 370-3250)**, or by visiting the **MCJF** web site at www.mcjf.org.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 4

RHP's Friday Night Live Winter 2003 Comedy Series wraps up the term with comedian Darrin Carter, 7 PM, Vandenberg Cafeteria. With his unique and multi-cultural comedy, Darrin Carter likes to make people feel good about themselves and society. Growing up in a racially mixed blue-collar neighborhood, Darren stood out at school with his red hair and black-framed glasses. But he went from nerd to cool when he started to rap, break dance, and hip hop. Still seeing himself as a "fish out of water," Darren uses his experiences as the core of his comedy routine. He's headlined at many shows and guest starred on "The X Show," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," Comedy Central and "The Jamie Foxx Show." **Free admission and refreshments.**

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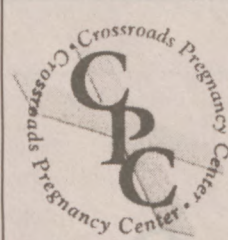
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