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FAST facts

• Diversity Career Fair Tomorrow

OU's Placement and Career Services will host a Diversity Career Fair from Noon to 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 27th in the Oakland Center. Companies represented include General Motors, RGIS Inventory Specialists, DaimlerChrysler and many more. All students are welcome to attend.

• Nationally Touring One-Woman Show

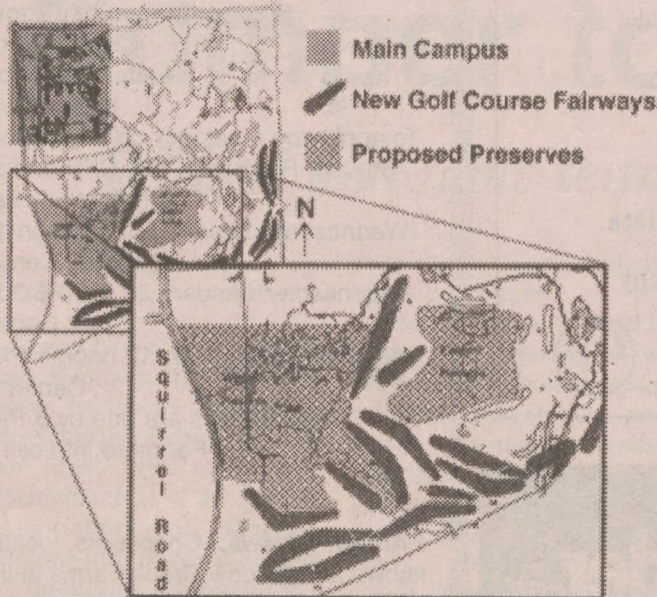
The award winning stage actor Adilah Barnes is coming to OU at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 31st in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. Barnes in performing her one-woman historical show entitled "I am that I am: Woman, Black". The event, sponsored by the Student Program Board, is free of charge. Anyone with questions can call SPB at (248) 370-4295.

• Major Exploration Workshop

Attention Freshmen and Undecided students. Begin the process of declaring an academic major by attending the Major Exploration Workshop from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15th in rooms 126 and 127 of the Oakland Center. Students who want to reserve a seat can call the Advising Resource Center at (248) 370-3227.

Senate recommends reservation

160 acres of natural campus could be kept from development



By Brent Chismark
OF THE OAKLAND POST

A 10-year green dream of OU Senate's Campus Development and Environment Committee may finally be realized in the near future. The University Senate recently passed a recommendation that two regions of OU's southern property be excluded from development.

If the Board of Trustees passes the recommendation, the two regions, totaling 160 acres in area, will provide OU students not only with a unique on-campus natural

area for research and academic field work, but also a place to hike, walk and admire nature.

"One of the things that I think people fail to realize is that there are very few universities that have natural areas as part of the main campus," said Dr. George Gamboa, Biology and Committee Chair. Gamboa emphasized that most universities in Michigan have only "field stations" located 2 to 3 miles away from campus for students to perform field work.

The Campus Development and Environment Committee

has been trying to protect land for this purpose since early 1990. Since no current proposals for development of the two areas exists, the Development and Environment Committee saw an opportunity to act.

Both areas are hugged by the new R&S Sharf Golf Course, the fairways bordering the south, east and west of both areas.

Dr. Gamboa denies that the recommendation is directly connected to the golf course controversy. "[The decision to build the new golf course] probably stimulated us to act, but is not related at all."

The area designated as the western region, is already used extensively for faculty and student research. Both the western and eastern areas already gain OU notoriety in international biology journals. Since 1980, ten graduate students have completed their Master's theses research in these areas.

According to the recommendation, the western region is the most biologically valuable portion of the natural campus. The eastern Area, Gamboa says, has a lot of potential use in the future due to its forest and wetland

NATURE continues on A5

OUSC book swap money turns up missing

Congress' cash box once again target of thievery

By Jenn Madjarev
OF THE OAKLAND POST

For the second year in a row, student book swap money was stolen, and there are no suspects in sight.

Following Student Congress' annual book swap, held the week of Dec. 13, 1999 and again during the week of Jan. 10, 2000, in the Fireside Lounge, the cash box containing \$1300 in assorted cash and checks of the money collected for student's books was taken from the student congress office.

About \$400 in book swap money was stolen last year from Congress. The locked box had been left unattended for a brief period in the Fireside Lounge. The cash box was then placed

in Congress safe. The money turned up missing when the box was opened by a Congress member the following Monday. That theft was never solved. Last year's student body president, Scott Andrews took money from a congress account to reimburse the students whose money was stolen.

Carelessness appears to have given an unknown thief an opportunity this year.

According to student body president, Nick Mitchell, roughly 90 students gave books to sell. An estimated 30 students bought books. The book swap raised a total of \$1300, but as of today that full amount of money is no where to be found.

On the Friday, Jan. 14,

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BOT approves lot reconstruction

Temporary parking lots will recover lost spaces during rebuild

By Brent Chismark
OF THE OAKLAND POST

As students gripe about parking, the Board of Trustees has approved the reconstruction of OU's largest and most used parking lot by the Wilson and Foundation Halls adding 80 spaces. But, during construction, Lot 1 parking will be reduced by 147 spaces.

The \$3.8 million reconstruction project, slated to take place in two phases over two consecutive summers, will result in a more visually pleasant shape and design of the parking lot that will reduce the visible expanse of the lot.

Reconstruction will include a new subsurface drainage

PARKING continues on A5

Fire safety detected



Reena Sibayan/The Oakland Post

FIRST ALERT: Junior Laura Roland practices fire safety in her dorm room.

College dorm fires spark fire safety awareness

By Jenn Madjarev and Jennifer Corder
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Caution and fear spread across many college dormitories after two fires occurred and claimed lives. Hiedelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, which had no reported injuries, and Seton Hall

University in South Orange, New Jersey, where three students died and another 50 were injured, as dorm fires broke out at both colleges. Now students living on OU's campus worry that this could happen to them.

OU put together a Campus Fire Alarm Reporting (CFAR) project which was approved in

November of 1999. The project was approved as a five-year phased plan to improve the detection and reporting of fires in 21 major buildings on campus, and to upgrade fire alarm systems to meet ADA requirements.

The project was started in 1995 and was completed in

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Fire Safety Tips

- Have a functioning smoke detector, test once a month.
- Plan and practice an escape route.
- Don't smoke in bed or leave cooking items unattended.

What to do in a fire

- Crawl low to the nearest exit.
- Don't use elevators.

New SEHS building in planning

By Oakland Post Staff

Hard hats and construction trailers might continue to dot OU's landscape well into the future with the approval in mid-December by the Governor and state legislature for OU to begin the planning process for the proposed \$31.5 million School of Education and Human Services classroom/office building.

Authorization to begin planning, at OU's expense,

was one of 43 college and university projects authorized around the state late last year.

The Governor and the legislature did not give approval to two other campus priority projects-the proposed \$16.8 million renovation of Varner Hall and the proposed \$9.9 million renovation of Dodge Hall.

Among the state's schools only two construction projects, one at U-M Ann Arbor and the other at Mott

Community College in Flint, were approved this year.

OU officials made the education building it's top priority in its request to the state in response to a 10 percent growth in enrollment in SEHS between 1994-7. SEHS, currently housed in O'Dowd Hall, has run out of space to run its programs and labs in Counseling and other areas.

Rochelle Black, OU's director of government relations said, "The legislature and the governor worked dili-

gently together to develop a system to fund building projects for state universities and colleges. We appreciate their commitment to providing the funds necessary for us to accommodate our growth and support our school of education with this new building."

According to a letter to Engler from the university dated Jan. 6, OU has grown 17 percent since 1995. Also outlined in the letter was the

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UPDATING OU

• **Congratulations!** Razzaaq McConner is the first recipient of the newly established Orientation Group Leader Spirit Award in memory of Marilyn R. Broderick, past director of New Student Programs. This award will be given annually to an outstanding orientation group leader that most exemplifies excellence in the OGL role. Good job, Razzaaq!

• **Award Nomination Forms Now Available.** The Dean of Students Office has nomination forms available for the 2000 Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards, Human Relations Award, and M.A.G.B. Awards. Look for more details in the large ad elsewhere in this week's Oakland Post, stop by the office in 144 OC, or call 370-3352 for more information.

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Thursday, January 27, 12 noon-1 PM, Wellness Classroom, Rec Center

Applications are due by 5 PM Friday, January 28
For more info call 370-3260

• **Aramark News:** Chopsticks, located in the area formerly known as Meadow Brook Farms in the Pioneer Food Court, is now serving up freshly prepared Asian stir fry dishes. Fortune cookies are included!

• **Campus Recreation Deadlines Extended!** There is still time to form your intramural teams for the winter semester. The following sport deadlines have been extended:

Sport:	New due date:	Captain Meeting:
Co-ed water Basketball	February 7	February 8 @ 5 PM
Co-ed Dodge Ball	February 7	February 8 @ 6 PM
Co-ed Floor Hockey	February 7	February 8 @ 7 PM
Indoor Soccer	February 7	February 8 @ 8 PM

Stop by the Rec Center and pick up your team sport entry form! Please call Felicia @ 4885 for more information.

• Courtside Caf , located in the Rec Center, is now open Monday-Friday from 8 AM -1:30 p.m.

SEE WHAT'S NEW FOR 2000 AT THE CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

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***Got a career question?** Ask the career counselors in the Career Resource Center. Email us at crc@oakland.edu and we'll help you get some answers. Don't forget to visit our web site at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/crc/home.htm>.

THIS WEEK

• Have you considered a career in the government or non-profit sector? Come to the Oakland Room in the Oakland Center on **January 28th** from 12 noon-1 PM and learn about the many **career paths** available. A panel of professionals representing diverse employment opportunities will answer your questions and provide valuable information.

• **ATTENTION SENIORS.** On-campus recruiting resumes **February 1, 2000.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to interview with employers visiting campus for a variety of professional positions. Contact Placement & Career Services for details and registration information at 370-3250.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **February 17th, 6 PM** at Varner Recital Hall, "Driving While Black," a discussion of racial profiling. Free admission.

• Watch for more information about the upcoming **Campus Recreation Family FREE Days** scheduled for **February 19, March 11 and April 8, 2000.**

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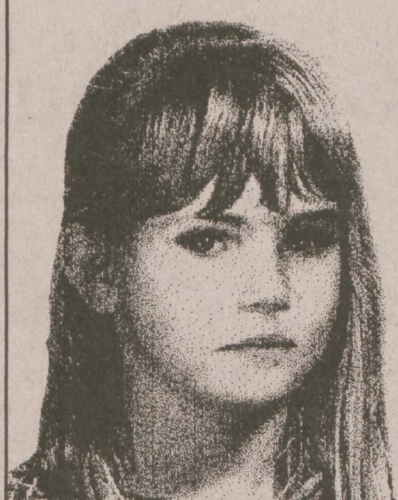
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HEIGHT: 4'0 - 122 cm
WEIGHT: 45 lbs - 20 kg
HAIR: Blonde
EYES: Blue
MISSING FROM: Sturgis, MI USA

BRITTNEY BEERS
Age Progressed



Child's photo is shown aged to 8 years. She was last seen playing outside of the Village Manor Apartment complex in Sturgis, Michigan on the evening of September 16 1997. She was last seen wearing a white tank top shirt with a possible floral design bright pink or "hot pink" shorts and white tennis shoes with a pink design on the side. She is missing her four front teeth.

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ON CAMPUS

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CRIME watch

•Book Bag Theft

A woman student reported to police that her book-bag containing \$253 worth of books was stolen out of the Student Organization Room in the Oakland Center last Wednesday. The student said she left the bag under her desk, and when she returned later that night it was missing.

•Two parking lot hit and runs:

Two students in different parking lots reported damage to their parked cars on Tuesday, January 18. Both students reportedly left their cars parked at 11:30 a.m. Both cars had damage to the right rear fenders. One incident occurred in Lot-36 by the library. The student called police to report the damage about 12:25 p.m. The other, located in Lot-1 across from the Foundation halls, returned to her car around 3:15 p.m.

•Bleached boots:

A woman resident in North Hamlin told police that her \$70 Timberland boots were destroyed by bleach. She reported to police that she allegedly saw a woman, with whom she has had problems in the past, and a friend walk into a foyer area of a suite and into a closet. After the two had left, the female student reportedly went into the closet to find out that her leather boots were covered in bleach.

•Student alleges harassment

Police are investigating a complaint by a woman resident that she is allegedly being harassed by her former roommate's best friend. She told police that she had moved out of her room in November after allegedly being victimized by repeated insults by the roommate's friend. The friend then moved in, but the harassment and insults allegedly continued into this term and expanded to include phone calls.



Thursday,
January 27

Diversity Career Fair

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Oakland Center

Friday, January 28
Saturday, January 29

Film: "Stormy Weather"

8:00 p.m.

156 North Foundation Hall

Monday,
January 31

Discussion on
"Stormy Weather"
Noon-1:00 p.m.
112 Vandenberg Hall

"I am That I Am:
Woman, Black"
8:00 p.m.
Gold Rooms, OC

Tuesday,
February 1

First Impressions of
Africa: Enduring
Hopes and Problems

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Gold Rooms, OC

Wednesday,
February 2

World Fair
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Oakland Center

Soul Food Night
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Heritage Room, OC

Movie: "Soul Food"
8:00-10:00 p.m.
Heritage Room, OC

Bumper to Bumper competition

Billiard and table tennis players compete for a trip to Kent State regionals

By Gayle Issa

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

If you haven't yet checked out Bumpers, OU's games room on the lower level of the Oakland Center, now is an ideal time to do so. Participants in the Association of College Unions International Region 7 qualifying competitions could be on their way to Kent State.

The competition games include billiards and table tennis for men and women and euchre. Six people in each category will compete, and the winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Kent State University, south of Cleveland, Ohio, from February 18-20 to compete in regionals.

The sign up deadline for the qualifying competition is today and the entry fee is \$5.

Bumpers Manager Brian Spurling says that the tournament is a great opportunity for students to meet and

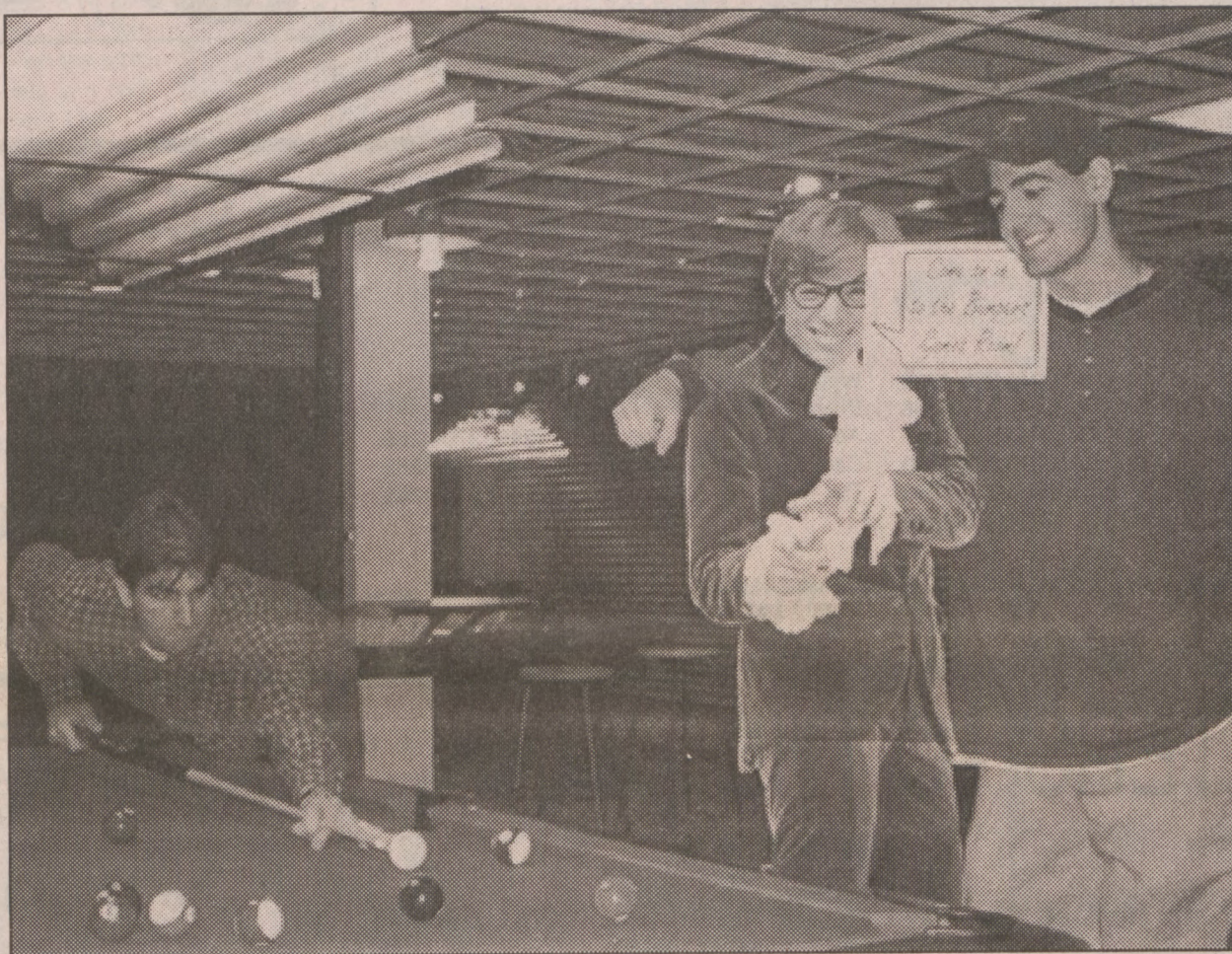
greet other college students across the country.

Also at Bumpers, weekly league tournaments have begun. On Mondays, pick between backgammon and euchre (alternating weeks); Tuesdays, 8 ball is the plan; Wednesdays 9 ball is up; and on Thursdays the choice is yours—chess or arcade games. The entry fee is \$2. Winners' names will be posted weekly, and prizes will be awarded.

Also available for players are billiards, table tennis and other board and card games.

Anyone who gets a hole in one on the Golden Tee arcade game gets a free hour of table time.

Flyers are available outside the games room and in OC bathroom stalls. Or better still, head on down, ask more questions and pick up some entry forms. Try your hand at just about anything and you might discover a hidden talent for something!



RACK-EM: Bumpers Game room (located in the basement of the OC) is now the hub of billiard activity, with weekly tournaments.

Reena Sibayan/The Oakland Post

OU hosts students for weekend visit

Office of Equity, others offer college preview

By Lisa Remsing
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Everybody remembers their senior year of high school, going from college to college in search of the right school. This past weekend, 43 high school students continued their search by participating in the Prospective Student Weekend here at OU.

The Prospective Student Weekend, formally known as Students of Color, is a

chance for minority students to get an experience of campus life. High school students with a 3.0 GPA were invited to attend the activities. Many are also scholarship recipients through the Office of Equity at OU.

The event was a joint effort between the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management and the Office of Equity here at OU.

Every year brings a new theme to the Prospective Student Weekend, and this

year was no exception. "This year's theme is 'You have what it takes', and I think this said a lot about the students who had been invited," said Student Outreach Coordinator Catarina Barajas, who assisted in the planning of this event. "They all show great potential for academic success here at Oakland University."

High school students arrived Thursday evening

WEEKEND continues on A7

Etiquette pro serves up business tips over lunch

Meadow Brook event part of Career Prep Week

By Kelli Guzinski
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

OU students can learn the truth behind the headlines during a Careers in Communications panel at noon today, then polish their manners for a business lunch at the scheduled Business Etiquette Dinner in Meadow Brook Hall tonight. Both programs are part of Career Prep Week going on all this week on campus.

"This is a great opportunity for us to encourage the students to actively take part in developing key interviewing and resume and cover letter writing techniques as they begin looking for their first job," said Robert Thomas, director, Placement

and Career Services. "The entire week is filled with beneficial programs for all level of students and a career fair that will include many industry leaders."

The Business Etiquette Dinner will be held on Wednesday, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall with featured presenter, Noonie Cameron. "This is a first time event for Oakland so we're really excited about it," said Thomas. "It will demonstrate the importance of eating well with employers." This event is sponsored by the Placement and Career Services, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Department of Student Affairs.

A Careers in Communications Panel is meeting on Wednesday, in the Oakland

CAREERS continues on A7

President speaks on theft, Senate vote

As many of you may already know, last Wednesday, the cash box containing money raised during the Student Congress Bookswap was discovered to be missing. Apparently, some time either Monday or Wednesday, somebody came into the Student Congress office and stole the box and all the money it contained. And while I am completely distressed that somebody would steal money from fellow students, I am more concerned that I let it happen. I was not aware of certain policies stating that we were to lock the box



NICK MITCHELL

me, ignorance is not an excuse. So all I can say is that I am terribly sorry this happened. You, however, do not need to worry about not receiving money from any books

in a safe at the end of the day, but as a Student Congress

Legislator so "kindly" reminded

you may have sold during the Bookswap. We will be allocating funds from our general account to make sure you get your money in the same timely fashion, if not sooner, than you would have had the money not been stolen. Again, I make no excuses and take complete responsibility for the mishap. Please do not let this discourage you from using the Bookswap in the future. Procedures will be in place to assure that this does not happen again. The Bookswap can be a very beneficial asset to all parties that participate and I want to see it continue to grow.

In an unrelated issue, last Thursday, the University Senate voted to take away the last remaining student spot on their voting body. In case you have not been following this immature saga between the Senate and the Board of Trustees, let me update you. About two years ago, the Senate (which was comprised of faculty members, deans, students and administrators) amended their constitution to make their body more "unified" by reducing the number of non-faculty members. They cut the number of student members from 3 to 1 along with

slashing the number of deans and administrators. The Board of Trustees continued to fight the changes, but recently they said that if the Senate took off the final non-faculty members, they would approve the amendments. So, as I argued last Thursday vehemently against approving this change, I realized that the "Faculty" Senate really didn't care. As long as they got what they wanted, they didn't care that they were setting a precedent which divides the OU community into neatly organized segments. Instead of including

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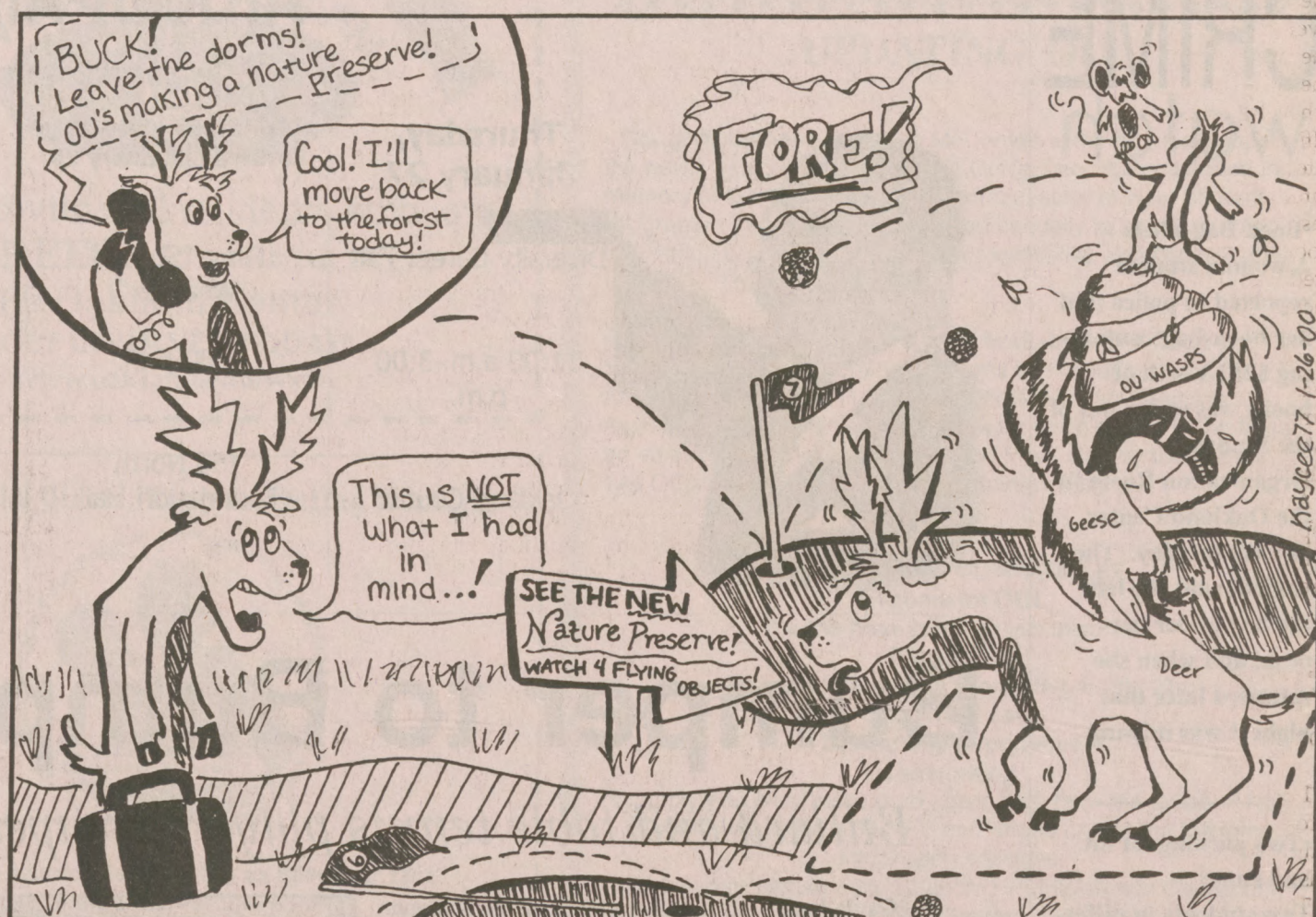
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SETTING IT straight

This space is reserved to correct factual errors that appear in
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EDITOR'S view

Help is out there for the struggling students

Before I started college back in 1994, I used to have a bank account to die for. I had started working my first job when I was fifteen years old. Whenever I received my paycheck, that baby went straight into the bank and there she stayed.

I never was a big spender throughout high school. Name brand clothes were never my style, I cruised Gratiot in my '84 Pontiac 6000 (I only paid \$600 for it) and for fun I rented movie classics with my friends, because movie prices were highway robbery back then, and they still are today.

I lived the good life...until my first year in college, when it all came crumbling down. My glorious bank account began to plunge into the empty pit that it is today.

I had decided in the beginning that I wasn't going to pay my scholarly dues by taking financial aid or student loans. I had heard too many horror stories of upperclassman students who were consumed by higher education debt. And for those who had finally made it through their grueling college years, they were now slapped with bills totaling more than 40 '84 Pontiac 6000s.

So, instead I decided to use my savings to pay for my school, and try to stay debt free. Now I'm suffering.

This semester I found myself penny-pinching basically every penny I could. As of today my tuition is not paid. Not paid yet, but very soon I will be saved.

For the first time in the six years I've been attending college, I finally applied for a scholarship. The scholarship was through the Michigan Press Association. My requirements were to write a page and a half of my definition of community journalism and where I see myself in the future.

It took me 45 minutes to write, 1 minute to print and 1 minute to send it over e-mail. For that 47-minute time period, I received a \$1500 check, an award and a free lunch.

For those of you who are struggling as we speak to pay your tuition bill, I suggest that you take a little time to research the many scholarships and fellowships which are awarded each year. You have a good chance, there are thousands of sponsors and there are hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships given away every year.

For help in finding a scholarship that fits you, the Internet is a valuable tool. One website in particular that I researched was *FastWeb.com*. Other helpful sites are *collegescholarships.com* and *collegefunds.net*. If surfing the web is not your cup of tea than students can get one on one help from the Financial Aid office in 161 North Foundation Hall.

Jenn Madjarev
Editor In Chief

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I think that it's ridiculous that the school holds organization's money hostage. It's incredibly difficult to get any money out of the school, even though the organizations have it in their accounts. It takes the school forever to pay certain bills.

I think that the players for the men's club hockey team should be included in the Player of the Week, because they have a tougher job playing for a club team, and trying to get recognized by the university.

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following the swap, the person responsible for closing up the swap left the cash box on the same cart as the books. The cart was pushed into the general lobby of the congress office and left there over the weekend. On Monday, the same individual claimed that the cash box was still on the cart when he arrived in the congress office that morning. Two days later on Jan. 19, Mitchell searched through congress' office for the cash box containing the student's book swap money. When he realized that it was missing, he contacted the OU police department to report it stolen.

"We believe that the cash box was taken from the office sometime between Monday, Jan. 17 and Wednesday Jan. 19," said Mitchell.

According to the OU police report, there were no signs of forced entry into the student congress office. Twenty-seven stu-

dents have been issued keys to the office, according to the OU scheduling office. Maintenance and police also have access to the rooms.

Aside from the main entrance, the congress office may also be accessed through the Student Program Board office, which is situated next door at 64 Oakland Center.

OU police are currently investigating. "We are in the process of identifying the people who have keys to the congress and SPB offices," said Lieutenant Mel Gilroy.

SPB members have 12 keys to that office and 27 keys to student congress members.

At Monday's student congress meeting, members heatedly discussed who should pay to reimburse students' book money.

Mitchell proposed that the money be taken directly out of the student congress general fund. Other members of congress suggested other options for obtaining the money. Jamaricus Southward

said, "The congress body should get together and organize a fundraiser to collect money."

After 20 minutes of discussion, congress adjourned with no decision since a quorum of the membership had dissipated during the debate.

When students will be repaid is up in the air, especially since the contract students sign appear to give congress a loophole. All students who participated in selling their used textbooks at the student congress book swap signed a contract. The contract outlined the book selling process, as well as a disclaimer, which states that the OUSC is not responsible for the loss of cash from the sale of the textbooks.

However, Mitchell pledges, "What I plan to do is reimburse all the students. We will personally contact everyone who sold a book. We'll send out post card. I am terribly sorry for any inconveniences that this has caused to anyone. But rest assured, you will be paid."

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According to Eleanor Reynolds, director of university housing, "All of the dorms follow the state fire safety code. The state code does not require that sprinklers be placed in every dorm room. There are sprinklers in all lounges, hallways and stairwells."

According to the OU Residence Halls handbook, there are nine policies/suggestions regarding fire prevention.

One of the main prevention policies include, candles, oil lamps and other open-flame objects are not permitted in the residence halls.

East Vandenberg Hall Director, Samantha Howard said, "If students have decorative candles they have to cut the wick out. If the wicks have been burnt, the student is issued a warning. Three

warnings equal a referral." Howard is happy to report that the majority of the students in Vandenberg Hall know and obey the safety rules.

The concern over fire safety has got OU students concerned. Freshman, Amy Urchic said, "My main concern about how a fire may start in the dorms, is if student's don't comply with the written regulations." Urchic is a resident of West Vandenberg Hall.

David Morez, assistant director for program services for OU, explained that all OU residence halls conduct two fire drills a semester, which follows current state code requirements.

Resident Hall assistants may check rooms if they suspect suspicious activity occurring in rooms or hallways.

Several on campus residents at OU imagine that a fire could happen in the dorm they live in. But if students follow the regulations of the residence halls, a disaster such as the two current tragic dorm fires, might be avoided.

restricted, handicapped, and metered spaces.

The first phase of reconstruction will render the southern half of the lot unusable and result in a loss of 147 spaces. To offset the loss, two temporary parking lots south of the Science and Engineering Building will be built.

One, which will hold up to 150 cars, will be located in the rear of the building, between existing lot 38 and the trailers. The other, which will hold 100 to 200 cars will be built on the grass along the south edge of Pioneer Road,

immediately east of Library Drive. The construction of the second lot will also include a sidewalk and crosswalk across Pioneer Road.

Both lots are designed to be temporary, composed of asphalt over existing graded soils. The cost for the construction of the temporary lots is estimated at \$250,000.

Lot 1 was OU's first parking lot, built in the early 1950s. According to the Board of Trustees recommendation, "the condition of the lot has deteriorated beyond a normal service life and a total reconstruction is required."

CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT AND NON-PROFIT PANEL

PANELISTS:

Representative Robert Gosselin from the Michigan House of Representatives

Eric Herppich of Macomb County Human Resources, Labor Relations

Rick David from United Way

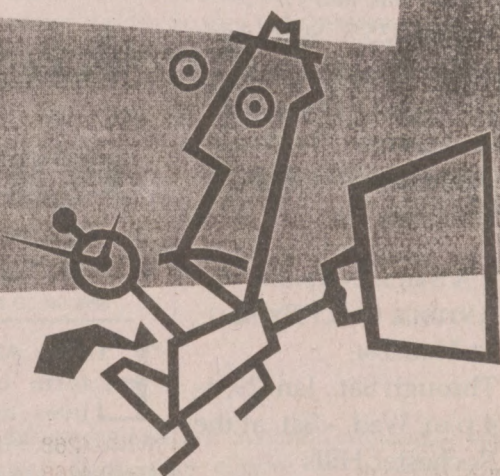
Mary Grill from Michigan Community Service Commission

Dan Smith formerly with Michigan Department of Corrections

Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Location: Oakland Center, Oakland Room

Friday, January 28th

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system, new pavement, and the elimination of a small patch of wetland area between Lots 1 and 3.

As a result of the reconstruction, Meadow Brook Road will be rerouted around the back of the lot, the service entrance off Squirrel road will be transformed into a tree-lined boulevard, and the lot will gain 80 parking spaces.

Currently, OU's west campus contains approximately 4,930 parking spaces, not counting

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properties and rich amphibian population.

A 1990 CDEC report to the University Senate also notes the regions' recreational and aesthetic uses.

The recommendation will now make its way to the OU Master Planning Task Force for inclusion into the University Master Plan.

A Development and Environment Committee member who wishes to remain anonymous said that it is important that the OU community be aware of this recommendation so that "it can't be swept under the rug by the higher offices."

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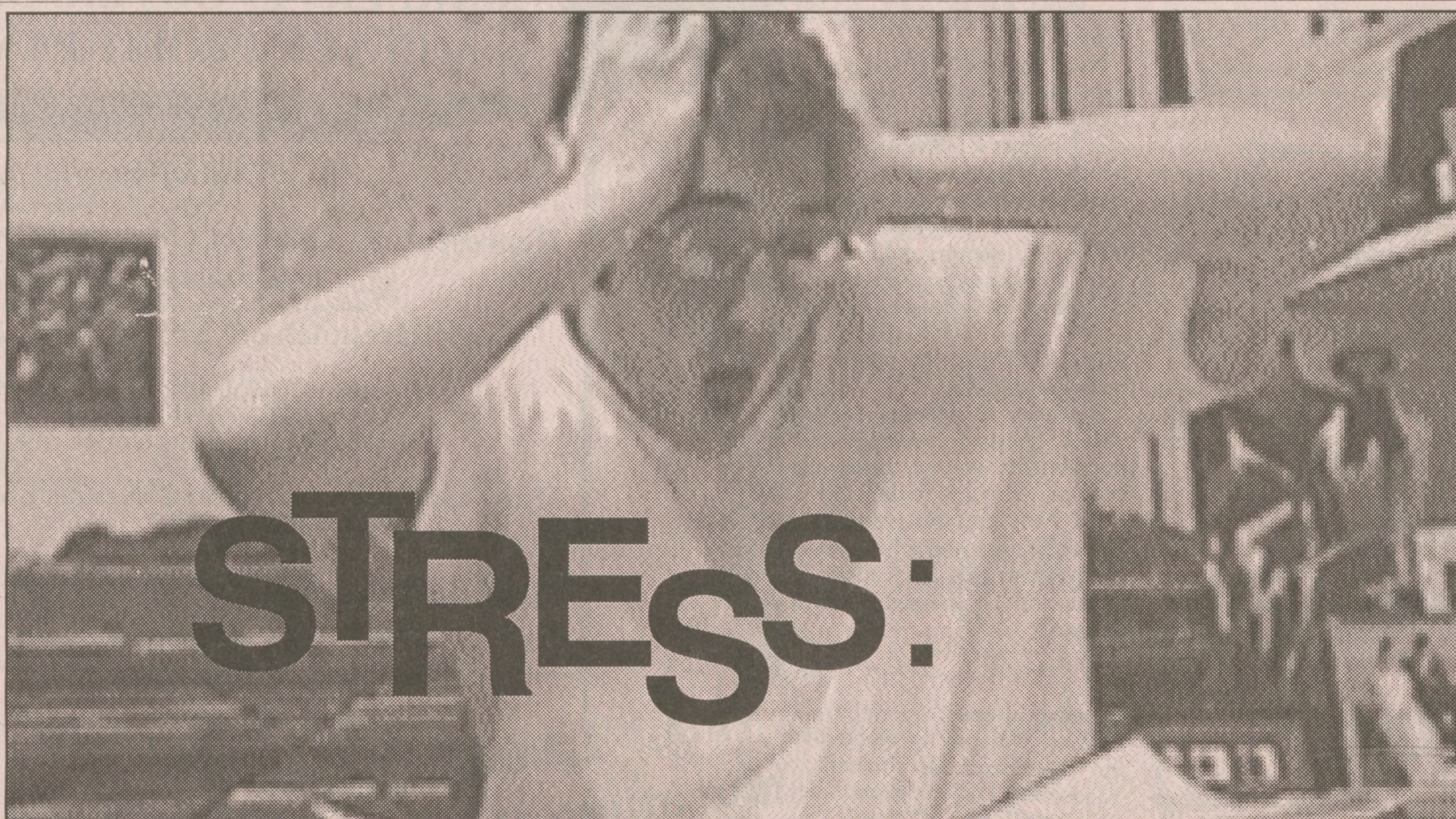
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A STUDENT UNDER THE INFLUENCE: Every student has some form of stress in their lives, from a range of causes, that they must learn to deal with.

Anxiety, angst are part of increasingly common problem for college students

By Sarah Everson
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Every American has some form of stress in their lives and must deal with it in some way. College students are no exception.

College stress has a wide range of causes. These include adjusting to a new lifestyle, a larger amount of responsibility, more complex homework assignments, and having to work in addition to being a full time student.

According to Michael Olpin, a professor at Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, "Over 80 % of all diseases and illnesses have a stress component. Over 90% of Americans deal with stress ineffectively."

OU has a variety of ways to help students with stress.

The Graham Health and Counseling Center (GHCC) exists to help students. It offers personal counseling services for depression and anxiety, all of which can be side effects of dealing with stress in the wrong way.

The GHCC pamphlet says the center "engages in education activities to promote the health and wellness of Oakland University students."

According to Nancy Schmitz, Director of the GHCC, there are screening days on a variety of topics. These include an anxiety screening day in February or March, a depression screening day in October, and an eating disorder screening day in March or April.

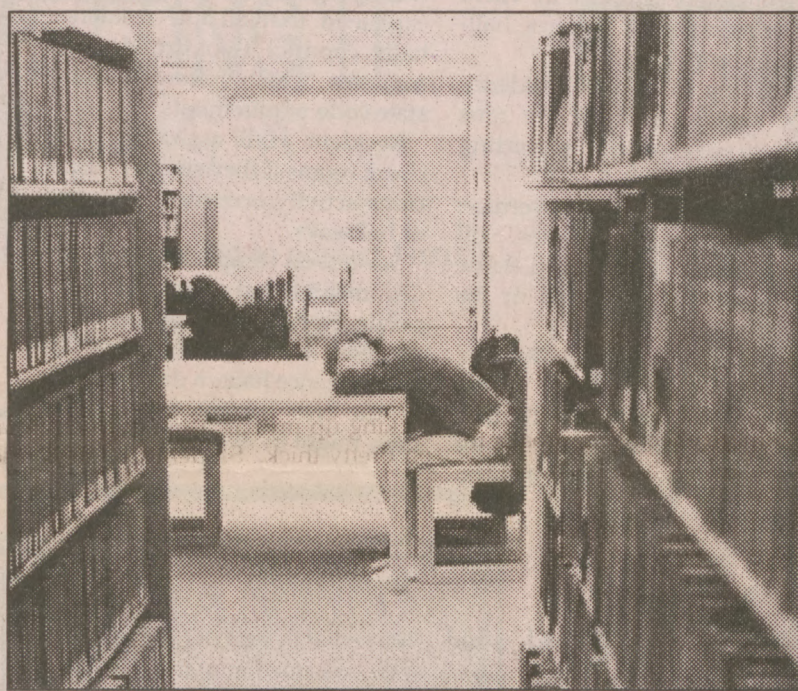
Another way to cope is by taking EXS 215, a Stress Management class. According to Jean Ann Miller, who teaches EXS 215, there are two reasons why students take the class, "So Exercise Science majors can fulfill an Exercise Science requirement and for personal enrichment and an interest in the topic," she said.

Miller also said that her approach to teaching the class is taking the practical aspect, to give good stress management tips and techniques for everyday life to students.

She gives a lecture and then gives an exercise assignment for the students to do that helps them to deal with stress better. Then the students can pick and choose which techniques they will use in their everyday life. Exercise Science majors can also use some of these tips and techniques with their patients as they see fit.

OU also has programs for dorm students which Miller used to teach, as well. The sessions were called "Stress Busters." According to Miller, they took place in the evenings, and the focus was to let go of stress. One way to do this was to release the built up stress in a person by screaming.

Another way "Stress Busters" helped students was by talking about how it is not healthy to ignore the stress in their lives. Miller told students that there were other ways to deal with



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STRESS STRIKES AGAIN: Students find that stress can interfere with school.

stress. Students should talk to a counselor, and if it was academic stress, students should talk to an academic advisor or get help at the Academic Skills Center, etc.

Miller also told the students that, "The important thing is that you need to incorporate the techniques that work for you into your everyday life. Just doing the technique once is not going to help you deal with stress effectively, the mindset should be I want to, not I have to," she said.

According to a study by Jane Wolfle, Associate Professor of Educational Foundations at Bowling Green State University

(BGSU), who conducted a comparison of graduate and undergraduate student's perceptions of stress in the college environment,

"Stress is an accepted part of life for all college students. Positive levels of stress can be energizing and heighten the readiness for learning; negative levels of stress and inadequate coping skills can be debilitating resulting in loss of energy, emotional overload, poor grades, anxiety, depression and even suicide," she wrote in the study.

The comparison also noted that,

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STRESS BUSTERS FROM STUDENTS

■ "I deal with stress by blaring 60s protest songs. I'm not stressed right now because I was listening to 'Like a Rolling Stone' and singing badly."

■ "I pray to put myself in the right mind set, then I make a list of priorities. I do all that I can and try not to overwhelm myself. Lastly, I trust God to take care of the rest."

■ "Usually I try not to think about it. I go do something else, and then I come back later and work on it when I've calmed down and I'm not as stressed."

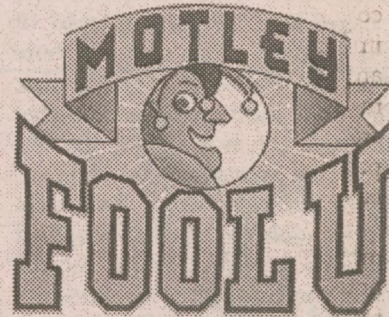
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Q: What determines the price of a stock? Is it simply supply and demand? It doesn't seem to be working that way because as I see some stocks falling in price, their traded volume goes up but the price does not. What am I missing? — R.H., on the Web

A: A tough question, R.H., but let's start by separating the question of the price of a stock from that of the value of a stock.

It is often said that over the short period the stock market is a voting machine, but over the long period the market is a weighing machine. When we're talking about the short-term voting machine mechanism of the market, we can see that many stocks momentarily get voted most popular, or prettiest, or most likely to succeed. The result of this daily "vote" on prices makes the price of stocks sometimes go quite high or low in a very short period of time. This daily voting mechanism is transient, however, and can be reversed the next day or the next hour. (A "bad hair day" for a stock, if you will.) That's why we Fools encourage investors not to pay too much attention to the day-to-day wanderings of stock prices.

However, when you stretch out the time horizon a little and look at the behavior of a particular stock over a longer period, such as five or 10 years, you can see that the change in a stock's price is determined by the weight of the accomplishments of the company rather than what trend may have momentarily caught the fancy of short-term investors. This ability of the stock market to accurately weigh things over time is what creates confidence in those investing their money in the market over the long term.

What determines the true value of a stock, as opposed to its price, is tricky. The value of any company is essentially an estimate of all the cash (including future earnings) that can be taken out of the business. Of course, cash that a company can earn this year is more valuable than cash that might be earned five years from now. So you must adjust estimates to assess the riskiness of the business and the time that it will take to make that expected pile of money.

Does the market do a good job of estimating those earnings and assessing the risks involved? Just as Winston Churchill famously said that democracy is the worst form of government except for all the other ones ever tried, so too it might be said that the market is the worst system for valuing businesses — except for all the other systems ever tried.

As to your question of supply and demand — yes, they do count. When a stock price is falling with trading volume high, that is an indication that there is an increased demand to sell. After all, when a lot of people decide all at once to sell their stocks, that's going to show up as a large volume of trading. When people are really interested in getting rid of their stocks, they will accept much lower prices for their holdings than they did previously. Thus, the pattern you sometimes see of high trading volumes and falling prices.

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"The stresses that college students today are dealing with are more complex than those of prior cohorts. With the increasing importance of a college education and the rapidly increasing costs, more and more undergraduates and graduate students work to pay expenses while carrying a large debt load."

In addition, Wolfle said, "For many students, the college years no longer function as time out to resolve identity formation issues or intellectual challenges while relatively unencumbered by responsibilities. Undergraduates as well as graduate students today frequently attend college faced with multiple responsibilities and roles, but limited resources."

According to Wolfle, the comparison of undergraduates and graduates was based on a survey given to 275 undergraduates and 161 graduate students at a midwestern university, asking them to identify current life stresses. Seventy-eight percent of the students were female, and the majority of them were Caucasian. There were 13 items that dealt with "stress-related concerns, selected from a review of literature," the survey also included questions to "encourage free response."

Fiona MacKinnon-Slaney, Assistant Professor of Higher Education at BGSU, also helped conduct the comparison. She wrote that, "Graduate students, even though working more hours (over 20 hours a week) than undergraduate students perceived themselves as having less stress and foresaw themselves as having a better future than did the undergraduate students. In response to the open-ended questions the factor mentioned most frequently as a cause of worry by graduate students was concern about education, followed by family issues, balancing work and school, career, and finances. Graduate students see their stress resulting from worry about being successful in multiple arenas: school, family, and work responsibilities."

(<http://www.nu.edu/nuri/llconf/con1995/wolfle.html>)

Another survey, conducted at another midwestern university by Olpin, was given to "559 students enrolled in sections of a Healthful Living course at a midwestern university. The subjects of this study were predominately white and black males and females between the ages of 18-23...the largest proportion of subjects were sophomores. Subjects responded to a questionnaire that gathered information regarding perceived levels of stress, sources of stress and type and frequency of preferred methods of dealing with individual stress," he said.

According to Olpin, "The main stressors that these students commonly experience involve their academic life. These stressors included many responsibilities, struggling to meet academic standards, time and money management worries, and concerns over grades. As the number and intensity of these hassles go up, so do individual levels of stress," he said.

Olpin added, "Students of this survey use social activities, watching television, leisure activities and exercise more than other methods for managing stress. They tended to use methods that are specifically designed to reduce stress less often than they used other activities that had, as a by-product, relaxation or management of stress," he said.

Some universities offer stress management courses to help students. One such college is Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, which is taught by Olpin.

According to Olpin, HED 303, Mental and Emotional (Mind/Body) Health, the purpose of the course is to, "Teach students the basic principles, theories, and relaxation techniques to effectively manage personal stress. Students will gain a greater understanding of the mind-body relationship, learn to employ a holistic approach to stress and adopt effective cognitive, coping and relaxation techniques. Ultimately, students will experience a more effective approach to optimal lifelong health," he said.

WEEKEND

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and stayed until Saturday morning. Students were assigned to stay with OU host students in their dorm rooms. Meals were provided to the visiting students, as well as, free T-shirts.

Thursday night, visiting students were entertained by a presentation given by the Association of Black Students and a games night organized by Kappa Alpha Psi.

Friday, students took a tour of campus, heard a sample lecture given by Associate

Professor of Sociology Kevin Early, attended Financial Aid and Academic Advising sessions, and listened to a student panel made of current OU students. On Friday evening a banquet, Greek Step Show, and a dance were held in the honor of the visiting students.

Several student organizations also helped in this year's Prospective Student Weekend Activities, including the Association of Black Students, Apostolic Lighthouse, and the

National PanHellenic Council.

"The students enjoyed their visit and tour and were impressed with our campus," said history freshman John Meldrum, who assisted with the campus tour during the Prospective Student Weekend, "Overall they seemed to like it and had a positive experience," he said.

CAREERS

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Room from noon-1:00 p.m. Television, newspaper, and advertising will be the three main areas of communication that will be covered. The featured panelists are Chuck Gaidica from WDIV, Tom Long from The Detroit News, and Denise Sedman from Marontate Advertising. "The purpose of this panel is to help students look at careers in communications and to see what it takes to be successful and how to use those skills," Thomas said. There will be a period after the panelists speak to give students the opportunity to ask questions.

The Diversity Career Fair will be held on Thursday from noon-3:00 p.m. in Gold Rooms A, B, and C. "This event gives students the opportunity to interface with employee representatives and alumni, as 1/3 of the representatives are OU alumni," said Thomas.

Sophomore and junior students can speak with employers about job openings for co-op or internships and ask questions about career related concerns, and seniors can have the opportunity to look for full time positions after graduation.

"The Diversity Career Fair is an ongoing even in its fourth year at OU that is part of African American Awareness Month,"

Thomas said, "Although we encourage as many minority and physically challenged students to attend, as they got personal invitations mailed to them, all students are welcome."

Also on Thursday is a Diversity Workshop in the Fireside Lounge from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. facilitated by Robert Thorton of New Detroit INC. "The workshop will cover what diversity is, why it's important, and how to deal with it on the job or on your resume," said Thomas.

Placement and Career Services is also sponsoring a government/non-profit panel on Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room.

On Monday, Placement and Career Services conducted an open house for students to have the opportunity to register with the department and learn what they do. "It's important for students to register with us as soon as possible so we can get their resumes online and continue to expose them to employers," Thomas said.

Placement and Career Services offers three main areas of assistance including the Career Resources Center, referrals to co-op and internship positions, and placement for seniors looking for permanent jobs.

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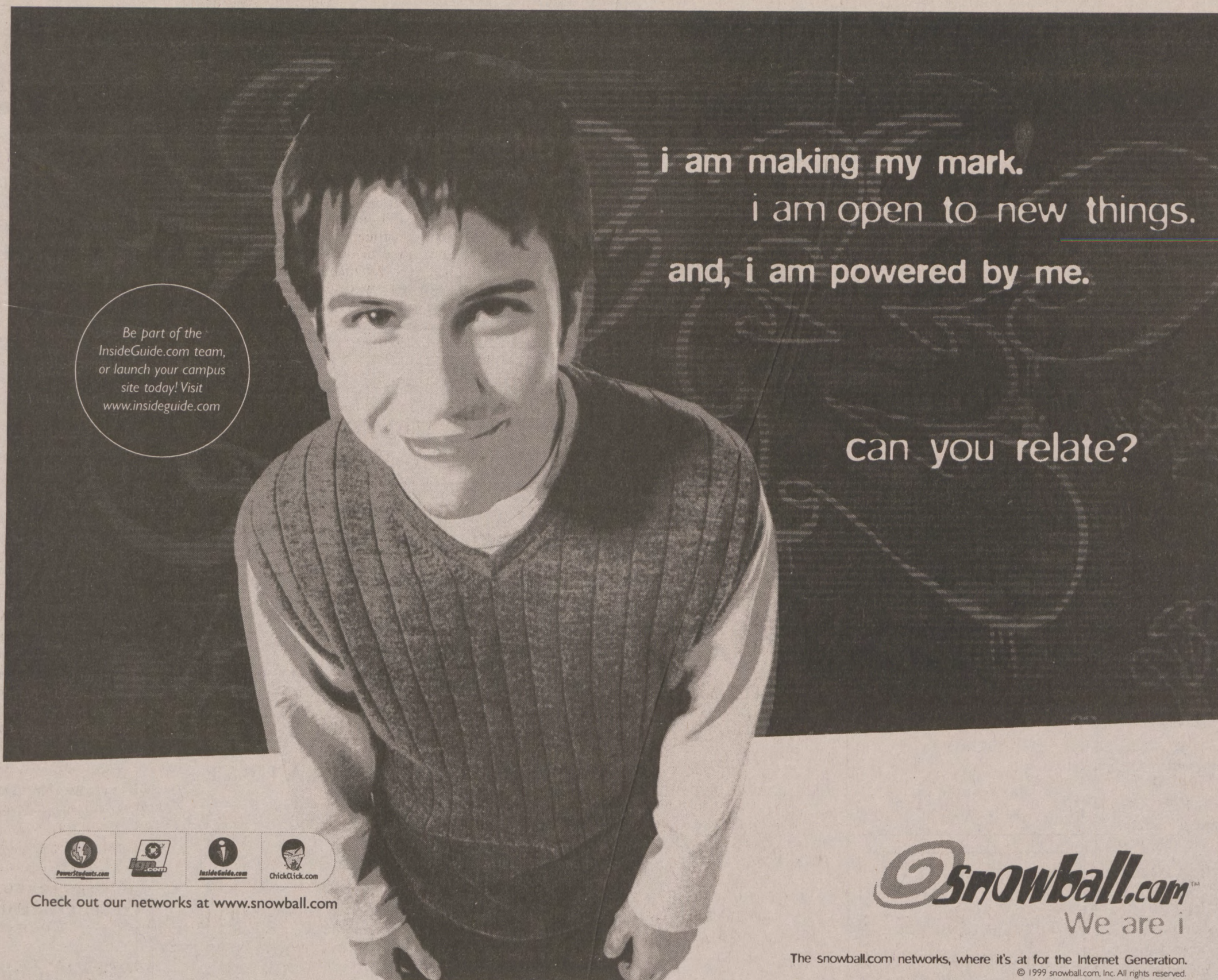
diverse ideas from different areas on campus, the Senate will now merely echo the voice of the Faculty. Maybe this is a good thing. Maybe we should segregate different people and professions into neat little segments. Heck, maybe we should make sure that only students eat in the Pioneer Food Court and the Faculty can dine elsewhere. I hope you're picking up my sarcasm because I'm laying it on pretty thick. Student Congress reserves a

spot on our Legislature and will continue to reserve that spot because we believe in the importance of having an influx of diverse ideas and different ways of thinking. I only wish the Senate felt the same way.

Before the new Senate can officially start operating under this purely faculty membership, it has to be voted on by the entire faculty on campus. So I encourage you to ask your professor why he/she feels it necessary to

take away a student spot and tell them to vote no. I am very curious as to what their responses may be. In fact, let me know what they say. You can email me at nrmitch@oakland.edu or call me at (248) 370-4292.

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•Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Find out by joining SPB on a trip to Pennsylvania. The **GROUNDHOG'S DAY** Trip is Feb. 1-Feb. 2. OU students pay only \$20 which includes lodging and transportation. Tickets are now on sale at the CSA Service Window.

CONCERTS

•Check out the sounds of the **HOWLING DIABLOS** on Thursday at Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak.

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•**JUMP LITTLE CHILDREN** with special guest Sugar Pill will perform at 9:30 p.m. on Friday at the Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

•Need some fun in your life? **GORDON BENNETT** will entertain you with their high energy at 10 p.m. on Friday at Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak.

•Get rowdy with the **WWF SMACKDOWN** at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets are \$15-35. Call (313) 983-6611.

COMING SOON

•A punk music blowout will occur at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 at Clutch Cargos, Pontiac. Bands will include **NO USE FOR A NAME**, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Rhomb, and Consumed.

•**THE PRETENDERS** tour 2000, Viva el Amor, will hit at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 29 at the State Theater, Detroit. Tickets are now on sale.

Fashionably WARM

By Gabriela Ardelean

OF THE OAKLAND POST

Many use what they wear as a form of self expression. Some just want to be noticed. Some want to say something about their individual personalities. Some just want to stay warm during the winter months. What you wear can make you blend into or stand apart from a crowd. Chad Silver, Phil Hall, Eleni Mitsopoulos, My-Ishia Cason-Brown and Rebecca Kelly are among those who choose to stand out with unique styles.

Kelly, sophomore, who calls herself Abercrombie and Fitch girl, wears a bold red hat and red jacket. The hat goes for about \$30 at A&F but, it can also be found for as low as \$5 at Hudson's.

Kelly prefers winter fashion because she can layer clothing.

Cason-Brown, freshman, wears animal prints, which she found at Express. The prints are on everything from handbags to skirts between \$30-50. She also prefers the winter months. She said, "I know it's cold, and I can wear something warm like my favorite white fleece vest."

Hall, senior, insisted, "Winter is all about style." He shows off his style with Silver, senior, by wearing warm fuzzy scarves. Silver said, "Warmer clothes look better, and it's easier to express your style in the winter."

Mitsopoulos, senior, wears a funky black hat, which she bought at Victoria's Secret. The hat goes for about \$40. She loves winter because she can wear turtlenecks.

Wintertime can be just as good, if not better than summer, to show your style. Individuality can be expressed with anything warm and fuzzy. Winter is the perfect time to look cool wearing whatever keeps you warm.

All photos by Gabriela Ardelean/Oakland Post



Phil Hall

Chad Silver

Eleni Mitsopoulos

Rebecca Kelly

My-Ishia Cason-Brown

Seton Hall dorm fire should raise awareness

At the beginning of last week, student life at Seton Hall University in New Jersey was normal. They were just like us. They went to class, probably stressed out over their syllabi (it's early in the semester there, as it is here), had lunch in the cafeteria, stayed up late hanging out, and finally went to bed on Tuesday night.

They awoke to flames,



MIKE MURPHY

smoke, and screams.

At 4:30 a.m., a fire broke out in a third floor lounge of the 600-person tower, Boland Hall. It spread quickly, heading up the stairwells. That particular dorm had a history of false fire alarms, including seven false alarms during finals week. Thus, many students initially ignored the alarms. Several students and Resident Assistants banged

on doors, yelling, "It's real this time!" and helped people out of the building. The RA of the third floor repeatedly returned to his floor to help injured students escape, and performed CPR that, at last report, saved a life. Injuries ranged from smoke inhalation to broken bones, caused when several students leapt out of windows to escape.

Three students didn't make it out. They were Biology

FIRE continues on B4



Adam Kochenderfer
Junior, P.S. and English

Do you want to see your favorite songs in the **SOUNDTRACK** box?

Drop by the Post with your list (and a picture of yourself if you have one).

WHAT IS the SOUNDTRACK of your life?

1. "Don't Stop" -Fleetwood Mac
2. "Do What You Gotta Do" -Garth Brooks
3. "Everyday is a Winding Road" -Sheryl Crow
4. "Good Riddance" -Green Day
5. "The Best is Yet To Come" -Frank Sinatra
6. "Life is a Highway" -Massive Attack
7. "Friends in Low Places" -Garth Brooks
8. "The Secret of Life" -Faith Hill
9. "No Time To Kill" -Clint Black
10. "Life's a Dance" -John Michael-Montgomery

Quadruplet breaks out at the Battle of the Bands

Lackluster is a term usually used to describe anything dull or very boring. A new local band bearing that name has given it a totally different meaning.

Lackluster, a self-described "acoustic rock band," is composed of OU students Jason Hammonds (vocals, guitar), Brandon Curry (vocals, guitar), Jason Lee (bass) and Jimmy Garcia (drums). Each share a unique love of music that first brought them together at their church two years ago. As their friendships progressed, so did their desire to play in a band with each other.

The group cites a wide spectrum of musical influences ranging all the way from Sting to Dave Matthews to Led Zeppelin. Perhaps their biggest inspiration comes from God; many of Lackluster's songs are laden with spiritual lyrics and religious themes. Brandon Curry admits that spirituality has had an impact on their sound but

doesn't want to fall under any stereotypes.

"I don't want to be labeled a Christian rock band. We definitely have Christian influences, but we play music for everyone."

Although still relatively new to the club scene, Lackluster recently performed at Our Place coffeehouse in Lake Orion and is slated to play at the annual Midnight Breakfast held in Vandenberg cafeteria in March. They reign as OU's 1999 Battle of the Bands champions, a victory that shocked even the band members themselves.

"A band dropped out so they called us the night before," Curry recalled. "We hadn't practiced in a long time. We were all really surprised."

It looks like winning the Battle of the

Bands was just the beginning of Lackluster's career. In addition to devoting more time to practice, another of the group's goals is to play more clubs in the area. They have no record contracts yet, but, laughed Curry, "We're accepting offers."

He added, "It's hard to say where we'll be in a few years. Who knows, we could be opening for a major act. We're just four normal guys that like to make music. We do it for ourselves, but we hope everyone enjoys it."

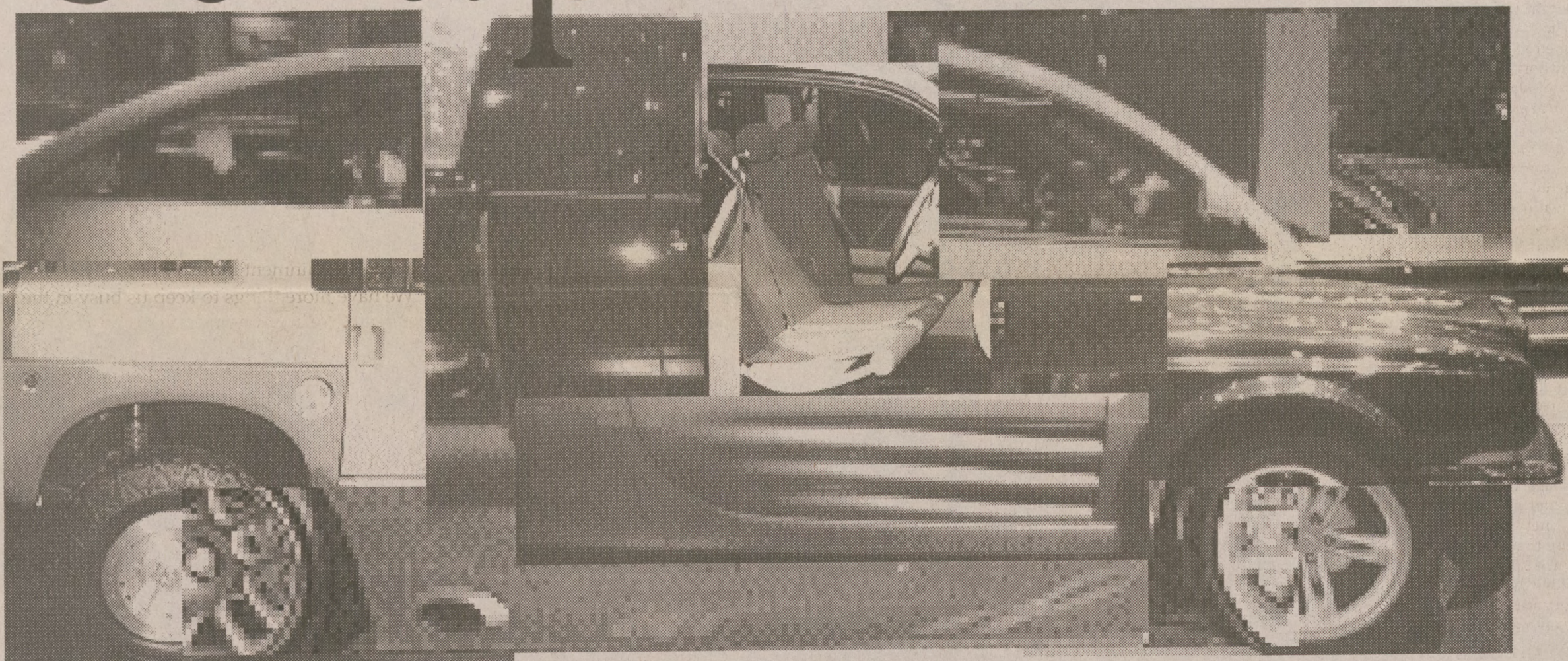
Ann Zaniewski is a special writer for THE OAKLAND POST.

FULL OF LUSTER:
OU students Jason Hammonds, Brandon Curry, Jason Lee and Jimmy Garcia compose Lackluster.

Photo courtesy of Lackluster



The 2000 North American Auto Show Scrap~METAL



Featured at the Auto Show this year were displays from Volkswagen, Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge, Rolls Royce, BMW, Mercedes, Jeep, Chrysler and Plymouth (just to name a few).



CSNY2K: (Left to right) David Crosby, Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Neil Young played at the Palace last Monday.

CSN & Y2k tour kick off at Palace

David Crosby, Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Neil Young reunited and holding strong. The band's first tour date was set for last Monday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

By Ann Zaniewski
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The music of CSN&Y took the world by storm in the late '60s and early '70s. Their melodic harmonies and powerful lyrics made them one of the most popular and imitated folk rock bands of that period. Recently, the four reunited and hit the road together for the first time in more than 25 years.

The "CSN & Y2k" world tour kicked off at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Monday. They're playing in support of their latest release, "Looking Forward." The album, which bears the quartet's simple signature sound, is the fourth of the group's career.

Crosby, Stills and Nash released

their self-titled debut record in 1969. Neil Young came on board later that summer right before the group's legendary performance at the original Woodstock. The four have split and regrouped several times since but have always managed to stay in touch. While playing a 1998 concert at the Fillmore, a surprised CSN was joined on stage by Neil Young. During that period the trio had just started work on a new album.

"The songs we were doing were a little long on mellow," remembers Stills. "I thought we needed a bit more energy, so I asked Neil if he would come down to play on a few tracks for us."

For the first time since 1988, Young finally joined his three friends in the studio. The sweet chemistry that

originally united them was back, and plans for a CSN & Y album and possible follow up reunion tour evolved.

In a very different era, the music created by Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young spoke for those who felt they had no voice and served as a soundtrack for social revolution. The '60s are long gone, but "Looking Forward" is evidence that while the band members have aged, their message and love for music has not.

"One of the things they used to say about us," recalls Crosby, "was that we were speaking for our generation. And I think, in a sense, that it's still true. You hear a lot of music these days about rage and frustration and anger, but not much about hope and love and forward motion. That's what we continue to stand up for."

The latest album by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young called "Looking Forward" was the band's first studio recording in 11 years.

GET OUT

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Focusing on DANCE

Photos
dance their
way to DIA

By Sara McDowell
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Swing, jazz, funk, modern and the waltz are all various forms of dancing. Over the last 100 years, this art form has evolved, expanded and entertained. These days another artistic medium, photography, can be used to show and teach others of the history and beauty of dance.

Carol Halsted, Chairperson of the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance and Professor of Dance merges these two art forms with her collection of dance photography currently on display at the DIA. The 60 featured prints depict famous dancers and choreographers from famous European and American photographers.

The collection, dated between 1912-1992, shows how the history of dance has seen not only ballet dancers but very athletic dancers. Brilliantly displayed in the red carpet area of the DIA, her prints take up three walls, each photograph capturing a splice of passionate movements and dancers.

Halsted began collecting the prints 25 years ago. It wasn't until her daughter stumbled upon the prints and mentioned them to an art gallery that Halsted's collection was put on display.

"I love the image and I am a dance history buff," Halsted said when asked what interested her in compiling the photos that she bought mostly at auctions and other galleries.

"The Power and Passion of Dance Collection" exhibit at the DIA, is made up of two art mediums. "I'm more interested in the dance aspect, but know a lot about the photography also," says Halsted whose husband is a fine arts photography dealer.

The photos that can be seen on display through June 11, are made up of a wide variety and show not only how dancing has changed, but how



STEPPING INTO EXHIBIT: Irene and Vernon Castle were famous ballroom dancers during the early 1900s. Photograph by Ira Hill



Photograph by Lois Greenfield

BREAKING INTO THE WORLD OF DANCE: David Parsons was known as one of the key performers of contemporary American dance. His display of athletic abilities and imagination was evident when he danced.

photography has.

Some older photographs seem grainy because fast film had not yet been invented. Dancers would have to hold their pose for a long time in order for the photographer to capture the moment on film.

Many of the earlier prints have a soft focus because art photographers were in competition with the painters of the time said Halsted.

Impressionism was a major theme in art work during those days, and the photographers would try to also achieve this with their somewhat blurry prints.

"Some of the photographers like Irving Penn were photographers for

a lot of the main magazines like 'Life' and 'Times.' He was always bringing in famous people to photograph for the magazine," said Halsted.

"I love the image and I am a dance history buff."

Carol Halsted
Chairperson of the
Music, Theatre
and Dance
Department

Other photographers whose work is exhibited in the show include Margaret Bourke-White, Annie Liebowitz and Arnold Genthe.

While on sabbatical last year, Halsted visited New York for three months, where she compiled most of the information that accompanies the photographs. "Some of the information was easy to find because of the famous

and photographer was sometimes harder for Halsted to stumble upon, but she said the libraries of New York assisted her in her quest.

Halsted has experience in the dance field also. She began dancing when she was three-years-old and continued with it throughout college.

After graduating she went to New York City where she studied dance. When she moved to Michigan and began teaching at OU, she was a part of the Festival Dancers, a modern dance company.

Halsted has turned her hobby of collecting dance photographs into a collection that will not only teach people of the history and the variations of dance and photography, but will also leave viewers impressed and appreciative of the arts.

dancer," she said. The relationship between dancer

Where have all the artists gone?

While at the DIA on Saturday, I realized how impressive and extensive its collection of art is.



SARA MCDOWELL

Not only are there photography exhibits, the DIA features everything from ceramics to European Art. It would be nearly impossible to look at everything in depth in just one visit (and that's not even considering the myriad of works in storage and not on

display).

This made me think about what art *really* is. To me it is an expression of ideas through a variety of media. It is not only paintings and sculptures, it is music and films. All these convey a form of art. They are all creative outlets. It is a release and a passion for some. It is a past time for others. For those who are artists, sculptors, or even performers, art means much more.

As I looked at famous painters such as Monet and Van Gogh, I was amazed at how wonderful these paintings still look after hundreds of years. I kept asking myself why I don't know of many current artists. Sure, most of us have heard of Picasso and Da Vinci, but do many of us know famous *current* artists? And why is that? Is it because people who are interested in art are scared of competing with past treasures? Is being an artist just not "sensible" enough of a career for some? Or is it because people aren't as willing to take the risk to immerse themselves in what they love to do?

Maybe Da Vinci didn't have anything better to do than paint. Maybe Picasso grew bored easily and created art to pass the time. I don't know. I do know that they weren't bombarded with the fast-paced entertainment industry of today.

We have more things to keep us busy in the new century. We have more options to choose from when we try to decide what to do with spare time. However, we should still take the time to indulge ourselves in what we love to do. We all should take the risk of pursuing our dreams, even if they aren't always conventional.

It doesn't matter if you think you are too old to learn something new. You aren't. If you have the drive and determination for something, then age will not stand in the way. Sure, maybe others have more experience in areas, but what it comes down to is the passion that you are willing to put into something. If you give your all anything is possible.

What if Jackson Pollack was told that his art looked like a kindergartener's scribble? What if he didn't have enough faith in himself to continue with his dream? People need to believe in themselves. We need to take the risk of pursuing our passions.

I have friends who are lucky enough to have found what they love to do and what they are good at. This is the goal. You never know what could happen. Maybe your work will be displayed for hundreds to enjoy.

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For Your ENTERTAINMENT

Kenny Larkin

Check out the achingly beautiful techno music of Kenny Larkin at 9 p.m. on Saturday at Motor, Detroit. Melodies will be filtered through the Motor sound system and drilled into your ears. 18+ are welcome.

Folk Festival

The 23rd Ann Arbor Folk Festival will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. The musical extravaganza is sponsored by 101.9 FM WDET and includes such artists as Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, and Beth Nielsen Chapman.

"The Third Man"

The newly restored version of the 1949 movie thriller, "The Third Man," will be playing at various times on Jan. 28-Jan. 30 at the Detroit Film Theatre inside the DIA. This is the fiftieth anniversary of the film, and includes the original director's cut, featuring eleven minutes of never before seen footage. Call (313) 833-3237 for show times.

Miguel Washington

Need a few laughs? Go see the comedy stylings of Miguel Washington with Chad Aubrill at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Ferndale. Washington has appeared on "Showtime at the Apollo."

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major Frank S. Caltabillota, Elementary Education major John N. Giunta, and Criminal Justice major Aaron C. Karol.

They were all freshmen. They were all only 18-years-old.

The Seton Hall campus is in shock. Students are just now returning to classes, and the residents of Boland Hall are returning and trying to move on. Their student newspaper, the Setonian, writes that the University will forever refer to Jan. 19, 2000 as "the day of the fire." Three lives were lost, and many more were changed forever.

Last week, OU student life was normal, too, living all the ups and downs of our late teens and twenties. We complained about parking, paid through the nose for books, and froze into ice cubes while walking to class.

We worked out and lazed around, laughed and cried, squabbled with our friends and began the trek a few more credits at a time towards graduation.

OU had a "ho-hum" week, cold but uneventful. We were comfortable. We weren't standing outside of our home at 5 in the morning, shivering with the cold and the fear that our friends might not be alive. We weren't putting our studies aside to go to memorial services, prayer meetings or grief counseling. We weren't reminded of the sanctity and fragility of our own lives.

What happened in New Jersey was a tragedy, no doubt, and my heart goes out to the students who died, their families and their friends. It seems like no good whatsoever can come from such a horrible incident... but maybe, some can.

There's a joke that floats around my extended family: the whole family only seems to come together at weddings or funerals. So when one of my relatives calls my father, our first question is "Who died?" or "Who's getting married?"

It's a morbid joke, but there's an underlying point. We only seem to take a pause out of our hectic schedules to take stock of what's important in our lives when something extraordinarily bad or good happens. And that's a shame.

It shouldn't take fires and funerals to change our lives. It should just take a choice or two.

There's a million different ways you can choose to live your life, and this week, if only for a week, try to live it even better than you have been.

Don't let it be. Shake things up.

Call home, call an old friend, call a wrong number and just talk. Do something you're afraid to do. Do the reading, for once. Watch the sun rise. Don't let grudges or petty differences get between you and your friends and family. Realize what's really important to you.

Because you never really know how much time you have left.

Live. And if we all wake up for a few minutes and realize what's good in our lives, we won't need a tragedy to change us forever.

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Oakland University Student Awards

WILSON AWARDS

Nominees for the 2000 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards must be graduating seniors in April 2000 or have graduated in June, August, or December 1999. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. Nominees must have a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 or higher G.P.A.

HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

Nominees must be graduating in April 2000 or have graduated in June, August or December 1999. The Human Relations Awards recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

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M.A.G.B. AWARDS

Nominees for the 2000 Michigan Association of Governing Boards (M.A.G.B.) Outstanding Student Awards must be at least junior standing, have an academic record of 3.0 or better G.P.A. and have distinctive leadership and community contributions. Nomination forms are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Deadline for M.A.G.B. nominations is February 11, 2000.

The Center for Student Activities

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CSA Office hours are:

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OU Annual January Blood Drive

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Weekly Games Tournaments In Bumpers Game Room

Beginning this week, Bumpers Game Room will sponsor weekly tournaments Monday – Thursday Evenings. Participants can begin to sign up a week prior to the tournament and up to one hour (5:30 p.m.) prior to the tournament. Entry fees are only \$2.00 per person. Tournament begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Tournament schedule is as follows:

Mondays: Backgammon and Euchre (Backgammon will be the next tournament on January 31 and Euchre on February 7)

Tuesdays: Billiards: Eight Ball

Wednesdays: Billiards: Nine Ball

Thursdays: Chess and Video Games (Chess will be held on January 27 and Video Games on February 3).

MLK, Jr. Contest Winners Announced

The 3rd Annual All Campus Contest in Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The winners were announced at the MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration Program on Monday, January 17, 2000.

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
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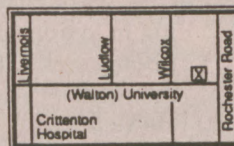
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Oakland	8
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UPCOMING GAMES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

JAN. 27 - at IUPUI, 7:35 p.m.

JAN. 29 - at Youngstown State, 7:35 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JAN. 27 - at IUPUI, 5:15 p.m.

JAN. 29 - at Youngstown State, 5:15 p.m.

JAN. 31 - ROCHESTER, 7 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING

JAN. 31 - at Notre Dame, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

JAN. 28 - KENYON, 4 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

JAN. 29 - HOPE, 8 p.m.

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GRIZZLIES

squeeze by MSU

By Lisa Cali
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The atmosphere at Saturday's swim meet was anything but relaxed.

When the clock started for the last event of the meet, the 400y freestyle relay, the OU men led Michigan State University by six points, giving either team an opportunity to win the meet. In the end, the Grizzlies pulled through to defeat the Spartans 119-118.

MSU's A relay team nabbed the first place position in that last event, but OU's A and B relay teams worked together to claim victory of the meet. The men's A team of Courtney Dunlap, Nate Murphy, Yoav Ritter, and Todd Duncan placed second, followed closely by the B team of Nick Sosnowski, Wesley Brown, Jon Kulduk, and Thiago Orso, who took third.

"We knew it would be close going into this meet," said head coach Pete Hovland.

The fact that OU's team has no male divers made it even tougher for them to

pull ahead of the Spartans. The diving events make up 32 of the total points in the meet, all of which the Grizzlies gave up to MSU from the start.

"That is a challenge that we always have to overcome," Hovland said, "But the kids worked extremely hard and it was a team effort that won this meet."

Leading the way for OU was Orso, who won the 200y freestyle with a time of 1:41.91 and the 100y freestyle with a time of 46.51. Also placing first was David Hartzel in the 500y freestyle with a time of 4:33.99.

"Dunlap and Orso had the big swims of the day, but overall I am very proud of the team's effort," Hovland said. "Our next meet is Notre Dame, which will be a big, big test and hopefully they are ready for it."

With this win, the Grizzlies improved their dual meet record to 8-1 for this season and will swim at Notre Dame on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m.



STICKING TOGETHER: From left to right seniors Yoav Ritter, Thiago Orso, Nate Murphy, Ido Meron, Erich Kelly, Courtney Dunlap and Wesley Brown at the meet on Sat. against Michigan State.

MAKING MUSIC: Senior Erich Kelly brings a little music into the meet by showing his talents.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Cures for the winter blues

Take Scuba Lessons

- The Department of Campus Recreation is offering scuba lessons beginning Feb. 1. Lessons are open to all OU students, DCR facility members, OU community members and family members and friends.
- Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Fees are as follows:
OU student \$165
Campus Rec Member \$185
OU Community Member \$200
All others \$250
- Call Terri at 248-370-4533 to register for classes.

Basketball League

- The City of Auburn Hills Recreation Department is offering corporate winter league basketball. The league will run from Feb. 23 - April 12. Registration deadline for teams is on Feb. 9, by 5 p.m. Team fees must also be paid in full on Feb. 5.
- Games will be held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Auburn Elementary School.
- The cost per team is \$220 plus \$10 per game for the official.
- For more information call the Auburn Hills Recreation Department at 248-370-9353.

Bumpers Game room

- Bumpers Game room is offering games tournaments in Backgammon, Euchre, 8-ball, 9-ball, chess and video games.
- Bumpers is also offering billiard leagues. League members will receive discounts on prepaid table time.
- On Jan. 29, Bumpers is hosting ACUI Region 7 Qualifying competitions in Men's and Women's Billiards, Men's and Women's Table Tennis and Euchre. Winners qualify for Regional Championships in February.
- Call Bumpers at 248-370-3478

Attendance lacking, something must change

One of my biggest pet peeves is when someone starts rambling on and on about nothing. This is why I am going to get right to the point.

I can't stand it when I attend basketball and hockey games, and see so many empty seats in the stands.

There are usually a lot of fans at men's basketball home games, but the 'O' rena is still not filled, and that's a shame. These athletes are busting their butts to play, and the least fans can do is spend a couple of dollars to watch and support them. I know that the men's record isn't all that good, but this is when a team needs its fans the most.

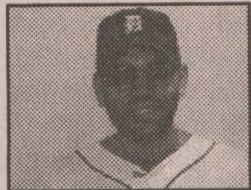
What about the women? Yes OU, we do have a women's basketball team too, and it's record is 8-8. Usually, fans will watch a team that is winning, and

yes, the team is at .500, but it doesn't seem like anybody knows. Shame on you OU.

The fan turnout at women's home games is pitiful. This team is loaded with talented players, and is destined for great things in the future. So, fans, I suggest you start going to these games now, because when it is the best in the Mid-Con, and the 'O' rena is packed every night, your all going to be labeled "bandwagon fans."

Now I know what some of you are thinking. "What if I don't like basketball?" There is a solution for you.

OU also has a club hockey team. It's home ice is at the ONYX Rochester Ice Arena, and guess what, it's record, at 12-9 is better than both bas-



RAMEZ KHURI

ketball teams right now.

Last Friday I went over there to cover the game against Michigan State, and the first thing I noticed when I walked in

was that the place was very nearly packed, but guess what, the majority of the fans turned out to be rooting for MSU.

Shame on you OU. If State fans travel with their teams, and fill up opposing arenas, then we certainly can show a little more school spirit and team support. I'm not saying you should travel with our teams, but at least be the majority at our home games.

How many times have you heard an actor thank the fans when he or she just won an award for their performances? It's the same with athletes. When a team has

people cheering it on, that just adds an extra incentive for every player on that team to play up to his or her highest ability.

This problem is just not at OU, it's going on in professional sports as well. I remember when it was impossible to get Piston tickets. Now, there are deals where, on certain nights, if you buy one ticket, you get a second one free. Other nights, every ticket in the place is \$20, whether it is on the floor, or the last seat in the Palace.

Yeah, the Pistons aren't as good as they used to be, and they have a new logo that isn't very appealing, but come on, these guys are pretty good, and with more fan support, they would be even better.

Let's go back in time a bit. Remember the mid-80's when the city of Detroit was

torn apart by Tigers fans? What the hell happened to all those people? Except for the last game at Tiger Stadium, whenever the Tigers had a home game, it was like they and the opposing team were the only people in the whole stadium.

Right now the Red Wings are the kings of Detroit, and rightly so. Nobody is a bigger Red Wing fan than I am, but what's going to happen when the team starts going downhill, and key players will be either traded or will retire? Will it suddenly be very easy and cheap to get a ticket to a game? Probably, and that's just too bad.

Shame, Shame, Shame!

Ramez Khuri is a junior journalism major and Assistant Sports Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

Black Bears fall short



Dan McDuffe/The Oakland Post

PILE UP: Black Bears forward Daniel Schneider stands outside a mass of players at the MSU game on Friday. Schneider is a freshman from Waterford and is undecided on a major.

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Almost beating No. 1 Saginaw Valley two weeks ago gave OU's men's club ice hockey team the confidence it needed to face anybody. That's why, when MSU came calling Friday night, the team was ready.

The game started out with both teams getting a goal apiece, but by the second period it was evident that the story of the game was the play of MSU's goalie. The period also featured a rare penalty shot by the Black Bears Robert Wishaw, which hit the goal post, but did not go in.

The Black Bears outshot MSU 42-40 but could never get the lead. After the Spartans took a 3-2 lead into the third period, the two teams played even hockey the rest of the way, each scoring two goals apiece. The final score was 5-4, in favor of MSU.

Head coach Anthony Jalaba said, "MSU is ranked third in the whole central region, and are on par to make the national tournament. Their goalie played hot, he came up with some great saves. We played very well and were creative offensively, and we outshot MSU. We also had a lot of good scoring opportunities, but we just couldn't finish, we didn't get that lucky bounce, and their goalie did come up big."

When asked about the penalty shot, Jalaba said, "You won't see too many penalty shots, but in that instance the puck was basically about to in, it was sitting free right on the goal line, and one of their players, not their goalie, actually froze it, and that warrants a penalty shot, so I wasn't surprised at

what happened. Wishaw, who is one of the top scorers in the whole country rung it off the post, he pretty much did everything right, we just didn't get the bounce."

Brian Lemkie, who scored OU's second goal said, "We skated in, it was a 3 on 1, there was a pass made, and I think we lost it, then it came over to me and I just took a back hand and it went

off the post, hit the goalie on the back, and went in. It was kind of a fluke goal, but we'll take 'em any way we can."

The team's overall record is 12-9.

The Black Bears next home game is Saturday night at the ONYX Rochester Ice Arena.



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HE SHOOTS HE SCORES: Michigan State University takes time to celebrate after scoring on the Black Bears goalie Shaun Zeldes. Zeldes is a freshman from Troy, MI.

Dominating the court

By Kelli Petrove
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The Golden Grizzlies shot through competition last weekend, when the men's basketball team defeated both Oral Roberts and UMKC and the women's basketball team defeated UMKC.

In two close games, the women managed to impress fans and tear up the stadiums they traveled to.

In the first game against Oral Roberts, the defending Mid-Con champions, the women fell to a 20 point deficit in the first six minutes.

"They hit some really good shots," Head Women's Basketball coach Beckie Francis said. "But our team really came back hard and pulled it within four with I think around five minutes to go but we just couldn't hold on."

A foul in the end of the game assured Oral Roberts' victory.

"Despite the loss, we were encouraged with the comeback that we had," Francis said.

Leading scorers for OU against Oral Roberts were Sara Judd with 15 points, Katie Wolfe with 13 points and Beth Zeone with 12 points. Judd also led the rebounds with 11 in the game.

Two days later OU took on UMKC who was No. 4 in pre-season rankings.

"Coming off the loss on Thursday it was a big game because UMKC was 3-4 in the conference and we were 3-2 and so it was for movement as far as place," Francis said. OU is currently No. 2 in the conference with a 4-2 record.

"A big part of the game was Beth Zeone shooting 14-19 from the floor and 5 three pointers, 7-8 from the free throw line, and 40 points," Francis

said.

This performance was good enough to earn Zeone Mid-Con player of the Week.

Katie Wolfe also had an impressive game with 18 points and 9 rebounds.

"We won by 15 points without Sara Judd, who was out with a back injury. We're not sure of her status right now," Francis said.

The men's side of the court was also on fire as they defeated both Oral Roberts and UMKC.

"At Oral Roberts we got off to our typical start and we got down early, but we came back hard," Assistant Men's Basketball coach Eric Stephan said. "We took the lead for a little bit in the first half."

The second half of the game was a back and forth battle until OU went on a 15-0 run and defeated Oral Roberts 93-78.

"Rizz (Jason Rozycki) really played well, 7-8 from the three and 11-13 overall.

Rizz ended up with 36 points," Stephan said.

Rozycki wasn't the only one in the zone for the Oral Roberts game.

"Steve Houston played his best game yet. He was close to home and he had a lot of people there to see him play. He did a great job defensively and offensively," Stephan said.

This game was the first time in three years that Oral Roberts had been beaten at home in the league, and the shock showed on the faces of the Oral Roberts fans.

Despite these statistics OU managed to take over and show the opposition what they were made of.

"Everybody that played, played well. It was a great team effort," Stephan said.

On Saturday OU went to UMKC with victory in their veins.

With a 64-62 victory over UMKC, the game went down to the wire.

With 3.7 seconds left Rozycki scored a three point shot that won the game for the Grizzlies. Rozycki scored 33 points and was named Mid-Con player of the week.

Brad Buddenborg also showed his stuff with 17 shots and 10 rebounds against UMKC.

The men are now 4-2 in the conference and 6-14 overall.

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Player of the Week extra



BETH ZEONE

- ❖ Women's Basketball
- ❖ Guard
- ❖ Born, December 2, 1978
- ❖ general studies major
- ❖ Dunlap High School

Zeone scored 40 points against UMKC on Jan. 22. She was 14 of 19 shooting from the floor. She was seven of eight from the free-throw line and five of nine from three point range.

Zeone scored 12 points at Oral Roberts on Jan. 20 and had six rebounds.

Zeone was named Mid-Con player of the week on Jan. 24 for her performance last weekend.

Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball

	Conference	Overall
Youngstown State	5-2	12-6
Western Illinois	5-2	11-7
Valparaiso	4-2	10-7
Oakland	4-2	8-8
Southern Utah	4-3	9-8
Oral Roberts	4-3	8-9
UMKC	3-5	8-11
IUPUI	2-5	6-11
Chicago State	0-7	0-17

Men's Basketball

Chicago State	5-2	8-9
Youngstown State	5-2	8-10
Oral Roberts	4-2	8-10
Oakland	4-2	6-14
UMKC	4-3	9-9
Southern Utah	4-3	8-9
Western Illinois	2-5	7-13
Valparaiso	1-5	7-11
IUPUI	0-5	2-14

Player of the Week



JASON ROZYCKI

- ❖ Men's Basketball
- ❖ Guard
- ❖ Born, June 6, 1980
- ❖ Undecided major
- ❖ Boyne City High School
- ❖ nicknames-Ro and Rizz

Rozycki was named Mid-Con player of the week on Jan. 24 after two conference games where he reached the 30 point mark. In a game against Oral Roberts, Rozycki scored a Mid-Con season best of 36 points with seven three point shots.

Against UMKC Rozycki scored his sixth three pointer with 3.7 seconds left to win the game for OU with a final score of 64-62. He scored 33 points during that game.

Rozycki was 86 percent from the free throw line during that week.

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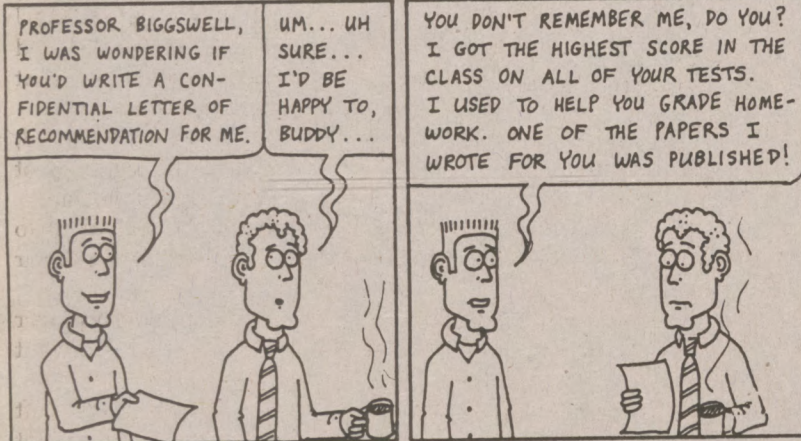
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Damon's Signs of the Times

January 6 - February 1

- ARIES** (March 21-April 20) — Watch your emotions this week; passionate actions can lead to serious consequences. Reacting to a moody environment will only make matters worse, so keep your cool.
- TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) — Though responsibilities are pretty heavy right now, it is a good time to enjoy the entertaining side of life. Take time to rest and to do pleasurable things.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Be prepared to travel at the drop of a hat this week, whether you are literally traveling or mentally jumping from one subject to the next. Anything can happen, so be flexible.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Mid-week offers you heightened emotional awareness; this is a good time to follow your gut and make those tough decisions. Give yourself time to relax because your emotions can be a drain you.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are strongest this week when you listen to other people. Romance at work is a possibility, though you may just fall in love with your job. In keeping a positive attitude this week becomes a lot easier.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — Take your intensity down a few notches; you are going to some extreme in your thinking, which is unhealthy. Spending time relaxing with your favorite hobby will help put things in perspective.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) — You are starting to come back down to earth after some unusual happenings; now you will have the objectivity to proceed. Benefits through a partner are available if you recognize them.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — Creativity can be tapped easily this week; in fact, it probably will need to be tapped to release your pinned-up emotions. In difficult personal situations the main enemy may be yourself.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Opportunities seem to be flying from everywhere; don't get too cocky and enjoy it while it lasts. Financial issues come to the forefront this week, so deal with them while your luck lasts.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Traveling forces you to deal with deep personal issues, but in the end it is more than worth it. You may have the urge to enjoy the cultural side of life; follow the urge and enjoy yourself.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Though you are ready to lift-off on a new endeavor, there are some difficult issues you need to workout first. Find patience and remember that some delays are a blessing.
- PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Things are probably moving at the speed of light; take time by yourself to sort through your feelings and to deal with your emotions. Problems at work stem from personal conflict; try to compromise.

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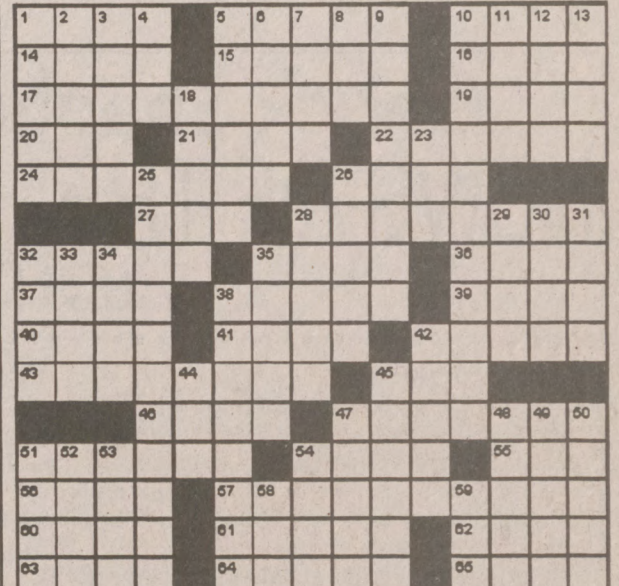
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Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE weird

LEAD STORIES

• In the December Medical Journal of Australia, an authority on in-vitro fertilization predicted that sexual intercourse will largely fade away as a means of procreation, in favor of technology that can achieve genetic preferences and avoid genetic risks. Such technology, noted another author in the issue, would eventually render males unnecessary for reproduction, and in fact, given the growing weakness of Y chromosomes, alternative reproduction methods (such as cloning) would be necessary even to assure males' continued existence.

• In January, Recanati, Italy (population 20,000), enacted animal rights regulations that are among the world's toughest, including requiring people to respect domestic animals' need to socialize with their own breed and for their "legitimate sexual needs." Also, pets' living quarters must be at least 9.6 square yards, lighted, ventilated, and kept at a comfortable temperature.

The Green Protein

• Because jellyfish genes contain a protein that turns green, scientists have used them frequently in recent years in genetic modification work, including the protein's introduction into a potato to enable the spud to glow when it needs water (Scottish Agricultural College, June) and its proposed introduction into a Douglas spruce to create Christmas trees with glowing needles (Hertfordshire University, England, October). A similar process can be done with firefly genes, which was proposed for the Douglas spruce project and is also now being done with zebrafish in order to produce organisms that light up when they detect certain water pollutants (University of Cincinnati, December).

Crepe de la Weird

• Connersville, Ind. (population 15,500; tooth decay rate 20 percent higher than the state average), is by far the largest town in the state not to have fluoridated water, but the new city council elected in November is expected to change that. Until now, anti-fluoride activists had scared the town with claims that "fluoride" was really disguised toxic wastes that the federal government needed to discard and that if it got into Connersville's water supply, it would kill townspeople's brain cells.

• Despite his criminal record (rape), his failure to pay income tax and his bizarre testimony, former world heavyweight boxing champion Trevor Berbick won his deportation hearing in Toronto in December and can remain in Canada for at least five more years. At the hearing, Berbick insisted that his criminal record was the result of a conspiracy masterminded by boxer Larry Holmes and that he lost his title to Mike Tyson only because someone pumped gas into his hotel room before the fight. At one point in the hearing, Berbick yelled out, "Power nap!" and abruptly fell asleep for a few minutes at the table.

People Who Are Not Like You and Me

• In December, Leonard Oak, 51, was convicted of aggravated assault in St. Johnsbury, Vt., for shooting Richard Lavoie in the shoulder. According to an eyewitness, Oak and Lavoie were "playing chicken" with their rifles at Lavoie's home by firing rounds as close to each other as they could without hitting anything. After Lavoie missed Oak's head by no more than 6 inches, Oak shot out a clock in the home, which infuriated Lavoie and caused him to threaten Oak, who then shot Lavoie to show that he was not intimidated.

Also, in the Last Month ...

• A 36-year-old man, baby-sitting girls ages 6 and 7, was charged with tumbling them in a dryer as punishment (Toledo, Ohio). An embezzler asked a judge to give him back some of the restitution money he had paid because he was having trouble finding work (Durham, N.C.). A prison inmate, saying that he feared the New Year, sewed his eyes and lips shut with dental floss (Concord, N.H.). A 52-year-old man in Copenhagen, Denmark, inebriated and playing with toy boats in his bathtub, phoned in several "may-day" calls to a rescue agency claiming his ship was going down in the Baltic Sea. A 38-year-old man stole a Mack truck and went on a downtown car-smashing spree, blaming confusion caused by the government-implanted, satellite-activated microchip in his stomach (Tampa, Fla.).

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