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Professor named 'Most Distinguished'

By PAM AVOLEDO
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Paul Tomboulia, a chemistry professor, has received one of OU's highest honors. Tomboulia was recently named this year's Most Distinguished Professor. He is the 10th person to be given this title.

"It's a great honor. It's a pleasure to be served the institution and to receive the award," he said.

Tomboulia accomplished a number of achievements since he became a charter faculty member, which is a title appointed to professors who have been here since OU's first year in 1959.

Tomboulia received OU's very first research grant. He also initiated the first undergraduate research program and introduced the first science-based environmental health major in Michigan.

For 35 years, he was also chair of the chemistry department.

Tomboulia has also excelled in ecological studies.

According to Ron Sudol, associate provost, he has created consciousness about toxic substances in the water and air. He also has been a scientific adviser to numerous public agencies that needed to make an environmental policy and was involved in improving their conditions.

He also has made audio and video records for OU, which trace the beginnings of the university. Called the Chronicles Project, he and his wife started work on it in 1996.

The Board of Trustees created the title of distinguished professor in 1988.

The process begins with the president and provost recommending faculty members to the nine-member selection committee, which is composed of former distinguished professors.

Then, the president and provost decide based on the committee's advice. In order for a faculty member to receive this honor, they must show excellence in teaching, academic achievements and community service.

According to Ron Sudol, he was nominated for displaying a devotion to science and having a passion for teaching it as well.

It was passion his students took to heart, and Sudol said that several of them have entered into environmental agencies, companies and institutions throughout the state and nation.

Linda Schweitzer, a colleague and assistant professor of chemistry, said that he has wonderful organizational and administrative skills, a skill she said she thinks people have taken for granted at OU.

"By working closely with Paul and out in the field," she said.

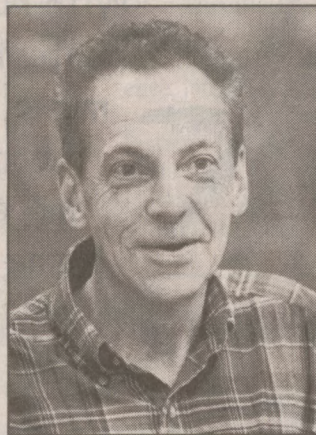


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Paul Tomboulia

OU Senate addresses budget, Athletics funding

By DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The upcoming budget cuts were a hot topic of discussion at the University Senate's Feb. 13 meeting.

The expansion in the Athletics Department, Cooley Law School and the Board of Trustees' failure to hold open meetings was also discussed. Former Governor John Engler

made a 2 percent cut to the budget last year, and Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm has announced she needs to cut at least another 1.5 percent.

Moudgil said President Gary Russi is anticipating a cut in state funding that could reach as high as 10 percent.

"This is the worst hit to higher education since World War II," said Virinder Moudgil, vice president of

Academic Affairs and provost.

Rather than seeing sweeping cuts made across the board, Moudgil said he would like to see each department prioritize its programs in preparation for the cuts and decide what they can let go if need be.

"At this time," Moudgil said, "I think we should take solace in the fact that no cuts have been made

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A taste of culture



Matt Nastor/The Oakland Post

Students sample some of the tasty dishes served at last Friday's Taste of Africa Gala.

Keeping kids safe

OU PD offers classes in proper safety seat use

By DERRICK SOBODASH
THE OAKLAND POST

A 20-minute appointment could save your child's life.

OU PD officer Nan Gelman is offering free car seat inspections for anyone who would like to learn how to set up and use the seats properly.

The inspections are available to students and non-students. All that's required is an appointment.

Gelman started the program the second week in October.

"It's an important issue, and it's important for the community to know we offer this service," Gelman said.

So far, Gelman has conducted three to four inspections per week on average.

"I thought it was a fabulous program to be offered at Oakland," Janice Dover, a Rochester resident and OU alumna, said. "It's nice to have something close to home and a bit more per-



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Officer Nan Gelman shows Janice Dover the correct way to install a child safety seat.

sonal."

Dover had an appointment with Gelman yesterday and plans to tell other parents involved with the Lowry Child Care Center about the program.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 80 percent of child and infant car seats are installed wrong. In Michigan, Gelman says

inspection programs like hers have shown it's as high as 95 percent. A properly installed car seat can reduce the chance of fatal injury by as much as 71 percent in infants and 54 percent in toddlers.

Some of the most common problems, according to Gelman, are the seats "not

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OUSC supports open meetings

By GAYLE ISSA
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Not to be outdone by the OU Senate, Student Congress unanimously passed a resolution Monday supporting *The Oakland Post's* petition to the Board of Trustees.

OUSC President and Vice President, seniors Brian Tomina and Michelle Jamian, and student liaison to the BOT, junior Rhonda Hanna, signed the petition as did more than 20 other OUSC members.

The resolution also requests that the BOT reaffirms its commitment to campus wide openness and the Michigan Open Meetings Act, which mandates that public bodies' meetings are open to the public.

The *Post* petition asks the BOT to

open both its formal and informal meetings to the public except where closure is permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

On Jan. 15, a quorum (six of the eight) of OU's appointed trustees met with the university's lobbyists to hear a presentation on higher education state cuts. The session was closed to the public and Hanna was not invited.

Legislators Zvonko Blazevski and Jeff Galecki, seniors, who introduced the resolution last week, and Jane Briggs-Bunting, director of the journalism program and media lawyer, spoke at Monday's meeting.

Shortly after the Jan. 15 meeting, OU's Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery said the court case *Federated Publications vs. Board of*

Trustees of Michigan State University gives OU's BOT the right to close its informal meetings.

Briggs-Bunting said that case's precedent does not hold in this instance because of three key differences.

First, the MSU case dealt with a presidential search, whereas the OU meeting was about budget cuts. Second, MSU has an elected board of trustees. OU's trustees are appointed. And third, MSU was constitutionally created. OU was created by an act of the state legislature in 1970 that specifically mandated the Board follows OMA.

"Why should you care? I'll tell you why you should care," Briggs-Bunting said, addressing OUSC. "If

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Dorm smoking may get snuffed out

By DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

Smokers living on campus may not be able to light up in their dorms if the House Policy Committee approves a new policy at its meeting today.

Representatives at a Residence Halls Council meeting last month cast preliminary votes in support of the possibility of changing the policy on smoking in dorms at OU, making more non-smoking areas.

The votes were found to be in favor of changing the policy. There are several options being considered by the House Council, including increasing the number of non-smoking floors to

ten or more, making Hamlin and Van Wagoner smoke-free or creating smoking-only floors.

The Student Advisory Committee spent the last few weeks talking with residents about changing the policy, and the final decision will be made after the results are presented to Director of University Housing and Food Service Eleanor Reynolds.

If Reynolds approves a change in policy, it will take effect in the upcoming 2003-2004 school year.

"I think people should be allowed to smoke in their rooms because it's their choice, and most people here are 18, of legal age," said Katrin deKoster, sophomore and Fitzgerald House res-

ident. "But I do think that there is a problem with people smoking directly outside of buildings because you have to walk through a cloud of smoke to get where you're going. That's what I would like to see change."

Every year around this time the House Policy Committee reviews its policies on such things as alcohol and smoking.

Currently among the residence halls there are five non-smoking floors altogether, and the only smoke-free hall is Anibal House.

"Turning all the dorms to non-smoking is a pretty good idea," said Jeremy Bruce, a sophomore living in Fitzgerald House. "It would just be better if nobody smoked because nobody wins

except for tobacco companies."

According to a study by the Harvard School of Public Health in 2001, new college students are 40 percent less likely to become smokers if they live in smoke-free dorms.

The same study also found that only 27 percent of American colleges prohibit smoking in students' dormitories.

Recently, the University of Michigan announced that its residence halls will be completely smoke-free starting with the 2003-2004 academic year.

Although some U-M residents are against this policy, the University Housing department there has received no specific complaints from students reaping

plying for on-campus housing.

The State of Michigan currently prohibits smoking in public buildings, including public spaces on college campuses.

Rooms in residence halls however, are exempt from this standard because they are private spaces.

Tyeisha Farley, a freshman resident at OU, said that although she is a non-smoker, people who do smoke in the dormitories do not bother her.

"It's their business. They pay just like everybody else pays. They should be able to smoke in their own residence," Farley said.

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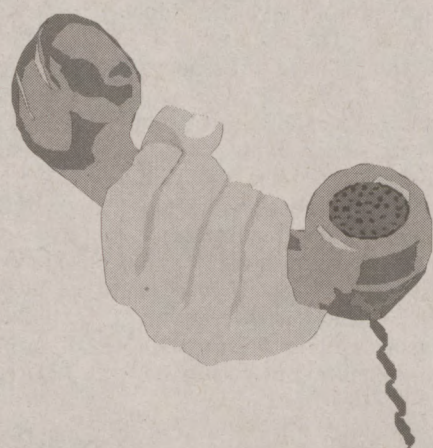
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Questions? Contact Jo Reger, Assistant Director of Women's Studies
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Software combats cheating

By ANN ZANIEWSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Faculty trying to determine whether the words in a student's term paper are original now have a little help thanks to a software program recently adopted by the university.

The program, www.turnitin.com, is a website that compares submitted text to

an extensive database that includes the Internet, a collection of books and journals and papers previously submitted to the site. Teachers or students concerned about plagiarism can submit entire papers or selected passages to the site's search engine.

After 24 hours, Turnitin.com produces an originality report that indicates whether the entire paper or parts of it have been

plagiarized.

Gerard Jozwiak, Instructional Technologies coordinator and OU's Turnitin.com administrator, said the site is visited most frequently by English, political science, journalism and rhetoric teachers, and between 20 and 30 instructors use it on a regular basis.

Jozwiak said, "it's amazing what it can catch," but stressed

that he thinks one of the most important aspects of turnitin.com is the link it provides to www.plagiarism.org.

There, students can learn how to properly cite sources and get tips on how to avoid plagiarism. It also offers suggestions for developing solid research and writing skills.

"As I interact with faculty, it's clear a lot of students don't

understand what plagiarism is," he said. "The goal is to educate students so they don't fall into that plagiarism trap."

John Barie, one of the site's founders, said plagiarism is a rapidly growing problem that has become more widespread in recent years because of the Internet. He said there is an overwhelming demand for Turnitin.com because it is the

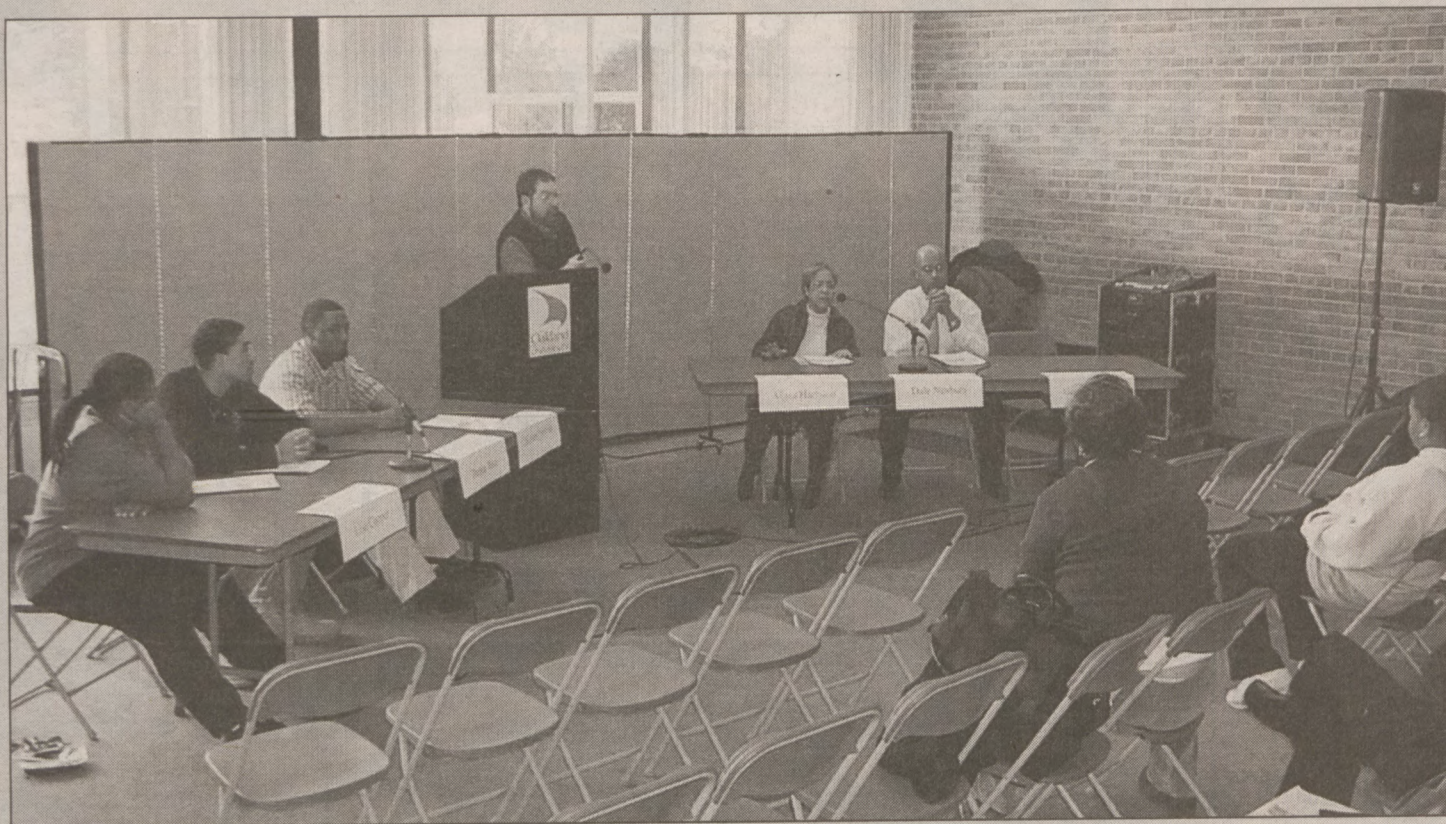
only service of its kind, and the company grows an average of 600 percent each year.

Turnitin.com has 8,000 subscribers all over the world. Barie said more than 10,000 papers are analyzed each day, and 30 percent turn out to be plagiarized.

"The way things are going, within the next few years, this will become just a part of how

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Talking about that generation



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

A panel of faculty, students and staff convenes in Fireside Lounge yesterday to discuss differences in generations of African-Americans. The panel was part of "The Souls of Black Folk" celebration, which ends today with closing ceremonies from noon-1p.m. in Fireside Lounge.

Mortician-poet to read at OU

By RANDY S. DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Award-winning writer Thomas Lynch, regarded as the most well known mortician in the world, will be reading selections from his work on 4 p.m., Thursday, March 6 in the Varner Recital Hall.

The Milford, Mich. native is the author of three collections of poems, "Skating with Heather Grace," "Grimalkin & Other Poems," and "Still Life in Milford."

His book of essays, "The Undertaking: Life Studies From The Dismal Trade," won a 1998 American Book Award.

"Bodies At Motion and At Rest," his most recent work, is a further explanation of what Lynch himself calls the "literary and mortuary arts."

The reading is free, and will be followed by a reception and book signing by the author. The Department of English is sponsoring Lynch's visit. That evening, Lynch will be visiting with students in Linda McCloskey's Creative Non-Fiction class.

Lynch's history with OU dates back to the late 1960s, when he enrolled as an undergraduate.

"At Oakland University I met Michael Heffernan who taught there briefly in the late 60s," said Lynch. "He was the first living poet I'd ever met, and the first that had a Buick and a mortgage

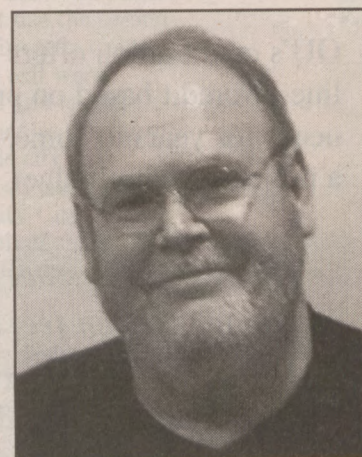


Photo courtesy of Thomas Lynch

Thomas Lynch

and unremarkable hair. It made me think that ordinary people could write extraordinary things."

In February, 1970, when Lynch received a high number in the Vietnam draft making it unlikely that he would be drafted, he dropped out of OU, taking two years off, splitting the time between Europe and America.

"I'd been biding time, waiting for the war to determine my future," said Lynch. "When it didn't, I figured I'd better do something. Ireland seemed right because I had family there and because I loved Joyce and Yeats. It changed my life in ways I'm still trying to understand."

After spending time with relatives in West Clare, Ireland, Lynch returned to the U.S. and

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Activities offer free fun

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

The series of events, "And now for something completely fun and free!!!" is sponsored by the Center for Student Activities, Residence Halls Programming and the Student Program Board from this month through April.

Programs are open to all OU students, faculty

and staff. Last week, one of the programs was an hour-long session of tango lessons. Around 40 students attended. In upcoming months, more lessons will be offered on a first-time basis.

If there is a demand for these types of dance lessons, advanced or extended sessions might be offered in the fall, said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student

Activities.

Students have requested these types of lessons in the past and sponsors are meeting student needs, Miller said.

"Students had a good time with the lesson, it was helpful and interactive," said Janece Hayes, University Housing program coordinator.

Hayes said if she receives more positive student responses, dance

lessons could turn into a progressive series of classes, meeting every other week. A swing dance lesson is planned at 8 p.m. March 10 in 119 Vandenberg Hall.

"Swing is the most popular social dance right now," said Hayes.

Other upcoming events are Karaoke, arts and crafts, games, readings and Friday Night Live comedy.

Students who attend a program can enter to win a \$250 OU bookstore gift certificate. Each time a student attends a program, he or she has the opportunity to enter to win. The drawing will be Wednesday, April 16.

For more details about "And now for something completely fun and free!!!" contact the CSA office at (248) 370-2400.

Seniors add to classroom

Tuition-reduction for senior citizens may be OU's best kept secret, only eight people take advantage of it

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Many students gripe about the \$144.25 per credit hour they pay for tuition. However, there are eight students on campus getting a tuition break, and not many people know about it.

The criteria for this tuition reduction are age and non-degree candidacy.

"The Board of Trustees passed a resolution back in June 2000 that waives the (course) fees and provides a 50 percent reduction in tuition for a non-matriculating Michigan resident over age 60," said Kelly Carter, manager of Student Business Services.

There are some drawbacks. Under the BOT resolution, senior

citizen students do not get student rates at the golf courses, plays or other events and are not given free access to the Rec Center.

With the 50 percent reduction, seniors pay \$72.25 per credit hour, or \$288.48 for a four-credit class.

The plan was first proposed by the request the Academic Affairs Office in May 2000.

The Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the time, Louis Esposito, said bringing seniors to campus is good for the population of students. The resolution said it "provides a wealth of experience and wisdom from which fellow students in class can benefit."

The tuition discount program was approved by the BOT a

month later. BOT Chair Henry Baskin said he thought seniors would add to the classroom experience, but could not afford the tuition. He hoped this resolution would make OU classes more accessible for seniors.

Under this plan seniors who want to obtain a degree must pay standard tuition and fees.

Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College also offer this discount, though it's not as substantial.

OCC offers a 20 percent tuition break to Michigan residents 60 years or older.

Tuition is \$50.30 per credit hour for students within the district. This means OCC students over the age of 60 pay \$45.27 per credit hour.

According to Karen LeDuc, manager of Media and Communications Relations at MCC, tuition at MCC is \$57.00 per credit hour for students within the county. MCC offers a discount of 10 percent, meaning MCC students over the age of 60 pay \$51.30 per credit hour.

Other universities in Michigan also participate in similar programs. The University of Michigan-Flint offers a 50 percent tuition break to students 65 years or older. Western Michigan University and UM-Dearborn waives all tuition but senior citizen students pay lab fees and books.

Western Michigan University,

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Summer program focuses on eyes

By PETER LUCIDO
& ANNA SMOLAK
THE OAKLAND POST

Students interested in eye research now have the chance to get a hands on experience.

The Eye Research Institute, in collaboration with the OU Center for Biomedical Research, presents the Summer Undergraduate Program in Eye Research, called SUPER, a competitive twelve-week program that runs from May 12 to Aug. 1, at no cost to students.

Each student who participates receives a \$3,000 award for their work.

SUPER has been offered by the ERI for the past three years, said Paulette Realy, assistant to the director of the Eye Research Institute.

According to Realy, students will benefit from lab experiences, present work at meetings, being named on publications, testing new hypotheses and using sophisticated scientific instruments and methodologies.

"The students will see a research project as we do every

day from start to finish," said Realy.

To apply, students need a 3.0 GPA in science classes and must complete an application, provide a brief resume, submit a copy of a current transcript and a letter of reference from a faculty member and write a one-page essay describing their career goals and interest in science.

ERI is funded by grant support from private and federal health agencies including the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health, the State of Michigan, March of Dimes, American Health Assistance Foundation, and many other companies interested in eye research.

The Mentors for S.U.P.E.R. will be faculty members from ERI, each with his or her own specialty.

All requirements for S.U.P.E.R. can be found at www2.oakland.edu/eri under "Student Opportunities."

Applications must be turned in by March 3, 2003.

Crime Watch

• A series of larcenies occurred between 12:45-2:05 p.m. Feb. 15 in the O'rena. Three students, members of the dance team Images, were attending the basketball game. The women placed their duffel bags under the bleachers. When they returned at 2:05 p.m., the bags were missing. The bags contained clothes, credit cards, check books, cell phones, keys, dance equipment and other

valuables. Excluding unsigned checks, the value of the bags and the contents is about \$965.

• A student's 1998 Chevrolet Malibu was damaged in a hit and run accident between 9-10:30 a.m. Feb. 12 in the Varner Hall parking lot. She parked for class and returned to find damage to her passenger side rear bumper.

• Another hit and run accident occurred between 2-2:30 p.m.,

Feb. 9, in the parking lot near the Science and Engineering Building. A student's 2000 Plymouth was parked, and when she returned she found damage to her front fender and on the passenger side.

• A 28-year old student was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor at 2 a.m. Feb. 13, at the intersection of Adams and Avon. An officer reportedly

saw the student driving at a high rate of speed. He switched on the radar and confirmed the student was driving about 75 mph in 45 mph zone. The officer stopped the vehicle and observed the driver with bloodshot eyes. The driver reportedly said he had two beers. He failed three sobriety tests and registered over the legal limit on a PBT. The driver was arrested and taken to Auburn

Hills Police Department before being transferred to OUPD for processing. His license was confiscated, and he was transported to Oakland County Jail.

• A 20-year-old student was ticketed for MIP at 3:10 a.m. Feb. 12 in West Vandenberg Hall. An officer was called to the hall and met with the Hall Director who told the officer the woman was brought home by two individuals

and carried to her room. The woman told the officer she had been at a strip club in Detroit. The officer reportedly noticed a slur in her speech and asked if she had been drinking. She admitted she, took a PBT and was ticketed.

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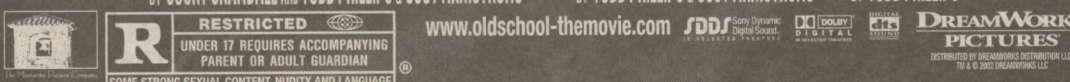


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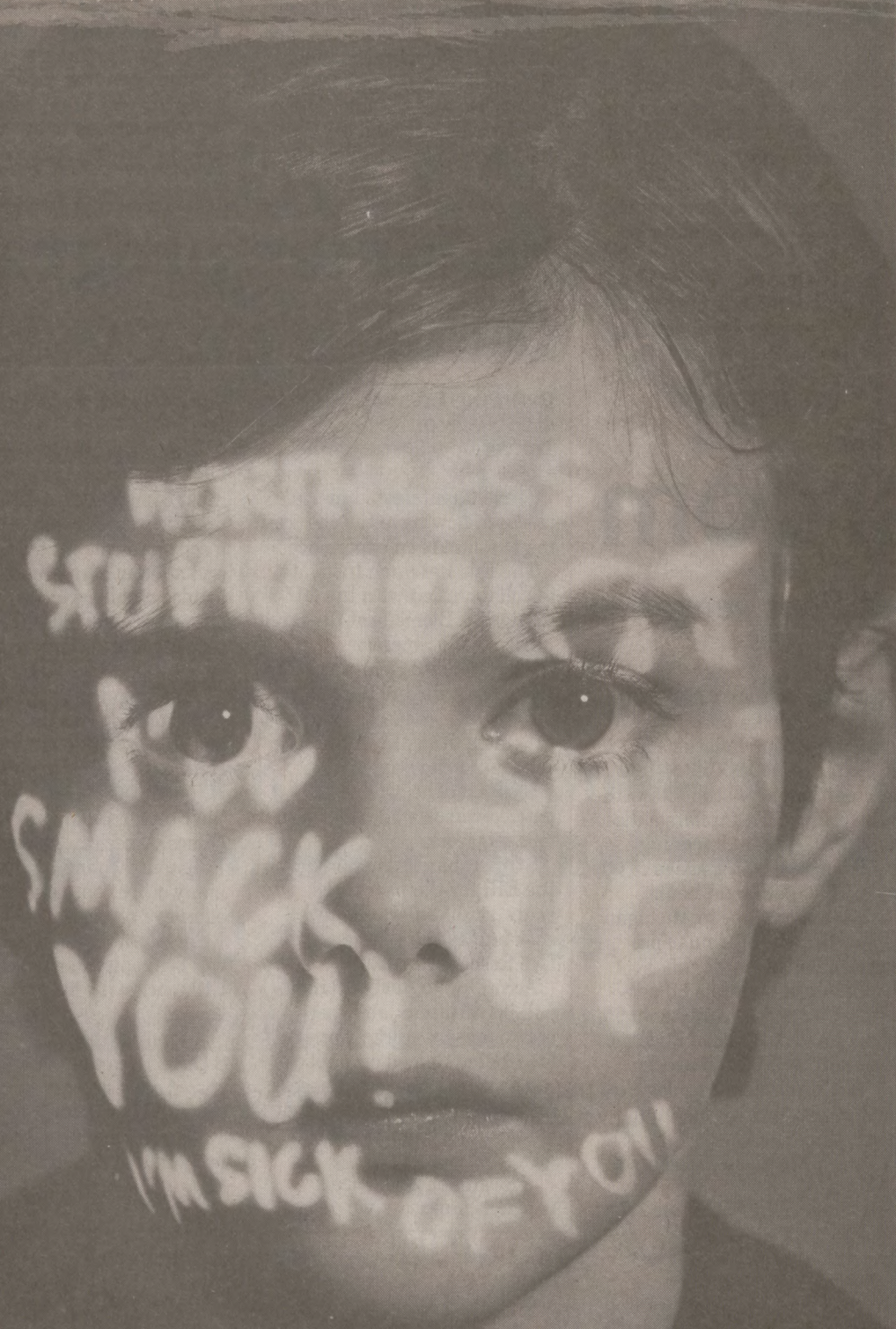
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Online identity theft looms

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

Email boxes full of junk mail, telemarketing calls at 7 a.m. and unauthorized charges to a credit card could be consequences of putting personal information online.

Despite these costs, many people still enter personal or financial information on the Internet.

Today one can do almost anything over the Internet from buying groceries and bidding on movie memorabilia to paying credit card bills and filing tax returns.

In today's age of technology,

online customers need to protect themselves while shopping online.

The Federal Trade Commission has some tips for using credit or debit cards online.

"Although you can't control fraud or deception on the Internet, you can take steps to recognize it, avoid it and report it," the FTC says.

When making transactions online, the FTC recommends that individuals use a secure browser and software that encrypts or scrambles information sent over the Internet to protect personal information.

The FTC also recommends before providing any personal financial information and checking the site's privacy policy to determine how information will be used. Keep records of online transactions and read emails. Merchants may send its customers information about purchases.

Finally, review monthly credit card and bank statements. Errors should be reported to the bank or card issuer immediately.

Karie Duvall, sophomore, said she is still a bit leery about putting personal information on the Internet.

"I never put any information

online. I don't even use my first name, only my first initial," she said.

Many sites accept credit and debit cards through agents like PayPal or Verisign to insure customer protection. These agencies allow buyers to send money securely at a low rate to anyone with an email address.

With PayPal, the customer opens an account with the agent, which then allows the customer to send money around the world with a click of a mouse, according to its website www.paypal.com.

According to David Sacks, PayPal chief operating officer,

the company not only acts as an agent in e-commerce money transactions, but it also "aggressively pursues people suspected of fraud in the PayPal network."

"We have no tolerance for these people in our system and are more than happy to help law enforcement bring them to justice in any way we can," Sacks said.

The FTC is one place consumers can go to report Internet, telemarketing, identity theft and other fraud-related complaints.

"The Commission's efforts are directed toward stopping actions. Please see **THEFT** on A7

GLOBAL GLANCE

• A Chicago nightclub turned into a death trap Sunday as at least 21 people, 12 women and nine men, were crushed evacuating the building. A fight broke out between two women on the second floor of the club, which was followed by security officers using pepper spray and mace to break it up. This apparently triggering people to flee in excessive panic from the crowded second floor down to the main level. Officials said the club was under court order to not use the second floor because of fire code violations. All but one exit were allegedly chained and locked. The club owner denies the court order and said the city has known E2 has been using the second floor facility. City officials plan to seek criminal charges against the club for the violations.

• Credit card companies Visa and MasterCard announced that a hacker has gained access to as many as 2.2 million accounts. The hacker invaded the security system of the company that protects and processes card transactions from merchants of the two card companies. A spokesman said none of the Visa accounts have been fraudulently used. MasterCard announced it is working with authorities to try to find out who is responsible. Both companies have contacted banks whose cards have been affected. Visa and MasterCard will not charge customers for fraudulent use of their cards.

• U.S. and British officials are working on another resolution proving Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction. The two countries said Iraq has violated an U.N. act on biological weapons, and the country could face "serious consequences" if it did not disarm. The resolution could include military force. The U.N. Security Council could see the new resolution as soon as next week. France, one of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, is still opposed to using military force against Iraq.

• More bodies have been found from an alleged arson attack on one of South Korea's subway systems that has brought the death toll from five up to 20. Firefighters are still trying to rescue about 100 more passengers and workers are trapped under the debris. Police believe a man in a tracksuit had a milk carton full of a flammable substance and lit it on fire while on one of the trains. Many more are expected to be pronounced dead.

Global goof

• To stop their wives from nagging, some husbands go for a drive, move out or get a divorce. But for a Romanian businessman, it is worth \$575 a month. Nicolae Popa made the deal with his wife, Maria, to pay her a monthly fee to not nag him when he comes home from work. Nicolae said he is stressed out from his job and when he comes home he just wants to go to bed. Maria said she is happy with the deal, but does on occasion gets lonely because she is a computer programmer who sits in front of a monitor all day. The couple has been married for seven years, and when they decide to have children, Maria said Nicolae would have to double the salary to maintain peace and quiet with children running around the house.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

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various news sources



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

MDOT vans roam Metro Detroit freeways to assist broken down motorists. The MDOT Courtesy Patrol service is free of charge.

MDOT patrols area for stranded drivers

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

For commuters who may not have the most dependable vehicle or are worried about breaking down on the freeway driving to school, Michigan Department of Transportation Courtesy Patrol can come to the rescue.

MDOT has a courtesy patrol program that assists freeway motorists in need in the Metro Detroit area.

Whether it's a flat tire or an empty gas tank, MDOT Communications Representative Rob Morosi said the white trucks with "MDOT Courtesy Patrol" labeled in blue letters and flashing orange lights will be nearby to help.

"We provide minor services to motorists off on the side of the road," he said. "We even assist police and emergency service vehicles in case of an accident."

About 12 MDOT courtesy vehicles patrol freeways in the Metro Detroit area

from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on the weekdays.

Even though the service does help with stranded vehicles, Morosi said they do not consider themselves repairmen.

"We're not like a repair service on wheels. Our job is to get drivers to a repair center as safely and quickly as possible," he said.

The MDOT website www.michigan.gov/mdot, said the program began in the mid-90s and was overseen by the Alliance for Greater Detroit.

It lasted for about two years and then was picked up by MDOT.

Though the program is more than a decade old, Januari Street, junior, has never even heard of it before.

"I live in the Metro Detroit area, and I've never seen courtesy patrol cars on the freeway," said Street. "It sounds like a great idea ... I hope if I'm ever stranded on the freeway, they come to my rescue."

Sophomore Katrina Spiltener, on the other hand, said she sees patrol cars all

the time.

"I drive on the expressway every day, and I pass by them helping people all the time," said Spiltener.

She said she is just happy to have never been one of those people who have been stranded.

"For drivers who are afraid of being stranded on the side of the road," Spiltener said. "There are actually people who will come out and help them for free."

MDOT Courtesy Patrol is a government-funded program free of charge to Michigan motorists, and it plans to soon expand.

"Right now we only cover Metro Detroit, but we plan to expand to Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor within the next year," Morosi said.

Morosi also said it doesn't have a service number that drivers can call. "We just patrol the areas freeways, and help people we see in need."

Deposit may cover more than pop/beer

By CASEY CURTIS
THE OAKLAND POST

Bottle drives in Michigan could be getting a boost due to a bill asking that plastic juice containers and water bottles be added to the existing 10 cent deposit list.

The original bottle bill, introduced 26 years ago in Michigan, may be expanded to allow refunds for some non-carbonated beverages, which were not in existence when the bill was first passed.

The Michigan United Conservation Club, which first proposed the bottle bill, is now fighting for the expansion.

"What they're doing right now is having public hearings around the state to talk about not just the issue of expansion of the bottle deposit law, but also, they're hoping to look at the whole area of recycling," said Linda Gobler, president of the Michigan Grocers Association.

Currently, more than 95 percent of the plastic, aluminum and glass containers purchased in Michigan are returned for a deposit and recycled, but just 20 percent

of Michigan's trash is recycled, said Gobler.

"I think it's a good idea to have more bottles be able to be returnable because it will help push recycling," said Matthew Swartz, senior.

Gobler, who said the MGA is against the proposal, said she believes the bill was created in order to reduce roadside littering, which it did. It was not intended for gallon-sized juice or water bottles.

"What you're seeing is fast food wrappers, papers ..." she said.

The MGA is against expanding bottle recycling for several reasons.

Gobler said grocery stores already have enough space problems. Adding more bottles would make it even worse. She also raised sanitary issues with bottle returns.

"What's coming back in those cans and bottles would disgust most consumers, and yet they're bringing it to their grocery store," Gobler said.

The biggest problem, according to Gobler, is the expansion is not a funded mandate.

"The state is once again telling a business what they have to do, and yet not providing the funding for them to do it," she said.

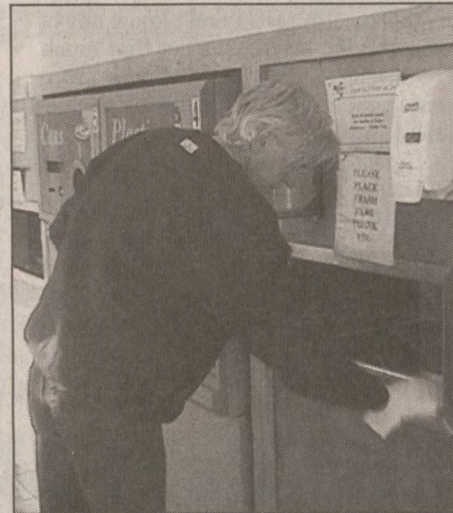
Steve Greer knows first hand of the problem of space. The senior service clerk, who works in the bottle room at VG's Grocery Store in Waterford, said if the state wants the change, it needs to foot the bill to make more space.

"The state should definitely help out with funding," he said. "There's not that much space back here (in the return room) to begin with."

Melissa Harris, freshman, said she'd rather put the bottles that don't have deposits in her recycling bin.

"I don't want to have to pay a 10 cent deposit on water and juice. It's bad enough having to pay that on soda beverages," Harris said.

"And so what we're saying is, instead of looking at your poor retailer and saying 'we want to bring our garbage to you,' let's look at the entire system," she said.



Casey Curtis/The Oakland Post

Steve Greer, a senior service clerk at the VG's Grocery Store in Waterford, said he believes if the state wants to start making a deposit on such items as iced tea and bottled water, it should also help stores with labor cost.

Editorial

Warnings, plastic don't cut it

One has to wonder if the U.S. government's warnings about possible terrorist attacks do any good.

On the weekend, President Bush told Americans to just go about their lives, not to panic about the high terror threat warning and allow the professionals to do the safekeeping.

But if Americans are presented with news of possible attacks and the alert level is moved up from yellow to orange, then what should be done with a nervous nation?

The government should not voice concerns about attacks on malls, hotels and planes and in the same breath tell Americans not to cancel their shopping sprees, weekends away and flights.

The government should do one of two things: Either hand us a detailed plan of action, or not let the general public know about hunches if there's nothing we can do except "become more aware of our surroundings."

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said officials don't have any conclusive evidence about where, when or how the terrorists could strike, yet anti-aircraft missile launchers were deployed in the Washington D.C. area. Many people have already spent time stocking up on food, water, duct tape and plastic sheeting as the government suggested to have these items handy in case of a chemical attack.

How is sealing the doors or windows going to save a household if it's sprayed with a hazardous substance? It seems like nothing more than a ploy to rally war support as Americans long for days when they don't have to buy plastic wrap to feel safe.

But in all likelihood duct tape is not going to suffice as an anti-terrorism measure. Especially now that the whole world, including anyone planning an attack, knows that Americans have an impressive emergency kit waiting by the stairs. But as sales of duct tape and plastic wrap soar, the frenzied people in line at the store haven't stopped to think about how stupid this behavior is. If someone is smart enough to be able to fly over a metropolitan area and spray anthrax on everyone, what will a flimsy layer of plastic do?

Yes, we could die from anthrax, but we could also die from carbon monoxide poison that our hot water heaters might leak out at night. We shouldn't run our errands with helmets on in case a space shuttle explodes over our heads. And we shouldn't be running out to buy gas masks just because someone in a position of authority suggests it.



Point / Counterpoint

Should the draft be reinstated for the war in Iraq?

Yes

RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I don't see how anybody in this town could possibly be against the draft. The Lions have the number two overall pick, and we all know that Cincinnati ... wrong draft, my fault.

Though personally against a war with Iraq, I'm treating this topic from the standpoint that it is inevitable, and that the threats posed to our safety by at least North Korea and al-Qaeda are legitimate and real. Though there has been a slight resurgence since the Sept. 11 2001 attack on New York, over the past couple of years the U.S. Army has seen its numbers drop.

Things have gotten so bad that Uncle Sam has had to resort to purchasing advertising time during professional wrestling and developing a "basic training" video game in an attempt to beef the armed services up above its current level of 1.2 million soldiers.

Quite simply put, there aren't enough soldiers to do battle with Saddam Hussein as well as continue our chosen role as policemen for the

entire planet.

Of course, it is because of our belief that we are the watchdogs of the earth that we must think about reinstating the draft.

Without the draft, anybody can be in favor of war. It's not my brother facing nuclear, chemical or biological weaponry. In fact, I don't know any of these dying people. It's not that much removed from any one of a dozen war video games that you can play over the Internet.

In fact, of the people playing the ultimate war game in the U.S. Senate, only one person, Tim Johnson (D - South Dakota), has a child enlisted in active duty. The next-highest ranking politician with an enlisted child is a state senator in Kentucky. Sure, firing the draft up again wouldn't directly affect the congress, as our history is littered with cases of rich and/or powerful people getting their sons into the Indiana National Guard during times of war, but it will impact a large minority of Americans - the voters.

If Americans are in favor of the U.S. going into Iraq, and there are numerous polls that say they are, then now is the time to agree to make a sacrifice for their war. It's your cause, America. Donate your children.

No

BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

As war with Iraq becomes a more prominent threat, the possibility of reinstating the draft grows. And I am all for it.

I would love to get drafted next to LeBron James in the NBA Draft. Oh, wait. That's not what they mean.

I was a little confused. I just didn't believe that a group of middle-aged Congress members are in a position to send myself and many people like me off to fight a war many don't agree with.

Putting the fact aside that the war may be more about gas prices than weapons, reinstating the draft makes little sense.

Not only are people who have no shot of being drafted willing to send 19-25 year olds off to fight, but it wouldn't be necessary.

Looking back to the Gulf War, a similar situation, very few ground troops were needed.

If we are so worried about the number of weapons Iraq is hiding, why is the focus on getting ground troops?

Besides, North Korea is a little

of Middle Eastern and Islamic decent. Only Ashcroft and his agents know how many people have been detained or deported on suspicion of being a "threat to national security." Should we not know what people are being arrested for, and how many of them have been arrested? People have the right to speak their minds (First Amendment), but today in America, the home of the brave and the land of the free, people have become scared of talking and speaking out publicly against these unlawful detentions, deportations, and secret hearings without "official" charges being brought up or publicly announced. As a result of the Patriot Act the government can now more easily tap your phones, follow you around, monitor whom you have contact with and arrest you without any reason

other than being an alleged "threat to national security."

Immigrants from countries such as Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, North Korea, etc. have been told to register with the government or face penalties such as deportation. These people are to be photographed, fingerprinted and required to show documents.

By chilling freedom of speech, the government is in essence killing people, as people don't exist if they can't express themselves. American citizens are now watching what they say in order to avoid being swept up in the post-9/11 "national security inquisition."

America has now become the very entity the British were when we fought the American Revolution: a tyrannical one. America is about

freedom (although not everyone was free at first), but we have moved in small shades ever closer toward the former Soviet Union. Think about the parallels: secret trials and imprisonment without access to a lawyer, informants, registrations?

But there is hope: Ashcroft's Terrorism Information and Prevention System program of using informants and postal workers to report on suspicious individuals went nowhere in Congress. TIPS could have led to neighbor spying on neighbor, wife turning in husband and so on. Librarians are resisting demands that they turn over lists of what specific individuals have checked out.

Maybe you would like to resist too.

Letters to the editor

Reader impressed with Tavis Smiley lecture

Dear Editor,
I was privileged to hear in person Tavis Smiley's lecture at OU on Jan. 24, 2003, and was curious to see what would be reported on it in *The Post* the following week. Having seen not a word then or in the weeks since (I believe *The Post* has failed its readers by this omission, I feel a responsibility to offer here at least a brief personal assessment.

I had never heard of Tavis Smiley until sometime last fall, but have been enjoying pieces of his National Public Radio program week-day mornings on WDET-FM in Detroit since then. His title here at Oakland, "Hard Left: Straight Talk about the Wrongs of the Right," intrigued me. He combined humor and spontaneity with a serious message - that African Americans (Martin Luther King, Jr. being a notable example) have been the conscience of the nation, the trend in civil and constitutional rights recently has been backward rather than forward and that it's time for a real debate on the direction we should be headed.

He presented a scathing indictment of Bush Administration policies internationally and domestically. The proposed war in Iraq was a specific target in this lecture, and Smiley's message on that was essentially the same as that given by Scott Ritter: Disarm Iraq peacefully.

I wish to commend the Student Life Lecture Board for bringing such thought-provoking guests as Tavis Smiley and Scott Ritter to the campus.

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

Dear Editor,
I have been following your stories on the OU Board holding a closed meeting in clear violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. The students can sign a

petition, the newspaper can write articles, but until the Board is held responsible and is forced to pay some type of fine there is no real accountability.

This money from the fine can go to the student activity fund on campus. Maybe if the board has to pay \$15,000 every time they hold a meeting in clear violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, they may think twice before not opening it up to the public.

Marianne Poulin
Post-grad student

Dear Editor,
The letter from former *Oakland Post* editor Jennifer Decker (Feb. 12) showed a lack of knowledge about OU's media relations' activities, especially given that Ms. Decker recently worked for *The Post*.

The media relations department issues five to seven press releases a week, and a majority of those contain news about our students' academic achievements, events, faculty research and grant awards, new academic programs, new buildings and other good stories about OU. In addition, our effort to get out our dean's list every May is massive and successful; the press releases we issue regarding the dean's list go to each student's hometown newspaper, after which they appear in those papers. We send all of our press releases to *The Post*. Moreover, we met last fall with Ms. Decker and other *Post* editors to explain in great detail our media relations' processes.

What bothers us most about Ms. Decker's letter is not so much her apparent ignorance on this issue, but the fact that *The Post* would choose to print the letter when it knows very well that her complaints are groundless.

Ted Montgomery

FEATURED COLUMNISTS

First Amendment under attack by government



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OUCS legislator

A spectre is haunting America, that of paranoia and Ashcroft, the modern day grand inquisitor, today's public face of justice. While the government may act as a restraint, there must be limits to the limiter. A balance between freedom and security is needed. Since 9/11, the modern-day grand inquisitor John Ashcroft is also carrying out his own version of the "inquisition." Ashcroft is imprisoning and deporting people who are perceived to be threats to national security such as immigrants that are

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the community where he was appreciated, I am aware of the many things he's done over the years for the environment, and to promote Oakland University," she said.

Michael Sevilla, chair of the chemistry department said, "His work was sustained and substantial over his long tenure at OU. For these and many other reasons, he is deserving of this award."

THEFT

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that threaten consumers' opportunities to exercise informed choice," Claudia Bourne Farrell from the FTC Office of Public Affairs said. "The Federal Trade Commission enforces a variety of federal antitrust and consumer protection laws and seeks to ensure that the nation's markets function competitively, and are vigorous, efficient and free of undue restrictions."

The FTC also enters consumer complaints into the Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies across the U.S. and worldwide.

In the last two years alone, law enforcement agencies using Consumer Sentinel have brought hundreds of cases and returned millions of dollars to victims of Internet schemes and fraud, according to Farrell.

Being able to purchase products, make financial transactions, and complete necessary paperwork like tax returns online is designed to make life easier and tasks much faster and simpler, according to Farrell.

If an identity has been stolen, contact the FTC's ID Theft Clearinghouse toll free (877) ID-THEFT.

Any consumers can have a "fraud alert" placed on file. This will guarantee that no new credit cards be granted without the person's approval. A customer just has to call one of the three major credit card bureaus.

For the names and numbers of the credit card bureaus, visit www.oakposonline.com.

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yet." In other business, the Senate passed a motion to expand its relationship with Cooley Law School to develop a satellite program permitting students to take two semesters of the law program at OU - though some senators complained privately the arrangement with Cooley was already a "done deal."

The decision moved through the Senate quickly. "I'm under the impression," Vincent Khapoya, professor of Political Science, said, "that they want to move quickly but are willing to work at our pace which is much, much slower."

Later in the meeting, Jack Mehl, Director of Athletics, announced as an informational item that his department has found six donors with athletic interests to help renovate the school's outdoor facilities including the soccer field.

He said Athletics is also seeking funding from the NCAA to develop a track and

field program at the university. The funds would be used to attract 30 new students to the university to take part in these programs.

Mehl addressed concerns of developing athletic programs during the time of a budget crunch.

"The funds that we are going to tap for these programs are not from the institution, rather funds from the NCAA."

Donors, however, are needed because, "The NCAA is quick to support programs - but not so quick to support facilities."

Near the end of the meeting, Senate member Bruce Mann, associate professor of English and Chair, proposed a resolution to ask the BOT to hold all its meetings, both formal and informal, in open session except when the Michigan Open Meetings Act permits them to hold closed sessions.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Though the Senate resolution holds no power over the BOT, a separate governing body of the university, the resolution was intended to send a message.

"I think they should know we have a deep interest in the board and the way their meetings affect the university," Michael Sevilla, professor of Chemistry and chair, said.

During discussion, Joel Russell, professor of Chemistry and president of the faculty union, the AAUP, held up a stack of petitions from *The Post*, inviting members present to sign.

"They're either within the law or they're incredibly stupid," Henke said.

Some members of the Senate, however, expressed concern earlier in the meeting. Henke said, "It may drive the wedge farther between the Board and ourselves."

"We may appear antagonistic," said Moudgil.

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Lake Superior State University, U-M Ann Arbor, Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan University all participate in some type of tuition break for seniors.

According to LeDuc, the discount is taken if the age the student enters on their enrollment form is more than 60 years old.

Le Duc said these prices do not reflect other fees, such as activities fee and registration charges. However, the 10 percent discount is applied to fees

and books, also.

"We are a community college and we want to make education available to everyone, even those on a fixed income like seniors," said Le Duc.

Ted Montgomery, director of Media Relations, said it is uncertain whether this reduction will be eliminated in the wake of budget cuts.

For more information, contact the Registrar's office at (248) 370-3450.

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your feet warm when you're walking to the gas station and something to put the gas in when you get there."

Matt Wilson, junior, is relying on one piece of equipment.

"I thought just having a cell phone was good enough," he said.

Rank said this is a common but incorrect thought.

"Even if you call for help, especially under severe weather conditions, it may be some time before help arrives, and

hypothermia is a real danger," he said.

It's important to be ready for any winter weather driving emergency, but not all accidents can be avoided.

AAA said it's usually best to remain in a stranded vehicle rather than to risk exposure or become lost while walking for help.

With more winter weather on its way, it's a good idea for drivers to be prepared.

SEAT

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(being) secured to the car tight enough" or "the harness clip (not being) where it should be."

Parents sometimes buy the wrong seat. Gelman said infants under two years old and 20 pounds should always be put in rear-facing seats. The force of a deploying airbag could injure a child in a front-facing seat.

Special clips are required for cars with seatbelts which lock when the brakes are applied (ELR seatbelts) require a special clip to keep the seatbelt locked all the way when driving.

Gelman said parents also

often forget that children under age 8 still should be in a booster seat for safety.

The entire inspection and instruction process takes about 20 to 40 minutes.

"When they leave, I hope the parents are much more comfortable with the mechanics of the seat, how to install it, how to put their children into it, and that I've answered any questions they have about the seat," Gelman said.

To schedule an appointment with Gelman, call the OUPD at (248) 370-3331.

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there's a default I guarantee you will pick up the freight."

She said OU could be looking at least a 10 percent tuition hike next academic year.

Legislator Lindsay Stover asked what the next step is after presenting the BOT with the petition and resolution.

Briggs-Bunting said that she would prefer to not publicly embarrass the university but that a lawsuit by *The Oakland Post* (a separate corporation to the university), is a possible course of action. She added this was her legal opinion and lawyers often disagree.

"Hopefully, the Board will do the right thing," she said, "This is what this country is about, and why it's respected worldwide. The First Amendment has 45 words and guarantees five rights. The last one is the right to petition the government for a redress of griev-

ances. The Board of Trustees is your government," she said.

Briggs-Bunting also touched on the matter of the student liaison to the BOT.

"I believe they're well intentioned people (liaisons), but it seems like it's a farce," she said in reference to the fact that Hanna was not invited to the meeting.

"You represent the students. You need to articulate the voice of the students," she told OUSC members.

After the meeting Jeremy Kopp, junior said, "I am very proud. It's great that we took a stand on a campus issue. I don't care if they're (trustees) discussing dinner plans. It should be known about."

LYNCH

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got married in 1972.

"After I married, I decided I'd better go to mortuary school," said Lynch. "I admired my father and his work more than anything. So even though I briefly considered other things, funeral service seemed to make sense to me. I liked that it put me in daily contact with people in the deep end of the existential pool, both living and dead. And I liked that it gave me time to read and write."

Lynch enrolled at Wayne State University, completing a degree in mortuary science, and began work at his father's funeral home, Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, in 1974.

Though his work as funeral director shows up in many of his poems and is even more prominent in his collection of essays, Lynch does not feel that his work is more death-oriented than the writings of his contemporaries.

"I think that all poets write about sex and death, as Yeats once instructed Ezra Pound to do," said Lynch. "I have no corner on the mortality market."

There is an abundance of it everywhere.

"Most writers write because they know they'll die. There is this hope that something - a poem, a paragraph, a turn of phrase, a book - might out live them."

SOFTWARE

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education works," Barie said. "The take home message is not to catch students cheating. The take home message is that now it's a really bad idea to do that."

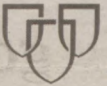
Every time a paper is submitted, Turnitin.com adds it to its database. Barie said each student stills holds all the copyrights to his or her work.

Although Turnitin.com was created primarily to discourage plagiarism, the site offers several other features. Through the site, instructors can collect papers directly from students and grade them online. Students can create a digital portfolio of their work.

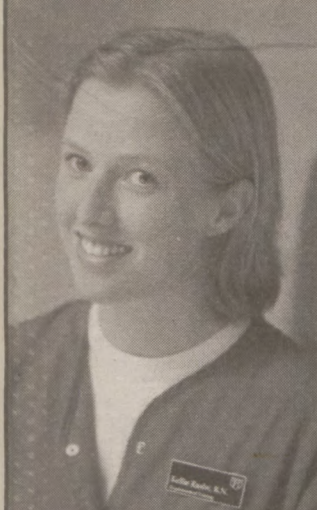
Turnitin.com began in 1994, and the list of other Michigan subscribers includes Davenport University Online, Saginaw Valley State University, Baker College, Ferris State University, Kalamazoo College, Western Michigan University, Kirtland Community College, Michigan Technological University and 21 high schools.

The service costs OU \$3,700 annually. Faculty who suspect plagiarism can put the submission in writing and forward it to the Dean of Students office.

If the Dean determines there to be sufficient evidence to support plagiarism, the student and faculty member attend an Academic Conduct Committee hearing. If the committee decides plagiarism did occur, it gives the student a penalty ranging from academic probation to expulsion.



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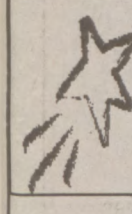
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Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Wilson Hall

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African artifacts

New exhibit opens at MBAG

BY KRISTIE FAVRO
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

As part of Black History Month, Meadow Brook Art Gallery recently opened its newest exhibit.

"A Heritage of Teaching: The African Art Collection" of Catherine C. Blackwell is here at OU to educate students about the richness and diversity of African culture.

Blackwell, the owner of the collection, is a retired Detroit Public School teacher who has dedicated her life to educating children in grades K-12, as well as the Michigan community, about African and African-American history.

She found that her collection of artifacts, started in the 1960s, serves as an excellent teaching tool both in and out of the classroom.

"Forty years ago, it was this compulsion that inspired her travel to the continent to investigate it herself," wrote Dick Goody, director of the MBAG. "And so in exploring this collection, one must always bear in mind that it would not exist were it not for Mrs. Blackwell's intrepid resolve to bring something back to invigorate the classroom."

Many see the importance of Blackwell's collection in education.

"For Mrs. Blackwell, African art should be a teaching tool here in America too, as it was in Africa," wrote Nii Otokunor Quarcoopome Ph.D., curator of African Art & Head of the Detroit Institute of Art.

That's exactly what Blackwell hopes for her collection.

According to Algea O. Harrison-Hale, professor of psychology, the Advisory Committee is dedicated to the preservation of Blackwell's collection.

She wrote, "It is important because not only this generation, but future generations, will be enriched by the

knowledge and aesthetic value of the objects.

"The exploration of African cultures in all their complexities is a meaningful endeavor."

According to Goody, this exhibit has taken nearly two years to develop and more than 400 hours of preparation, planning and set-up time.

This includes painting, lighting and all the other tricky details, said Goody.

"This is very lively and appropriate for students interested in art and culture because that's why the collection was amassed."

"The work is from across the artistic spectrum from children's toys to ritual masks and textiles. You'll learn a lot from this exhibit and feel better about humanity after seeing it," said Goody.

From the simplest wooden toy to the most extravagant ritual mask, each has its own story and meaning.

The pieces themselves were collected not just from markets and stores but were hand-selected especially for Blackwell.

One piece, a royal Kuba mask, was given to Blackwell from the Zairian (D.R. Congo) ambassador to the U.S. on behalf of president, Mobutu Sese Seku.

According to Quarcoopome, the artifacts serve many functions, unlike art in western society.

They are not placed on a wall or on a coffee table. They are used in rituals and ceremonies. They can also mean a number of things to a person.

"Each serves one of the following purposes: to elevate the self, to mark and define authority and status, to assert pedigree, to connect with other-worldly phenomenon, to reflect on the past, to seek meanings in the mystery of life and to facilitate and overcome the difficulties inherent in life's transitions," wrote Quarcoopome.

Because of Blackwell's pride and determination to teach about her culture, she has been recognized and

awarded numerous times.

Former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young named Blackwell "Detroit's Ambassador to Africa."

The Urban League honored Blackwell as one of its "Distinguished Warriors," and she is a member of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

Blackwell's most distinguished recognition is the college named in her honor, The Catherine C. Blackwell Institute of International Studies, Commerce and Technology, for her work in the Detroit Public School system.

According to Goody, there are more than 100 pieces on display at MBAG for all to view.

"It's our greatest priority to increase our audience. This exhibition has a two-page spread in the *Detroit Free Press*. Now it's up to the students," said Goody.

Some students like junior Andrea Murzen said they believe the gallery just needs more exciting exhibits.

"I've never been to the gallery. I don't even know where it is," she said.

She also said more interesting things would attract her to the exhibits.

The exhibit does in fact have fascinating things to be seen. They are full of color and culture.

The exhibit will be on display Feb. 21 - March 30. The gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m. and during Meadow Brook Theater performances.

If students are interested in volunteering, contact Goody at the gallery at (248) 370-3005.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Art Gallery
Catherine C. Blackwell, owner of the pieces on exhibit in Meadow Brook's Art Gallery, is wearing a Ghanaian Kente cloth, a story hat and is holding a Yoruba Ibeji figure. The exhibit features over 100 African artifacts and is on display as part of Black History Month. It will be on display until March 30.

Faculty matrimony

BY LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

David R. Maines, professor and chair of Sociology and Anthropology, and Linda K. Benson, professor of history and international studies, set their paperwork aside for Valentine's Day last week.

In their home, five minutes away from OU's campus in the faculty subdivision, the couple's 11 year relationship can be seen to still have all the romance of a brand-new relationship.

On the table sits the gift Maines gave Benson for Valentine's Day - 18 roses, twice the number of years they have lived in their home.

"We don't have a Valentine's Day, we have a Valentine's season," said Maines. "We don't have birthdays, we have birthday seasons."

From just meeting the couple, one could barely expect that they are both professors, each with several books published.

Being married and working in the same university has its challenges and benefits.

Art Griggs, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said he knows of eight married couples within the full time faculty of 452.

He said there may be couples he doesn't know about.

He also said that there are faculty members married to staff and administrators, and "lots of

other combinations."

He said that he knows of no rules at OU regarding hiring married faculty members.

"When faculty are hired, it's through a rigorous process," he said. "It's not unlikely that two people would be outstanding."

Benson worked at OU prior to Maines' hiring. Maines worked at Wayne State University before coming to OU in 1997.

Although Benson had nothing to do with his getting hired, it was a nice change for their marriage.

Since Maines and Benson are from different departments, they haven't run into many problems during their years here. All the dilemmas they have run into were easily resolved.

"It's always been a non-issue," said Maines.

Both agree that being married to a fellow professor has a lot of benefits. Since both come from the same area of work, they understand each other and can support each other.

This union is the second marriage for both.

Maines said this marriage is a successful one because there is no competition between the two. They both said they do not feel a need to show up the other in their careers, and they simply support each other.

Although their marriage is not well known by their students, since they work in different areas, they are not secretive

about it.

Benson said she recently found out Maines talks about them during his sociology classes.

She said it's understandable that it comes up, but she rarely brings it up in her history classes.

Unlike Benson and Maines, English professors Robert and Jane Eberwein's marriage is more common knowledge among some of their students.

Jane Eberwein said that since they teach separate classes, fewer know about the connection, but English majors tend to find out about their marriage.

She said as a couple they form friendships with some of their alumni, and have even been named "academic grandparents" of an alumna's child.

The couple met as new hires in the English department in 1969.

"This is very much an OU collegial marriage," she said. "We met as colleagues and learned to trust and respect each other through working together."

She said the benefits of the relationship are numerous.

It's nice to be able to carpool to work, and they understand where the other is coming from more because they work in the same field.

"It would be hard for anyone outside our profession to appreciate the drive each of us feels for this work or to tolerate weekends, summers and even 'vacations' devoted to research, writ-



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post
OU professors David Maines and Linda Benson in their home in the faculty subdivision. They have been married since 1997.

ing, paper grading, class preparation, conference preparation and involvement with scholarly organizations," said Eberwein.

Eberwein said they haven't run into any major problems during their years here.

It was only a brief concern as a possible obstacle to Robert's serving as department chair. She said

since no individual is responsible for hiring, firing or giving raises, it is rarely an issue.

This year, for Valentine's Day, the two didn't "make a big deal" said Eberwein.

"I like to think in terms of the 'blessed ordinariness' of every day we spend together in familiar activities," she said.

Other OU faculty marriages include Kathleen A. Pfeiffer, associate professor of English and Todd Estes, associate professor of history and Patrick and Michelle Piskulich of the political science department.

'Daredevil' makes Ben Affleck first in class

BY DAVID HINCKLEY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
(KRT)

A second-line comic book hero soared to a first-rate opening at the movies this weekend.

"Daredevil" raked in \$43.5 million and set showbiz buzzing about whether Ben Affleck will finally emerge as a grade-A solo Hollywood star.

The hunky 30-year-old Affleck has been on the brink of that elite stature

for several years, after starring roles in the likes of "Pearl Harbor," "Reindeer Games" and "The Sum of All Fears."

But he has not yet broken from the pack that includes his pal and "Good Will Hunting" co-author and star Matt Damon, and he's better known these days as Jennifer Lopez's fiancé.

"Daredevil" had the second-highest opening ever for a February movie, trailing only "Hannibal," which earned \$58 million in 2001. It helped give this year's Presidents' Day weekend a 22 percent

boost over last year.

"Ben Affleck has given solid performances before and this is another one," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, a Hollywood trade group. "While some people point out that in a superhero role you're covered up for much of the film, the trailers featured a lot of Ben. He certainly gets a lot of the credit for the film doing this well."

But Dergarabedian cautioned against comparing "Daredevil" too closely with "Spider-Man," last year's \$400 million

blockbuster - even though it was the success of "Spider-Man" that sent filmmakers rushing to produce "Daredevil."

"It's futile to compare anything to 'Spider-Man' because that was the biggest-opening movie of all time," said Dergarabedian. "That was so big that it did propel its star, Tobey Maguire, into the stratosphere."

The romantic comedy "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," helped by a Valentine's Day surge on Friday, finished second to "Daredevil" with an estimated \$19 mil-

lion. "Chicago," basking in 13 Oscar nominations, finished a strong third with \$12.6 million and should soon surpass \$100 million.

Disney's new animated "The Jungle Book 2" finished fourth.

Next weekend's lineup includes the Civil War epic "Gods and Generals," the Kurt Russell drama "Dark Blue," the raunchy comedy "Old School" and the Kevin Spacey death-penalty drama "The Life of David Gale."

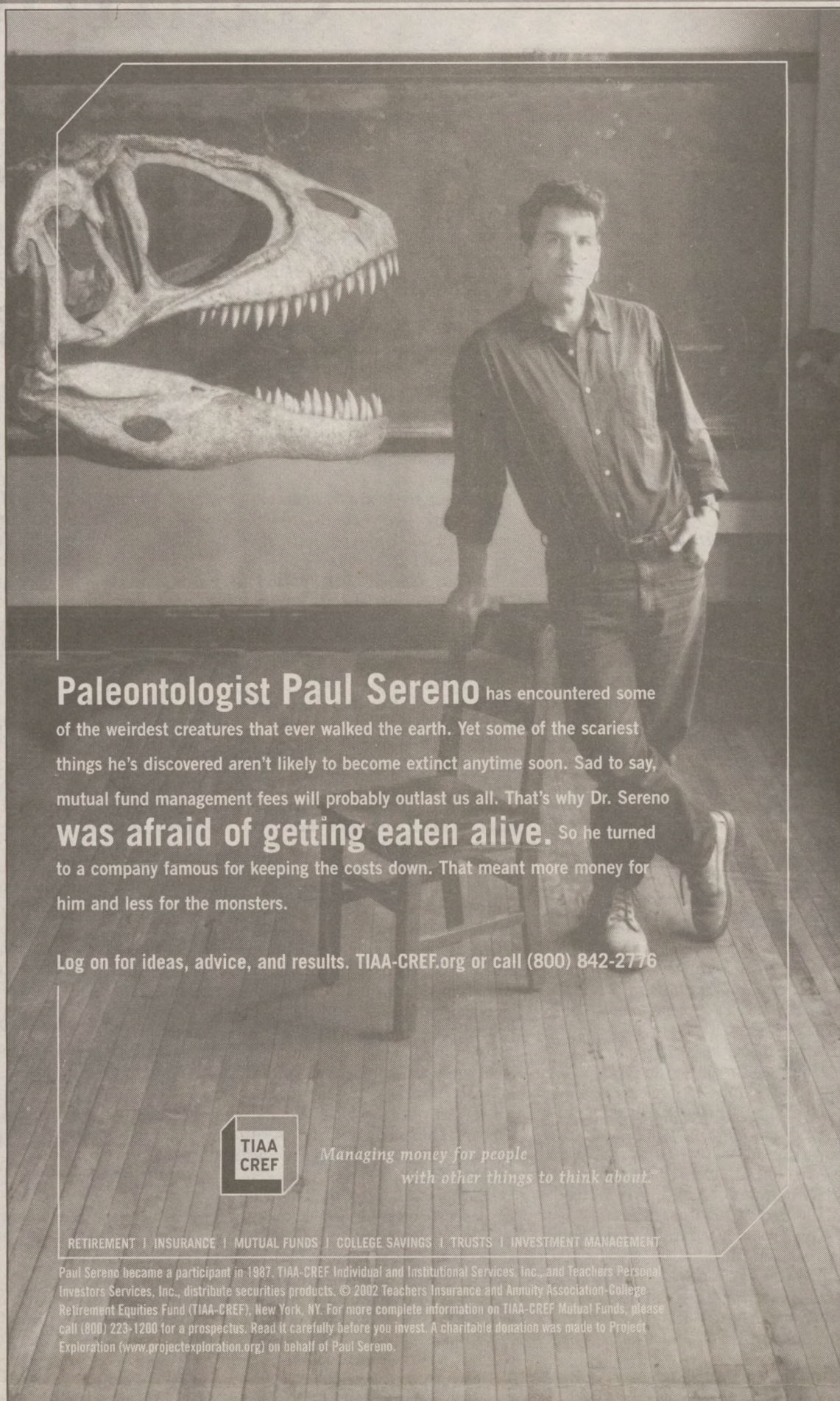


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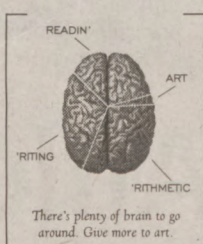
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Elections will be held March 24, 25, 26.

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Call Jenn at 4290 if you have any questions.

'Foreigner' sails into MBT

By MARCIA K. HAMILTON
THE OAKLAND POST

Playwright Larry Shue's knack for creating mixed-up roles plays out in the characters of Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "The Foreigner." The play opened this week to a packed house at MBT. Performers plugged enthusiastically into their roles, giving an electric charge that reverberated throughout the audience along with some of the sound effects.

Protagonist Charlie Baker finds himself stranded by his friend, Froggy, in a Georgian Fishing Lodge.

Paul Hopper, a regular performer at Meadow Brook, plays the hilarious part of Froggy.

Socially phobic Charlie, played by television and film veteran Ted Raimi, is brought to the lodge to rest while his "promiscuous" wife is dying at home.

Not wanting to talk to any of the other guests, Charlie goes along with Froggy's comically riotous idea of telling guests and locals that Charlie is a foreigner who does not speak English. As a result, they all unsuspectingly bear their souls and deceptive schemes right in front of him.

Unexpected relationships begin to form between Charlie and virtually everyone he meets.

Charlie unwittingly becomes many different things to many different people, and he serves as a catalyst in changing the course of events.

Not everyone appreciates Charlie's likeability quotient and soon serious tensions arise. Disillusioned Catherine Simms, played by Robin Lewis-Bedz and

her deceitful beau, the Reverend David Lee, plan to purchase the foundation-crumbling fishing lodge from local resident Betty Meeks.

OU's Music, Theatre and Dance Department's own Joey Bybee delivers an outstanding performance as Catherine's dim-witted brother, Ellard, who stands to gain an inheritance if he can prove himself intelligent enough.

The play presents more rib tickling nonsense than content for post-show discussion.

"The nonsense scenes are a little over the top," said OU alumni Nancy Townsend, but all attending the play will agree they provide much fodder for laughter.

Meadow Brook's production of "The Foreigner" plays now through March 9.

Meet-the-Artist Talkbacks with the audience will be held after each preview performance and after the 2 p.m. Sunday matinee performances on Feb. 23 and March 2.

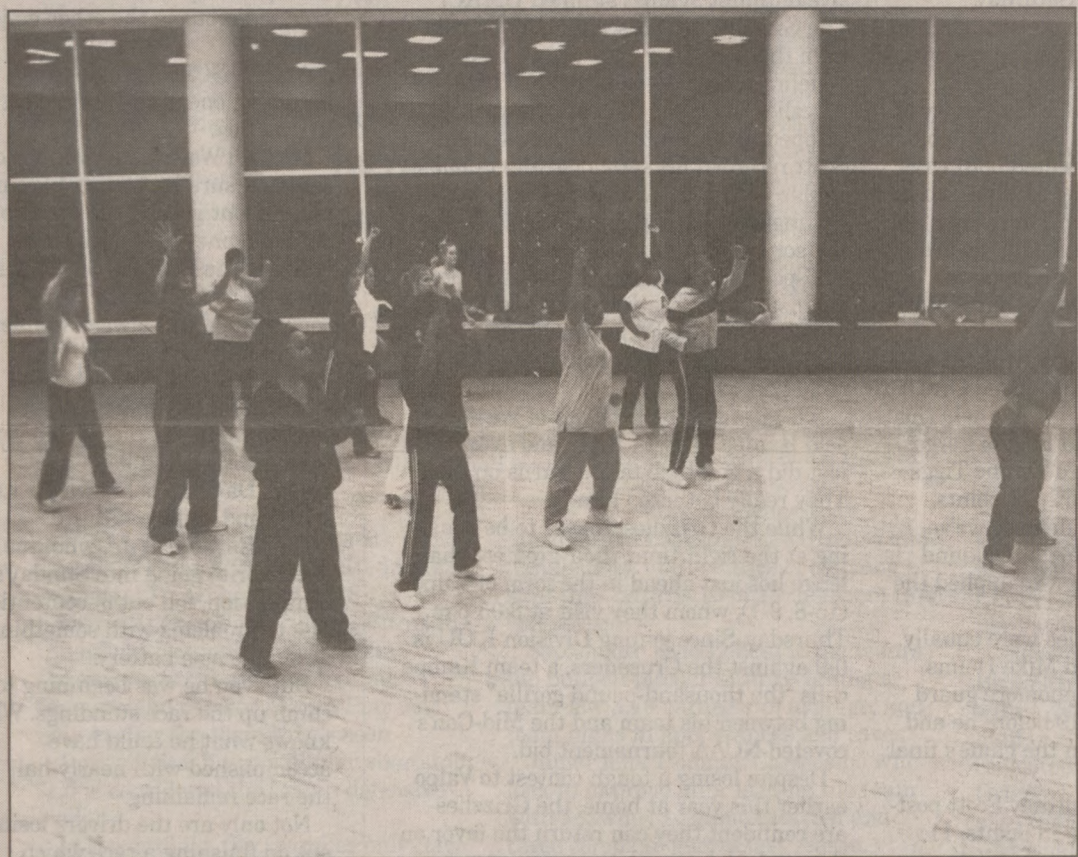
There will be an audio described performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 and a sign language performance for the hearing impaired at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Ticket prices for the general public range from \$19 to \$32. Student rush tickets for OU and OCC students are \$7. Students can buy up to two discounted tickets on the day of the show they wish to see.

Contact the theatre for more information on show times, go online to www.mbttheatre.com.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre
Meadow Brook Theatre presents the comedy "The Foreigner" now through March 9. The show stars television and film veteran Ted Raimi.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Students get their groove on during the Rec Center's hip-hop aerobics class. The class is offered from 8-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday in Studio 897 in the Rec Center. The class is free and open to all students.

Hip-hop hit Popularity continues to soar

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

A group of about 35 students was scattered through the Pioneer Room in the Rec Center Wednesday night, stretching, talking and laughing.

The attraction that drew so much attention and a large crowd was the popular hip-hop aerobics class offered by the Rec Center.

When it was featured in *The Oakland Post* earlier this semester, there were significantly fewer participants.

It started as a small class last semester with about 15 students attending each hour-long class on Wednesday nights.

The class grew in popularity and is now so large that it is held upstairs in the Pioneer Room instead of the smaller Studio 897.

Each class draws about 35 participants and every week students bring friends and the class grows even more.

Junior Shaquonda Binion teaches the popular fitness class, and has said she loves doing it. She is also the president of OU's Intrigue hip-hop dance team.

Her enthusiasm and love of

dance is evident during the class as she teaches not only dance steps but also "attitude."

She takes the time to make sure each student understands the moves, but she also wants them to incorporate their own style and attitude into the dancing.

She takes the time during and after class to answer questions not only about the class but also about Intrigue and other aspects of hip-hop, dancing and working out.

What started out as an hour-long class once a week has grown into an hour and half class two times a week.

The class originally met Wednesday nights from 8-9 p.m. Due to popular demand, the class now runs Wednesday and Sunday night from 8-9:30 p.m.

"I like the fact it meets twice a week now," said Kanisha Miller, sophomore. "I get twice the work out and also get to do something fun that I love-dance."

All students are welcome, and Binion encourages everyone to try it.

"Come, even if you can't dance or have no rhythm," she said. "I want everyone to come and have fun and leave in a good mood."

The hip-hop class is one of the many offered free by the Rec Center and all students are welcome.

Skill level or fitness level is not important. A new routine is taught every class, so students can join at any time and show up for as many classes as they like, said Binion.

Last Sunday was the first class for junior Jessica Gebara, and she said she really liked it.

"The class is really laid back, and the atmosphere is really comfortable," she said.

Each class begins with stretching and a short warm-up.

Then it's on to the dancing. Popular hip-hop music pulses through the room, and Binion stands in front of the class, leading the fast speed routine.

By the end of the night each person has had a great workout, a lot of fun, and goes home with new moves to try out next time they find themselves at a club.

The class is expected to be offered in future semesters. So far Binion's hip-hop class has been one of the most popular and fastest growing classes the Rec Center offers.

Smiles on campus

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Students may have noticed a few more smiles around campus thanks to the Random Acts of Kindness Week last week.

Sara Crampton, coordinator of Student Leadership Development, organized the Center for Student Activities' events for Random Acts of Kindness Week. She said the idea came from her past experiences at other universities.

She said when she found out there wasn't one here, she decided there should be. OUS Random Act of Kindness Week was held during the national week.

The CSA, Starbucks on Walton and Squirrel roads, OU Bookstore, Bumpers Game Room and Kresge Library all offered different things to students to brighten their week.

Crampton said Starbucks donated the coffee and hot chocolate that was given to students in the South Foundation Hall Fishbowl on Monday, Feb. 10.

The OU Bookstore offered free bags of candy to 200 customers on Tuesday, Feb. 11, inside some of the bags were coupons to the

bookstore.

Manager Debbie Ogg said the bookstore took part after CSA brought the event to their attention.

"They asked us if we'd be kind and participate, and we said 'Sure,'" said Ogg.

Ogg said that even though most people didn't know about the week, the giveaway "perked them up a bit."

Bumper's game room offered a 50 percent discount on all table games to its customers on Wednesday, Feb. 12 and on Thursday, Kresge Library erased more than \$300 in student late fees.

Reserve clerk Maurini Strub said this random act of kindness went to all registered students with less than three dollars in late fees.

"They wanted to give back to the community," she said.

Also, several sororities and fraternities assisted with the events of the week. Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Phi Sigma Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta all chipped in.

Crampton said members of the

organizations staffed the tables and assisted at the free coffee and hot chocolate table.

"I think (student response) has been fairly good," said Crampton. She said she had heard students talking about the events of the week. She said she hasn't heard about customer responses from the participating businesses yet.

Outside of these organized events, students did their part to bring a little kindness to the world. Some students, like juniors Cindy Chatterton and Erin Cushing, helped friends last week.

"My roommate's dishes were piling up, so I washed them," said Chatterton.

Cushing said she gave her notes to three different people in her class for random acts of kindness.

Kimberlee Boynton, sophomore, said she helped a complete stranger for her Random Act of Kindness.

"This lady dropped all of her books and no one else around her did anything (to help her), so I helped her pick them up," she said.

Band hits Emerald

By THOR RASMUSSEN
THE OAKLAND POST

Local band Ease can be seen at the Emerald Theatre tomorrow evening in one of its many shows.

The band started through jam sessions with Tommy Marz, an OU senior, and his friends Jeff Scott (lead guitar/lead vocals), "b" (bass guitar) and Jason "The Animal" (drums).

The jams soon became more serious practice sessions as Ease started writing new songs, playing local venues and developing a fan base.

Before long, Ease received calls from venues such as The Hayloft Liquor Stand, The Rock Room and Griff's Grill to come play.

Having people come out to shows is important to Ease, but providing quality music is of equal importance.

Although Ease came together a little less than two years ago, the group has produced its first full length album "Oceans" which contains its "pop/rock with a layer of blues" sound.

"We aren't trying to do anything real different, but are writing with a combination of a lot of influences," Marz said. "We want to write groove orientated music that keeps people interested."



Photo courtesy of Ease

Ease features Tommy Marz, an OU senior, Jeff Scott (lead guitar/lead vocals), "b" (bass guitar) and Jason "The Animal" (drums).

Recorded during May and June 2002 and released in July, "Oceans" delivers strong rhythms and powerful bluesy leads with undeniable strength.

As Ease's fan base increases, opportunities open up for the band to play more venues. Members are remaining realistically optimistic about the future.

"It's exciting to be playing shows, but I'm still going to school," Marz said recognizing the competitiveness of the music industry.

Ease has been asked to play as an in-studio guest for the Mitch

Album show on March 17, and the band will be taking the stage at 10 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Emerald Theatre.

Ease is to release its EP "3" at the show at the Emerald Theatre. It will include songs that were introduced at a previous show.

Tickets for the Emerald Theatre show are \$8 and are available at the Emerald box office, the website www.ease-music.com or any Ticketmaster outlet.

The Emerald Theatre is located at 31 North Walnut Street in downtown Mt. Clemens.

Grizzlies prepare for NIC

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

After dominating the Mid-Con Championships in December, the OU men's and women's swimming and diving teams have their sights set on another prize.

The National Independent Conference Championship, to be hosted by OU for the third straight year, is a week away, and the squads are ready.

Last year, the women's team captured the NIC title and is in prime position for a repeat.

"It's definitely in the realm of possibility," head coach Pete

Hovland said. "It's been one of our goals and has been in the back of everyone's mind. The opportunity is there."

Most of the top swimmers from last year's squad will once again compete in the four-day competition. A few new swimmers and divers added to the mix give the team a good shot at a repeat.

Junior Oksana Strelets, the women's lone representative at the last year's NCAA competition, is back again in hopes of dominating the freestyle events.

Senior Danielle Ward and junior Angela Simetkoskey are the Grizzlies' strongest distance

freestylers.

The butterfly events are topped by junior Tanya Korniyenko, sophomore Tara Berringer handles the backstroke events and the 400y individual medley, while junior Shelly Aurit has the top time in the 200y breaststroke.

Freshman Line Jensen is the team's top 200y breaststroker, and is fastest in the 200y IM.

Freshman Linda Keskey has been a welcome addition to the team this year, leading the squad's diving at all heights.

On the men's side, the team will be looking to improve on its

third-place finish a year ago.

A host of freshmen should help the Grizzlies achieve that goal.

Scott Dickens has the top time in four events for OU this season: the 100y and 200y breaststroke, the 200y freestyle and the 200y IM.

Nick McCollum and James Sewell have proved to be a valuable distance freestylers, and McCollum also has the top time in the 400y IM.

Ehud Segal has been OU's top 200y butterfly and 100y backstroke swimmer this season.

With the fastest time in the 200y backstroke, Andrew

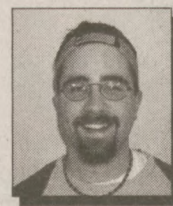
Coupland is another freshman contributor.

"We're definitely a better team than we were last year, and a lot of that has to do with the freshmen," Hovland said.

"This year the competition should be really wide open. There's no clear cut favorite."

Sophomore Chris Sullivan was the only male swimmer to qualify for the NCAA's last year, and is still the fastest Grizzly in the 50y and 100y freestyle, as well as, the 100y butterfly.

Competition begins at 11 a.m. next Wednesday and will wrap up at 6:30 p.m. that Saturday.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

NASCAR fans only get half the action

For those readers that didn't tune in to the Great American Race, also known as NASCAR's Daytona 500, you missed one heck of a race.

The problem is that those of us who did actually watch the race missed just less than half a good race, too.

A 200 lap race, which is supposed to be the pinnacle of the NASCAR season, was limited to only 109 repetitions due to uncooperative Daytona Beach weather.

That is the equivalent of the Super Bowl being decided at halftime because of too much snow, or the Stanley Cup being handed out after two periods.

It's even worse than crowning a team World Series Champions after winning the fifth game, even though the series is only 3-2 in its favor.

Do you get the picture?

The idea of handing over a title before someone has really, truly earned every inch to achieve that championship would be considered ludicrous in the other major sports.

And NASCAR is, supposedly, becoming one of the major sports in America.

Michael Waltrip, the winner of the race, sure isn't going to complain about getting the enormous sum of money that goes with winning the Daytona 500, but I am sure he, and many of his competitors, will always wonder if he would have won a full-length race.

With so many more laps remaining in the race, there is no telling what could have happened. Daytona is known for its tricky and sudden nature.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who was the favorite going into Sunday's competition, fell out of contention due to problems with something as simple as a battery.

But even he was beginning to climb up the race standings. Who knows what he could have accomplished with nearly half the race remaining.

Not only are the drivers losing out on finishing a race which could possibly mean more points in the standing and more money in their pockets, but fans lose out when a competition is cut short.

Racing fans were privileged to a lot of good entertainment through the course of Speed Weeks (two weeks of racing that is capped off with the running of the Daytona 500). But that does not mean that the main event should be cut short.

Most fans spend more than just the Sunday of the race in Daytona, taking in the sights and watching the many other events that take place.

Some drive RVs and trailers hundreds of miles to camp in the infield of Daytona Speedway for the entire weekend. Their persistence and dedication should not be rewarded by a half effort of the biggest event.

Economically, why should someone have to pay full price for half a race, and get drenched in the process?

Whether I agree with the NASCAR Winston Cup series being considered a major sport or not, the fact remains that it is becoming one. If it hasn't already.

No other professional sports league would even consider ending one of its championships early, only its all-star games. The fans of that league would be unhappy to say the least.

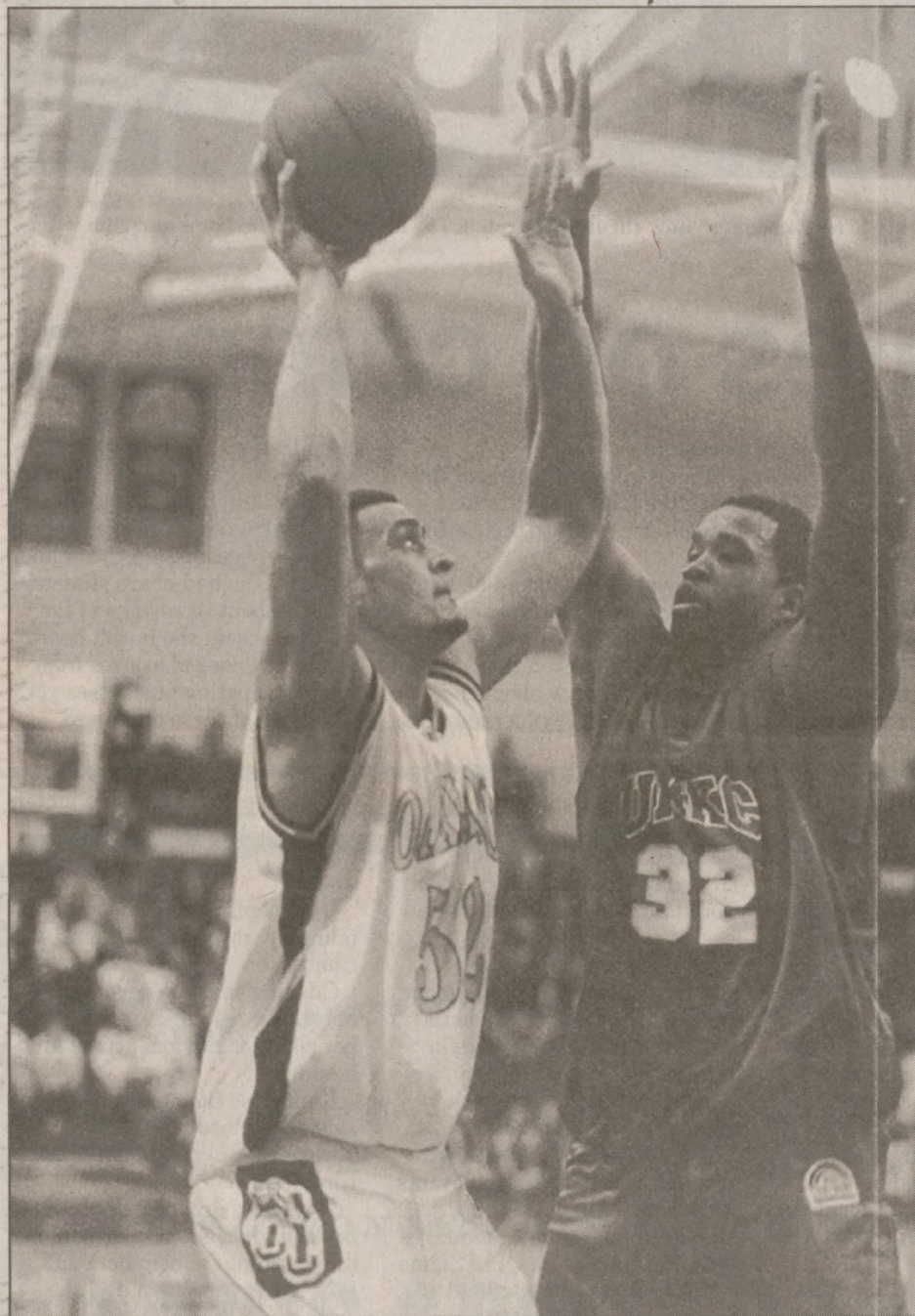
Now, by no means am I what you would call a NASCAR "fan" but I still like to see a true winner of a sporting event. Everyone should be.

There has to be a way to make sure that a race is finished.

How is it that a sport won't finish a race because of a little bit of rain, but when a person is killed the checkered flag waves?

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Men win sixth straight



Sophomore forward Cortney Scott posts up UMKC's Carlton Aaron in Saturday's 100-79 victory. Scott tallied his second straight double-double in the win.

BY ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With a pair of 21-point victories at the Orena this past week, the OU men's basketball team grew a little bigger in the rear-view mirror of conference-leading Valparaiso.

The Grizzlies routed Oral Roberts University, 78-57, Thursday night before blowing out the University of Missouri-Kansas City, 100-79, on Saturday.

OU (14-9, 7-3) has won six straight and seven of their last eight. Saturday's win moved them into a 2nd-place tie with Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, two games behind Valpo.

Coach Greg Kampe credited both wins to team defense, which he emphasized in his brief pre-game speech Thursday night.

"I looked at them, and I said, 'we are going to defend, and we are going to rebound,'" said Kampe. "And that's all I said."

Evidently, his team was paying attention. The Grizzlies out-rebounded Oral Roberts by a 42-34 margin, and held their top scorer, senior forward Reggie Borges, to 11 points. Senior guard Tyrone Tiggs led the Golden Eagles with 23 points.

"Tonight was the best defense we've played in a long, long time at Oakland University," said Kampe. "We applied the kill."

Offensively, the Grizzlies were equally impressive. Junior guard Mike Helms scored 25 points, and sophomore guard Rawle Marshall added 19 before he and Helms both fouled out in the game's final three minutes.

Sophomore forward Cortney Scott posted a double-double, with 13 points, 11 boards and a team-high four assists. Afterward, Kampe called Scott "the most unselfish (star-level) player I've ever coached," citing Scott's pass-first mentality and defensive work ethic.

"This was a quality win against a quality team," said Helms, adding, "We were tall tonight."

Maintaining that stature two days later

Women squander 14-point lead

Conference record falls to 5-5 with four games remaining

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU women's basketball team missed a chance to move up the Mid-Con standings with a 67-63 loss to Oral Roberts University Monday night.

After a dominating 70-56 victory over the University of Missouri-Kansas City Saturday, the Grizzlies were in position to move past second-place ORU with a win.

But it was not meant to be as OU relinquished a 14-point lead with a little more than 13 minutes left in the game.

ORU's hot shooting in the second half proved to be the difference. The Golden Eagles shot 66.7 percent from the field in the final half, including an eight for 11 effort from three-point range.

"It just gets frustrating after a while," sophomore forward Amanda Batcha said. "We know we should be out there guarding those girls and helping other people get through picks. The whole team broke down and just didn't help each other out."

The Grizzlies shot nearly 52 percent for the game but did not have an answer for ORU in the second half.

"We put enough offense on the board to win the game," head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "It was between our ears. We weren't doing what we had talked about. We just weren't smart."

With senior guard Katie Wolfe taking only three shots in the first half, freshman guard Jayme Wilson picked up the slack by recording 12 points on five-of-seven shooting.

Wilson ended with a game-high 20 points in the loss.

Wolfe, who had six assists, heated up in the second half, scoring 13 of her 15 points.

Sophomore forward Amanda Batcha grabbed 11 rebounds while also dishing out six assists and scoring seven points.

A similar outcome overcame the women on Saturday Feb. 8 when Indiana University - Purdue University in Indianapolis hit a last second three-point-er for a 70-68 win.

"They're all hard," Wilson said. "Especially at this point in the season. There's no reason we shouldn't have won this game."

In Saturday's victory over UMKC, OU did exactly the opposite of what it did on Monday, building on a lead in the second half.

Ahead by only three with just more than seven minutes remaining in the contest against the Kangaroos, the Grizzlies capitalized on forced turnovers to win by 14.

Wilson was OU's leading scorer, recording 24 points in the lopsided victory.

Wolfe and freshman guard Anne Hafeli followed closely behind, tallying 17 and 14 points, respectively. Wolfe also had a game-high six assists.

Batcha only had six rebounds, well below her 10+ season average, but contributed eight points and had three steals.

The Grizzlies' defense stood strong against UMKC, holding the Kangaroos to



Freshman guard Jayme Wilson drives the lane in Saturday's 70-56 win over UMKC. Wilson was OU's leading scorer this weekend, recording 44 points in two games, 40 percent shooting.

OU will play its final two road conference games of the season this week.

First on the schedule is a 2 p.m., Saturday contest against Western Illinois University. At 8:05 p.m. on Monday, OU

will take on Valparaiso University.

"I think we have a good team, we just need to work on doing everything every night," Batcha said. "We can't play good defense for one half. We just need to put together 40 minutes."

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Spring sports set to begin

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

As the basketball and swimming seasons wind to a close, the next page of the OU varsity sports calendar prepares to turn.

While the temperatures in Michigan remain cold enough to freeze water a few times over, the men's and women's golf teams, the softball squad and the baseball team prepare for competition in warmer climates.

Softball is set to start on Feb. 21 in Florida. Baseball will begin its season on Feb. 22 in North Carolina, and the golf squads are scheduled to compete in the Mercer College Invitational in Macon, Georgia on Feb. 24-25.

The following is a preview of this upcoming spring teams that start their seasons while most of us are on break.

SOFTBALL

Just three years into the program's existence, the OU softball squad accomplished something no other team at OU has, advancing in the NCAA Tournament.

Even though the Grizzlies finished with an overall record of 26-38-1, a 12-8 conference record placed them second in the Mid-Con.

OU moved on to defeat the regular season champion University of Missouri-Kansas City in the conference tournament last season to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

The team then came two runs short of moving past Central Michigan University in the Region 6 finals of the NCAA tournament, falling to the Chippewas 2-1.

Even with the success of last season, expectations are high for this year's squad which boasts eight seniors (three pitchers) even though it is head coach Mike Tomlinson's first year at the helm.

Senior third baseman Ericka Burns, last year's Mid-Con Tournament MVP and All-Conference Team member, will lead the Grizzly squad. Burns led OU in many of the offensive categories, including batting average (.356), slugging percentage (.564), runs scored (31), hits (72), runs batted in (22), doubles (14) and home runs (8).

Three other seniors will join Burns in the infield. Second baseman Nina Catanzaro, first baseman Jennifer Granger and catcher Megan Piar will help anchor the team this season.

Junior Erica Judge will play shortstop and is considered the team's defensive leader.

In the outfield, the Grizzlies only have one senior, Lauren Seffens, but will use a strong rotation of players to cover the field effectively.

OU will rely heavily on its much more experienced pitching staff, including seniors Julie Anderson, Linnea Utecht and Tiffany Evans.

Sophomore Nicole Marzano was the Grizzlies' most effective pitcher last season as a freshman, and has worked hard over the offseason to become even better.

Redshirt freshman Erinn Voytal will be added into the pitching rotation this year after missing all but five games last season due to a broken jaw.

The women's season begins at 11 a.m., Feb. 21 against Georgia Tech in the team's first game of the Cox Communications Classic, hosted by the University of Florida.

BASEBALL

After coming just one game short of the Mid-Con Conference Tournament Championship game last season, the OU baseball team is hoping to take the next step.

The Grizzlies finished with a 19-35 overall record in a season that was plagued with inconsistency. A 9-8 record in the Mid-Con did place OU third in the conference, however, and the team is in good position to improve on last year.

Head coach Mark Avery is pleased with his team's depth, especially on the mound and up the middle.

"This is the first year of having all my own recruits," Avery said. "I now have some depth and that is going to be key for us. Rather than having seven pitchers I hope to have 10 or 11, and that's really going to be it for us."

Senior first baseman Peter Varon will anchor the team after becoming the team's go-to-guy last season. Eleven of his team-leading 13 home runs last year either tied the game or gave the Grizzlies the lead.

With the loss of seniors Nick DiPonio (right fielder) and Erik Crossley (second baseman), however, OU will need production from some young faces to be successful.

Junior outfielder Josh Patton should play a bigger role after playing in only 14 games last season. Sophomore Ty Herriot will also be asked to match, and even better, his offensive production, eight home runs and 33 RBIs, last season.

Junior catcher Tony Maruilli will backstop the Grizzlies and handle most of the duties of catching a staff that returns 10 of 13 members from last season.

Sophomore Kyle Bohem is the team's top bullpen pitcher after recording a team-low 3.79 earned run average, and team highs in appearances and saves.

Junior lefty Dominic Carmosino will look to improve after leading the team with six wins, 14 games started and three complete games last season.

The season begins with a noon double-header against the University of North Carolina-Asheville on Feb. 22.



Above: OU infielders try to nail a runner during a game last season. The Grizzly softball squad will return three seniors to a solid infield for this year. Right: Senior pitcher Brent Brown goes through his windup during an appearance last season. OU's baseball squad looks to use as many as 11 pitchers this year.

MEN'S GOLF

The OU men's golf team finished the fall portion of its schedule on a roll, placing first in the final two fall events. Now the team must find a way to catch that same wave as the spring season gets set to begin.

"They're all pretty fired up," coach Dave DeWulf said. "When you have some success it tends to breed itself. It's always difficult to get going again, but I am pretty encouraged. Our goal is to win the conference."

There are six competitions remaining before the Grizzlies will compete in the Mid-Con Championship in April.

Senior Chris King led OU in the fall with a scoring average of 73.7 in the four events and 11 total rounds. King finished second in two tournaments, including a runner-up finish in the Holiday Inn Colonial Classic after shooting a season-low 65 in the final round.

Following King closely is sophomore Brian Stuard, who ended the fall season with a 74.4 stroke average. The highlight of Stuard's season thus far was a consistent performance in the Golden Grizzly Invitational which placed him atop the leaderboard with a 223.

The only other Grizzly to compete in four events was junior Ryan Yelen, who also placed third on the squad with a

scoring average of 75.9. After placing in a tie for 42nd in the Butler Fall Invitational, Yelen improved dramatically to finish in a tie for third in the GGI and end the season with a seventh place finish in the HICC.

OU returns to action on Feb. 24 and 25 when it competes in the Mercer College Invitational in Macon, Georgia.

WOMEN'S GOLF

A sputtering finish to the fall season has been put out of the minds of the OU women's golf team, which is getting ready to return to action for the spring.

The Grizzlies wound up the fall portion of their schedule with a 13th place finish in the Eastern Kentucky Invitational but has had time to forget. "Our roster is a little depleted," DeWulf said. "We have a couple of players who are very good, and we are hoping they can pull the whole team through. Our goal this year is to get more experience and develop some of the younger players."

Senior Emily Minnich competed in all four of the tournaments OU participated in and compiled the lowest scoring average on the squad at 79.4. Minnich's best performance of the season thus far came in the Eastern Kentucky Fall Invitational, where she shot a season low 74 in the first round, coupled with a



77 in the final round, on her way to an eighth place tie.

Juniors Mara Mazzoni and Sarah Stark where the only other Grizzlies to compete in all of the team's competitions. Mazzoni was the only other women to post back-to-back rounds in the 70s, which led to a 10th place finish in the EKI.

Senior Jennifer Quinn, sophomore Sarah Laird and Stark rounded out the top five scoring averages for OU.

The women also start their spring season at the Mercer College Invitational.

Overtime loss ends title bid

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

Even with a 3-2 overtime loss to the University of Miami-Ohio in the semifinals of the Greater Midwest Hockey League on Saturday, the future is bright for the OU men's club hockey team.

Thanks to a resolution passed by OU Student Congress, the team will be able to make the trip to Southern California for the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II championship tournament.

OUSC allocated \$5,000 to the club team, making the trip possible. The tournament is set to take place from Feb. 26 - Mar. 1, but the team is leaving on Feb. 24 and will be in California until Mar. 2 if it makes the championship game.

This weekend's GMHL playoff tournament provided a good warmup for the teams participating in the ACHA nationals and a great show for the fans.

OU was only a small part of the festivities, however, losing in its first game of the GMHL tournament.

Trailing 2-0 after two periods, head coach Craig Furstenuau delivered one of his signature pep talks during the intermission and rallied his troops.

With the third period nearly half over, Furstenuau mixed up the line combinations in hopes of creating offense.

Junior forward Ron Kolito sparked the Grizzlies when he turned a great passing play by his linemates Scott Marlinga, senior, and Ryan Teasedale, sophomore, into a goal.

Furstenuau realized that the line was in the zone and put the combination out on the ice more frequently.

The trio struck again a few minutes later

when Teasedale tallied the goal, this time assisted by Kolito.

Sophomore goaltender Chris Ballach kept OU in the game as the offense struggled.

"Ballach was remarkable for us, as he has been for most of the season," Furstenuau said. "He kept us in there and gave us our chances to win. That's all you can ask of your goalies."

In overtime, the Grizzlies had their share of chances but were unable to convert. As is so often the case, OU failed to convert a 2-on-1 opportunity, and Miami took the puck the other way to score.

"In my opinion, they're the best team in the nation," Furstenuau said. "We hung with them all game long. They are a premier team. If we play well in California (at the national tournament) you'll probably see them in the finals, and we can return the favor."

Miami went on to face the University of Michigan in the finals, needing overtime to capture a 5-4 victory.

OU is now looking forward to the national tournament, which will be hosted by the University of Southern California.

The Grizzlies have been placed in Pool A, one of the four pools that will compete in the tournament.

The pools consist of four teams each, with the groups playing in round robin format in the opening three days of the tournament.

After the round robin portion has finished, the team with the best record from each of the four pools will move on to the semifinals.

The winner of Pool A will take on the team from Pool C with the best record, and the champs from Pool B will compete against the leader of Pool D for a spot in the finals.

That same evening, the winners of the two semifinals will faceoff to crown this year's ACHA Div. II champion.



Photo courtesy of OU Club Hockey
Miami (Ohio) forward Matt Mole accepts the GMHL tournament MVP award.

National Tournament Schedule

(OU is in Pool A)

Feb. 26:	Indiana vs. OU @ 7 p.m. (Olympic Rink)
Feb 27:	Colorado vs. OU @ 1 p.m. (Olympic Rink)
Feb. 28:	OU vs. Cent. Connecticut St. @ 9:45 a.m. (NHL Rink)
March 1:	Semifinals @ 9 a.m. Pool A vs. Pool C Pool B vs. Pool D Finals @ 7 p.m.

Strong start for lacrosse

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

After waiting through the winter to resume competition, the OU men's club lacrosse team started its season off well, with two wins over the weekend.

Auburn University, ranked seventh in the United States Lacrosse Intercollegiate Association, was OU's first victim as the Grizzlies defeated the Tigers, 13-10, Saturday in Alabama.

"We've gone from being the underdog to being the favorites," said head coach Dwayne Hicks. "That's probably the upset of the year. I'm sure we'll move up the rankings, but we'll have to wait and see."

In 70 degree weather, OU started slowly while becoming reacclimated to playing outdoors. Things quickly turned around, however, as the Grizzlies recovered from a 4-1 deficit in the first quarter to dominate the rest of the game.

A team effort was used in a game where every member of the team got playing time.

Attacker Billy Binge led the way on offense, scoring five goals, while fellow-attackers Towbey Kassa and John Machek added three each.

Midfielders Matt Kosek and Jeff Serra scored one goal each. Goaltender Chris Wood was a vital part in the Grizzlies tough

stand against the highly-touted offense of Auburn.

OU avoided a letdown after the emotional victory over the Tigers with a 10-7 win over the University of Georgia Sunday.

After playing in warm and humid conditions the day before, the Grizzlies were met with 40 degree temperatures and rain.

OU never relinquished the lead in the game, but Georgia tied the contest many times.

With four minutes remaining in a 7-7 tie, Hicks called a timeout to rally his team.

"I told them that this was their time to prove they were a top 15 team," he said. "It was time for them to step up."

His team responded when mid-fielder Brad Benigni accepted a pass from Kosek in the crease and threw home the game-winning goal.

Once again, Wood answered the call and kept the Bulldogs off the board in the waning moments of the game.

The Grizzlies have nearly a month until their next game.

OU's next match is against Michigan State University on March 15 in East Lansing.

Hicks said he is going to give the team time off over spring break, but isn't worried.

"We're going to work hard and get ready for MSU," Hick said.

"There are a lot of seniors on the this team, and they know what is at stake."

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Student Spotlight

Craig Joeright & Larisa Spielberg

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Athletes at OU are usually known for basketball, swimming or any of the other varsity sports. Juniors Craig Joeright and Larisa Spielberg are top athletes in pair's figure skating.

Joeright began his skating career when he was six. His parents started him in figure skating to give him something to do. "They wanted to keep me busy," he said. Spielberg started skating when she was nine, which she said is late compared to most skaters.

She began with gymnastics and since she had a "mean" gymnastics coach, she decided to switch to figure skating.

Spielberg has been skating for 13 years, and Joeright has been skating for more than 20.

About six years ago, Spielberg's coach thought she would be a good pair's skater and Joeright just broke up with his partner.

"The coach I was with decided to throw us together and it worked," said Joeright. Joeright said that things were grueling at first, and said Spielberg had to take many pair's tests that first week.

Today, the duo works hard for their sport and has had a lot of success. They practice about three hours a day Monday through Friday, and when they get closer to a competition they practice on weekends.

This year, the duo took fourth at the national pair's skating competition.

"We were really happy with that," said Spielberg. "It was nice to get back up there (on the podium)."

In 2000, they took third place in the competition and has taken seventh and eighth prior to this year.

Spielberg said one thing to ease the pressure of the sport is to keep things funny.

"We go to competition and keep it like an everyday routine," said Joeright. "We spend so many hours training, the competition is just another four minutes of skating."

On top of the pressures of their sport, both work and are continuing their educations.

Spielberg is studying health science. She is only taking one class this semester, but she continues to work toward her degree. "It's hard, since I work, too," she said. "Actually, school gives me a break."

Joeright is not taking any classes this

semester, but he is planning on taking classes in the spring and summer semesters. He is studying sports psychology and said he would like to get his master's degree.

Neither has a definite plan for their futures in skating.

Spielberg said after her amateur career is over, she probably won't coach or do anything with figure skating. However, she joked that that's what everyone says they will do, and they always stick with it.

Joeright said he will probably be done with skating after the next winter Olympics. His goal is to compete in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

He said that figure skating has become more of a job for him, even though he still enjoys doing it, but he wants to get something from it.

He said one reason he keeps skating is representing his country at international competitions. He loves to hear the national anthem at competitions.

Outside of skating and work, the two try to have as much of a social life as possible. They have been dating for four and a half years, so on top of getting to spend a lot of practice time together, they go to the movies and hang out with friends as much

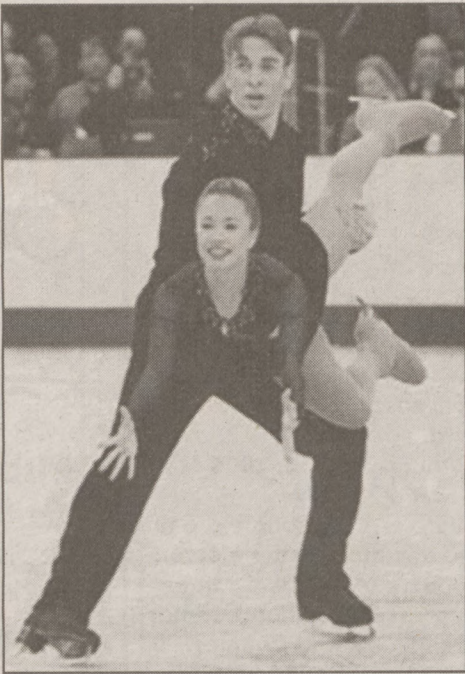


Photo courtesy of Spielberg and Joeright
Pair's skaters Craig Joeright and Larisa Spielberg are juniors at OU.

as possible.

"We see a lot of movies," said Joeright. "It's the only thing we do that doesn't take up a lot of energy."

Spielberg said they are the first alternates for the World Competition at the end of March, so the date of their next competition is up in the air. It depends on if everyone stays healthy, she said.

After the World Competition, this year's season will be over.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Feb. 19

The African American Celebration Committee presents "The Souls of Black Folk, the Celebration Continues" from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

Thursday, Feb. 20

The Department of Human Resources Development and the Honors College present "The Voices of Black Folk through Poetry" from noon-1 p.m. in Fireside Lounge, OC.

Student and Greek Organizations Training will be held at 5 p.m. in Lake Michigan Room, OC.

The Individuals for the Advancement of Bohemianism, The German Club and the Spanish Club will present the Carnival at 8 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, OC.

Friday, Feb. 21-March 30

Meadow Brook Art Gallery's presents the exhibit "A Heritage of Teaching," the African Art collection of Catherine Blackwell in Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Wilson Hall.

Wednesday, March 5

SPB presents a "Think Fast" game show at noon in Fireside Lounge, OC.

Thursday, March 6

CSA presents a lecture about how the stock market works at noon in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

Friday, March 7

Women's Studies, Women's Issues Forum and CSA are sponsoring Women's History Month Celebration from noon-1 p.m. in Fireside Lounge, OC.

Residence Halls Programming will present Friday Night Live at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall.

Monday, March 10

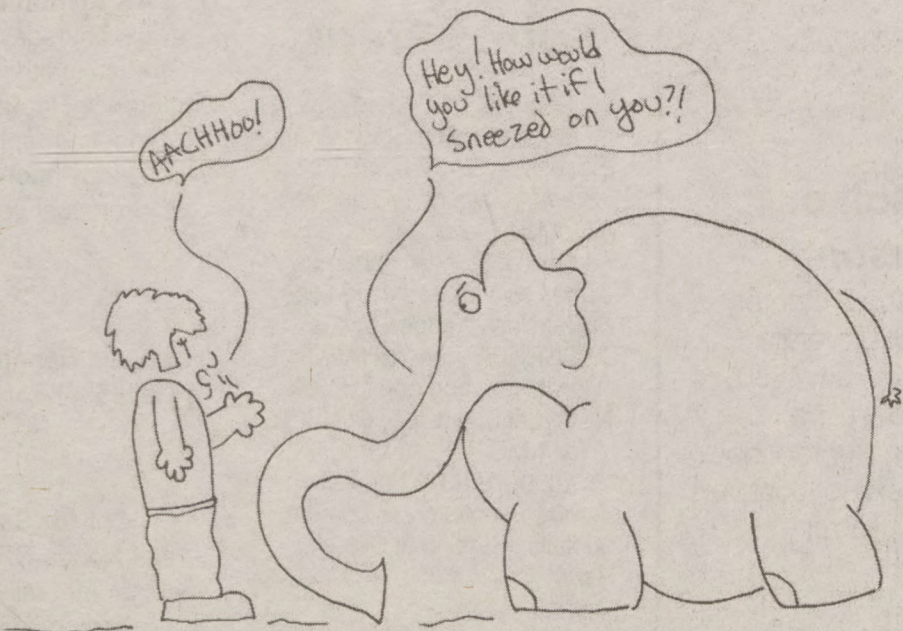
SPB presents "The Dating Connection" at noon in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

Wednesday, March 12

Women's Studies and CSA present "Women's Resources" day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

Friday-Saturday, March 14-15

The Center for Student Activities is sponsoring a student leadership retreat at Lion's Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer.



Courtesy of WXOU's Joy Director lthor wxoujoy@yahoo.com

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Grizzly Sports Calendar

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

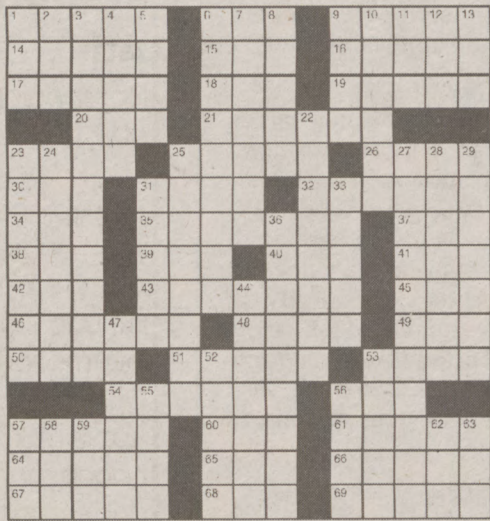
	19 Wed	20 Thu	21 Fri	22 Sat	23 Sun	24 Mon	25 Tue
 12-9 5-3 Third Place		8:05 p.m. Valparaiso		5 p.m. Western Illinois			
 8-12 4-4 Fourth Place				2 p.m. Western Illinois		8:05 p.m. Valparaiso	
						TBA Mercer College Invitational	TBA Mercer College Invitational
 6-6-1 6-6-1 Fourth place			7 p.m. Western Michigan	7 p.m. Western Michigan			

Crossword

ACROSS

- Country estate
- Norton and Sullivan
- Jewish teacher
- Tropical lizard
- So far
- Veered
- Interlaced
- Meadow mom
- Prospect
- Faberge item
- Non-rigid airships
- Spicy stew
- Single-syllable state
- Diamond Head's island
- Excessively
- Brick oven
- Resentment
- "Ben"
- Wipe memory
- Hack
- NASA partner
- Deer mama
- Accomplished
- Pitcher's stat
- Writer Deighton
- Catalog buyer
- Brooch
- Classic Dracula
- Got up
- Driving gadget
- Shop sign
- Characteristic
- "Mr. Mom" star
- Superlatively timid
- Metal container
- Rolling Stones hit
- Shade
- Aluminum company
- Jane of "Klute"
- Govt. tax collector
- Nourishes
- More authentic
- Vietnam holiday
- Sialom turns

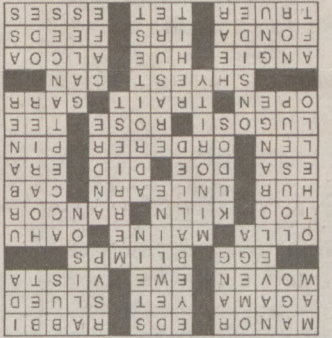
- DOWN
- Animal's gullet
 - In the past
 - Seedless citrus fruit



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Solutions



- Most nimble
- Correction spot
- Kind of football kick
- Punch again
- Strong winds
- Listen to
- Sidewalk eatery
- Asian
- Negative conjunction
- Plains antelope
- Keats offering
- Nincompoop

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Email questions about school, love and life to life@oakpostonline.com, and look for answers in the new advice column!

OU says ...

What are your spring break plans?

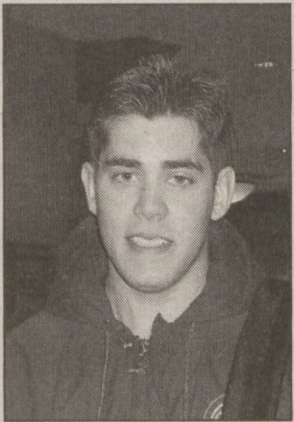


"Working on the ISA cultural show."

Nitya Ganesh
Senior
Communication
Advertising

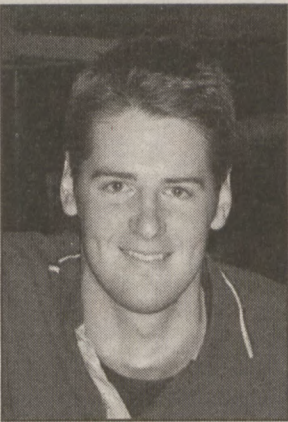
"Staying home and working."

Ryan Wasmund
Freshman
History



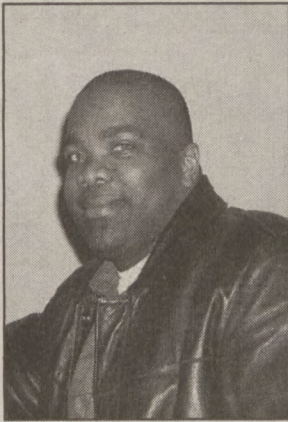
"Work a lot."

Nico Kristen
Junior
Pre-med



"I'm going to Cuba."

Ithosvany Negret
Masters
Mechanical
Engineer



"Catching up on homework and sleep."

Cory Helzer
Sophomore
History



Student Affairs

Updating OU

Now accepting applications and nominations for:
Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees.
The role of the student liaison is to serve as non-voting
resource on student issues at work sessions and meetings
of the Board.

Term of office is July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 or
2005. Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
Must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit
hours (28 from OU). Must not hold any other major elected
campus office. Applications available at: Student Affairs,
144 Oakland Center, Student Congress, 62 Oakland Center
or Center for Student Activities, 49 Oakland Center.
Deadline is March 31, 2003. Call 248-370-4200 for more
information.

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

Graham Health Center wants to remind you to use good
health sense on your upcoming "Spring Break." If you're tak-
ing a vacation to a warm and sunny place remember to be
prepared. Apply sunscreen generously and often to avoid
burning and use a SPF 15 or higher. Wear a hat to keep your
cool and avoid prolonged exposure to the sun to avoid sun-
stroke. If tattooing or piercing are part of your trip come visit
the Graham Health Center's informational table in the OC on
February 19th from 11 AM-1 PM. We can help you find out
more about the safety issues, care and complications of tat-
toos and piercings. Info will also be available on alcohol
awareness and safer sex. When you do return, whatever you
do and wherever you go, remember the Graham Health
Center will be here to help you with your healthcare needs.
Just call ext. 2341, and we can set up an appointment for
you and help you get back to a healthy you!

WINTER ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING

On-campus recruiting for the winter semester is now under
way. Employers scheduled to recruit for full-time positions
during the week of February 17-21 include AXA Advisors,
Campbell-Ewald, Cintas, Comerica (Mortgage Lending),
Creative Solutions and Quicken Loans. Students seeking to
interview with employers on campus but who have not yet
registered with Career Services should do so as quickly as
possible. Our eRecruiting@OU online resume and job search
system is available to students free. For additional informa-
tion on current and upcoming programs and services, visit
our web site at www.oakland.edu/careerservices or call 370-
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CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Attention Oakland students! Discover your career potential!
Let the professionals in the Career Resource Center help you
learn more about yourself, identify a college major and
explore career options within your major. You don't have to
be lost. We can help you identify what careers suit you the
best and help you achieve your goals. This service is FREE for
all students and alumni. Visit us in 154 North Foundation Hall
or call us at 370-3263.

DEPARTMENT OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Now hiring Peer Mentors (7 positions available) and
Nightwatch Persons (1 male, 1 female) for the KCP Extended
College Day Program at OU (a residential four week summer
program for high school students interested in OU). Peer men-
tor positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying room and
board and a \$275/week stipend. Nightwatch positions run
June 30th-August 1st, paying a \$225/week stipend. For both
positions, must have a 2.5 minimum GPA and sophomore class
standing by end of spring term. Must agree to a background
check and commit to all four program weeks plus training.
For applications and more information, come to 103 North
Foundation Hall. Interested persons should speak with
Candace Rogers.

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND Summer 2003 Jobs

Applications available in 261 South Foundation Hall for the
following positions:

Head Resident (graduate students or degreed adults only)
Peer Mentor (6 positions available)
Tutor/Teacher Aide (6 positions available)
Nightwatch Person (1 position available)

For more information stop by or call 248-370-3218.

Campus Rec Happenings

Half-Semester Membership

The half semester membership for the winter semester begins
March 1st. The charge is \$85 for any affiliated individual (includ-
ing student spouse, etc.). The rate of \$35 for children and young
adults remains the same.

Winter Recess Hours

Winter recess starts February 22nd through March 2nd. The
building hours over the recess will be as follows:

Monday-Thursday, 6 AM-9 PM

Friday, 6 AM-8 PM

Saturday, 9 AM-8 PM

Sunday 12 noon-8 PM

Wellness Wednesday

The next Wellness Wednesday is March 5th in the Pioneer Room
at 12:05 PM. The topic will be "Healthy Brown Bag Lunches" and
will be led by dietician Antonella McGreevy. Compare a typical
lunch that is bought at a restaurant to a healthy brown bag
lunch. You will learn about good choices as well as some
healthy choices to grab from Pic-A-Deli. A \$5 Pic-A-Deli gift cer-
tificate will be raffled off. See you there!

Water Safety Instructor

The next Water Safety Instructor session starts on March 11th and
goes through April 19th. The course enables those who pass to
teach swimming lessons and also to be certified in American Red
Cross. Contact Terri Eudy at 248.370.4533.

Please visit the Campus Recreation website for complete infor-
mation on everything the Rec Center has to offer at www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 7

RHP's Friday Night Live Winter 2003 Comedy Series presents
comedian Megan Mooney, 7 PM Vandenberg Cafeteria.
Megan's relaxed and approachable comedy style gains her
instant approval with her audiences. Graduating cum
laude from John Carroll University and moving to Austin,
Texas, she was awarded the 1998 "Funniest Person in Austin"
award. She just finished taping a Comcast Cable TV
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Rochester teacher looking
for two female roommates to
share brand new Oxford
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and golf course. 25 min. to
OU. Dogs welcome. Call
Christine at (248) 236-9665.

As of September 5th, there
is a **AA/Alanon meeting**
every Thursday in the
Graham Health Center.
Conference Room at noon.
This meeting replaces the
Wednesday noon meeting
from last year.

Need Benefits?
Call (586) 615-8749

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The Oakland Post will host a
table in the Oakland Center
Thursday, February 20, 2003 from
12 noon until 1:00 p.m. Please
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ing the BOT to be more open.