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With the decision to close campus  
coming late Thursday morning,  
many students came to campus for  
nothing.

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## The EDGE

• OU reached almost 75 percent of its blood drive goals last week, exceeding the overall Red Cross donations. "Elsewhere, Red Cross is back to their pre-Sept. 11 levels," said Paul Franklin, CSA coordinator. This is the second blood drive of the school year. There will be one more blood drive this spring, when OU will try to collect 150 pints to reach the year-end goal of 1,000 pints.

• Former OU Trustee Dennis Palwey recently donated \$1 million to the university to create a "lean manufacturing" learning center, which would be called the Pawley Institute. Pawley said he hopes the gift will push OU to the front of the minds of business, engineering and HRD recruiters. The donation will help expand research and business partnerships with surrounding corporations.

• Learn about African-American heroes of medicine during the Center for Student Activities-sponsored lecture from noon-1 p.m., next Monday, Feb. 11, in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

• Next Thursday is Valentine's Day. The Oakland Post is asking you to nominate someone who you think is the "sexiest" faculty or staff member. Nominate your favorite candidate via email to [oakpost@oakland.edu](mailto:oakpost@oakland.edu). Anyone can nominate someone, and feel free to nominate men or women who work at OU. Deadline is Feb. 11.

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## Winter credit hours low

### Semester enrollment numbers lower than fall, up from last year.

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

Despite a small increase in enrollment from last winter semester to the current one, the headcount of students on campus is down from fall's total of 15,875 to an official count of 14,813, released last week. The average number of credit hours taken per student also dropped from fall's 11.7 credit hours per student, to 10.1.

"That's primarily due to students completing their degree requirements, and sometimes the weather does play a role too," Registrar Steve Shablin said. Comparing this semester's enrollment to Winter 2001, however, most figures have risen, including the total headcount which went up 3.2 percent. The most drastic difference in numbers, however, was the headcount for graduate students, which went up 7.1 percent, from 3,019 students in winter 2001 to 3,234 students this winter. Total graduate credits also rose 5.2 percent to 17,299 credit hours taken.

"We're continuing our growth spurt, and we're happy to see that the graduate numbers are back up where we want them to be," Director of Institutional Research and Assessment Laura Schartman said. Undergraduate figures

rose slightly to 11,579 students, a 2.1 percent increase. In addition, undergraduate credit hours rose 4.4 percent to a total of 131,703, and undergraduates enrolled full time now total 4,376, which is a 4.6 percent increase from last year. "The goal is that by 2010 we'd be roughly around 20,000 students," Shablin said. "I assume, given our current increase, that if it continues, we should be over

the 16,000 mark for fall 2002." New student enrollment for "First Time In Any College" students and graduate students also went up by 34.1 percent, from last year's 44 to 55, and total new graduate students jumped from 488 to 644, a 32 percent difference. New student enrollment for transfer students and total undergraduates dropped 4.1 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

## Computer worm tears through OU

### 'My Party' short-lived

By Marc Hankins  
THE OAKLAND POST

The party was over before it really got started for the potentially dangerous My Party computer worm that was halted last week by OU's anti-virus technology.

Thanks to Timmy, the nickname for the server running the Norton anti-virus program, and the work of the OU staff in the Information and Instructional Technology department, the worm was able to do little more than become bait for an ever-improving computer security system.

Appearing with the subject "new photos from my party" and the attachment [www.myparty.yahoo.com](http://www.myparty.yahoo.com), the worm was designed to invade a system and email itself to everyone in a user's Windows address book as well as anyone it finds in the Outlook Express folders and inboxes. If it successfully infiltrates a computer

running Windows NT, 2000 or XP software, the worm can allow a hacker to control the system while sending a message to its creator so they can track its progress.

Director of Information Systems Theresa Rowe was pleased that few people were

affected by the worm, which was identified at 1 p.m. last Monday and considered to pose no serious threat by the end of the day, but she spoke of the potential that such a virus could have.

"We call these cyber attacks," Rowe said. "It hit some other locations a lot worse. The generating of thousands upon thousands of extra emails could bring an entire business or organization to a standstill."

Rowe outlined the slippery nature of the worm calling it difficult to manage because it would either open if users had their system set to the option of

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Theresa Rowe  
Director  
Information Systems



A DAY OFF: Some area mountains filled up last Thursday when many southeastern Michigan schools were closed. Some people even played hookie from work.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

## Late decision to cancel made snow day disaster

By Cara Plowman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For most educational institutions in the area, the decision to close schools Thursday and keep students safe at home was an easy one.

Things were different at OU. Until just before 8 a.m., the team that decides whether or not to remain open said classes would run at OU.

Even after it was apparent that the biggest snow storm of the year had taken its toll on Michigan roadways late

Wednesday night, at 5 a.m. the people who decide to close campus said classes would run as normal.

"At 5 a.m., the university staff responsible for determining whether to remain open or to close the campus assessed the situation and determined not to close," Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer wrote in a campus-wide broadcast distributed to students, staff and faculty Thursday afternoon. "This decision was

based on the good progress university snow removal crews had already made clearing campus and the fact that the falling snow had tapered off significantly."

Schaefer is one of the primary persons involved in the decision to close school.

According to Schaefer's email, the decision to close campus was made at 7 a.m. Local media was then contacted, according to the email, and announcements were broadcast "shortly thereafter."

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To learn how to drive in the snow, see A3

## Madison trial ends with guilty plea, sentencing set for March 5

By Heather Clement  
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPT.

Javier Madison, 20, a former OU student, pleaded guilty to larceny Tuesday in the Oakland County Sixth Circuit court.

Madison said he "took a computer from Oakland University without permission on Aug. 18." Judge Steven Andrews clarified his statement by asking, "Did you steal from inside a building, a computer and monitors?" The

former Vandenberg Hall resident then admitted to the crime.

Court-appointed attorney Dina Tasevska, of Southfield, who represents Madison's, declined to comment.

Ten computers were taken from

202 Elliot Hall on Aug. 18, 2001, according to OUPD reports.

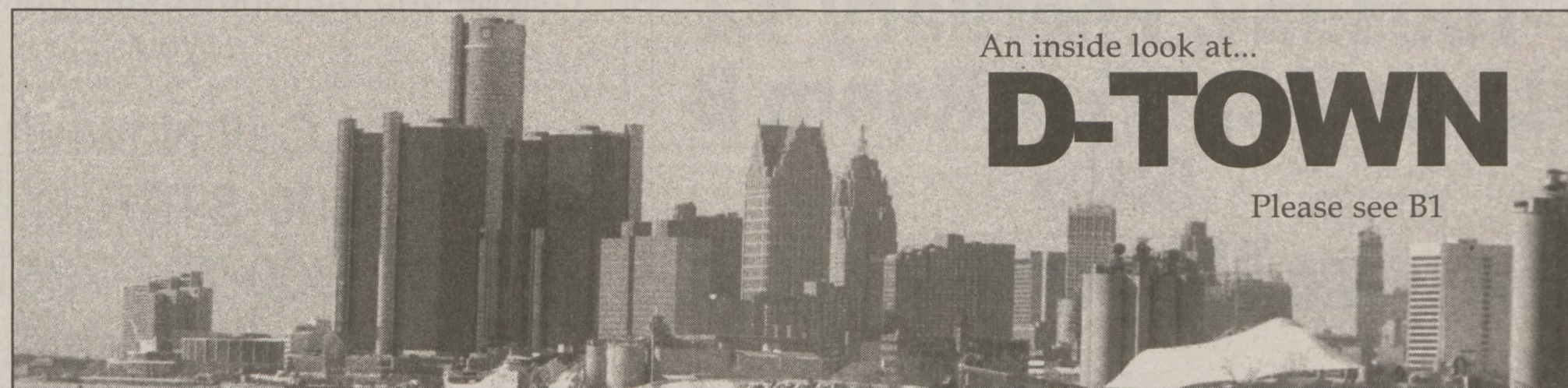
Witnesses reportedly saw a man dressed in a maintenance uniform packing computers into Gateway computer boxes.

When one witness asked the

man what he was doing, Madison reportedly replied he was taking them to Dodge Hall.

OUPD Lt. Mel Gilroy said, "(We) can't charge him with the

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### WORM

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automatically opening attachments or if someone highlighted the worm to copy it to a virus detection website.

Few students were hit by the virus, as the bulk of calls to the ITT HelpDesk were from faculty and staff who had received the worm in their mail. But the problem was reported outside of the OU network as well.

After dealing with the immediate threat to OU systems, the IT department sent out warnings last week. A virus alert was posted on its website ([www2.oakland.edu/itt](http://www2.oakland.edu/itt)), instructing anyone who received the email to delete it without opening it and to contact the IT help desk if they suspected they had been infected with the worm.

Helpdesk Services Specialist Karen Kahn attributes the worm's minor impact on campus systems as evidence that most people who use OU computers have upgraded their virus software.

"Most of that is because of our new virus system on campus that we have. Its one and only job is to make sure that the people on campus who installed Norton Anti Virus Corporate Edition are up to date," Kahn said.

It's the people who haven't gotten the notices about upgrading the protective software that poses the problem Kahn added and said that a new year means new viruses to fight against.

"People don't realize that their virus definitions aren't up to date."

Anyone who has a university purchased computer on campus and is not sure about having the most recent anti-virus software should contact the ITT Help Desk for upgrade instructions (248.370.4357).

Kids and college students start many viruses and worms on both foreign and domestic fronts. Some are meant to have a harmless chain-letter effect started by the creator to see how far they can travel before they are eliminated, while others have more destructive capacities. The more dangerous and widespread worms are investigated on a regular basis by the FBI to see if there is any sign of terrorism involved.

Rowe and Kahn both warned against virus warnings that appear in a user's email, most of which are hoaxes. Sometimes these pseudo warnings tell users to delete a file that is important to the Windows operating system, causing as much damage, or more, than if an actual virus had been opened.

Rather than forwarding the message or following its instructions, IT suggests that users go to the Norton website ([www.symantec.com](http://www.symantec.com)), select "virus search" and put in a specific keyword describing the potential virus to see if it is a genuine threat. This is the best defense against what could be a virus and not some of the quick fix modifications the Symantec website details that could leave a computer open to greater threats.

But common sense is still the best defense when it comes to guarding a computer against a threat. If one isn't familiar with a certain address or message in an email, the best bet is to delete it without opening it, according to the Norton website.

In other technology news, the IIT department has two projects on the horizon, which may affect OU system users.

The first is the installation of a new email server that is 2.5 times more powerful than the current server. The change is supposed to improve the system that has been the focus of many complaints for its slow speeds and bad service. The interruption should be minimal, as the upgrade is scheduled to take place over the weekend, beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 and is scheduled to be finish by the end of Sunday.

The following weekend, Feb. 22-24, OU's Banner system will be upgraded. Some interruption is expected, but most students will be gone on Spring Break.

Anyone concerned about viruses, software or wanting more information about system upgrades should check the IT website as the dates get closer or call the help desk.

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other nine computers with the evidence that we have at this point, but we have witnesses who said he had multiple boxes.

"The computer that we recovered was sold in Detroit," said Gilroy.

One computer was reportedly pawned at American Jewelry. Management of American Jewelry refused to comment.

A Southfield man who was also arrested in East Vandenberg Hall on Jan. 10, pleaded guilty on Jan. 15 to retail fraud. He reportedly pawned one of the missing computers. He is currently serving a 45-day sentence.

Madison was arrested in his dorm room in East Vandenberg Hall, Thursday, Jan. 10, without incident, according to the police report.

Registrar Steve Shablin said Madison was not listed as a student during the 2002 Winter term.

Michigan state felony guidelines for larceny in a building call for a maximum sentence of four years in prison or probation. Madison will be required to submit to DNA testing, as required by Michigan law for all felony convictions.

A March 5, sentencing date has been scheduled. Madison is out on bond.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## Assistant OU professor to speak at library

By Jennifer Decker  
COPY EDITOR

Coinciding with Black History month and the upcoming Meadow Brook Theater play, "Bee-luther-hatchee," Dr. Kathleen Pfeiffer, assistant professor of English, will present a lecture entitled, "Who Owns the Story of Your Life?" on Feb. 13 from 7-8 p.m. at the Rochester Public Library.

"(The lecture) is such a wonderful resource. We're always glad when we can have (OU) professors speak," said Michelle Wisniewski, outreach librarian.

The play runs Feb. 13-Mar. 10, was written by Thomas Gibbons and is the story of a young editor writing the memoirs of an elderly African-American woman.

Pfeiffer's lecture will include discussion of her current research based upon white mentors and black artists. It will look at the connection between writers such as Waldo Frank and Jean Toomer or Carl Van Vechten and Langston Hughes. She said there's a tradition of authors manipulating audiences by using pseudonyms and pen names.

"I think I'm really lucky my work is trendy. My research examines who has the right to tell certain stories," Pfeiffer said. "I'm more interested in the question than the answer. Asking that question raises questions of authorship, especially with women and blacks."

Pfeiffer was a recipient of the New Investigator Research Excellence Award in 2001 which is available only to junior faculty.

She has done extensive research on Van Vechten and penned the prologue for the reprint of his best-selling and controversial novel, "Nigger Heaven." Van Vechten was a white "agent" and writer during the Harlem Renaissance who promoted integration and had parties inviting many literary friends.

"Van Vechten provided a link to white America. He got Langston Hughes a contract with Knopf," Pfeiffer said.

In terms of the "passing" concept, Pfeiffer said it could be compared to the "self-made person" idea in creating an identity apart from the one born into.

"In retrospect, I can see how I'd be attracted to 'passing' because in a way, that's what I've done in my own family. I've sort of broken away from the identity I was born into," Pfeiffer said.

"I don't come from an academic family. My parents are smart, but they don't identify as intellectuals.

"In a way, I've always felt myself to be a 'passing figure.' For many years, I struggled with a sense of being unauthentic and that I didn't really belong. 'Passing' grapples with feeling you belong somewhere."

Pfeiffer arrived at OU after teaching writing classes for seven years at Yale, a move she said she has never regretted.

"I think I've had a lot of help. It's easier to thrive in a supportive environment. I love teaching," she said.

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WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND: Snow came late this year, and on Thursday it caused campus to close.

## Storm hits campus

### Icy conditions, snow cause more accidents

By Ann Zaniewski  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Last Thursday's snowstorm was this season's first full-fledged blast of winter's fury and powerfully reminded Michigan motorists how snow and ice can make roads extremely hazardous.

"When you get the first inclement weather of the season, that's when there's the most crashes," said Lt. David LaRowe, assistant post commander for the Jackson branch of the Michigan State Police.

Statewide traffic incident statistics are not yet available for the Jan. 31 snowstorm, but OU police reports indicate there were at least four minor ice-related accidents in campus parking lots.

"I've actually been in two snow-related accidents. Last night, coming back from Lansing, it sucked," Kevin Greaney, junior, finance said. "I briefly slipped off the road but was able to regain control

because of my four wheel drive."

According to Mary McClain, departmental technician for the Michigan Department of Transportation, the State Police-published Michigan Traffic Crash Facts cites 33,182 statewide crashes caused by snow or blowing snow in 1999.

Sleet and hail were responsible for 603 crashes the same year.

According to OUPD Lt. Mel Gilroy, OU does not have a lot of serious weather-related accidents because the speed limits on campus are so low and the grounds department stays on top of the weather.

"The OU grounds department does a great job in keeping this place as clean as they can. Normally, if they anticipate snow, they'll bring in their crews and work all night long," he said.

Gilroy said icy roads make the most difficult driving conditions.

"Snow can be very dangerous, but the problem with ice is that

you can't see it," said Gilroy. "You underestimate it, and you have no control with ice."

Greaney agreed ice makes the roads unpredictable.

"You can't tell if it's ice or a road that just looks wet," he said.

LaRowe offered some tips motorists can follow to stay safe when the weather is bad.

"If you don't have to drive, you should avoid driving altogether. If you do have to drive, you should only drive as fast as it will be safe," he said. "It takes longer to stop. It's easier to lose control. You really have to pay attention to the drivers around you."

While following the posted speed limit usually isn't against the law, traveling the limit on snowy days could be dangerous. LaRowe said police officers often issue citations to those driving the maximum speed limit in severely inclement weather.

"Basically, problems occur because people do not adjust their speed to the driving conditions," he said. "You can't drive faster than the conditions allow for."

The Michigan Department of Transportation's website, [www.mdot.state.mi.us](http://www.mdot.state.mi.us), also pro-

vides pointers for winter driving.

Drivers should always keep a safe distance between themselves and other cars.

Vehicles should steer clear of snowplows because plowing often results in a cloud of snow that could inhibit visibility. Changing lanes should be done with extreme caution, for sudden movements on slippery roads could cause vehicles to skid.

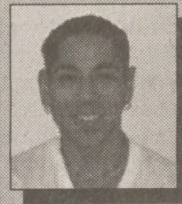
If a car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, applying steady brake pressure can help avoid skidding.

Brake pumping is recommended only for vehicles without anti-lock brakes.

Drivers can prepare their cars for winter by making sure they have enough antifreeze and washer fluid. Wipers should be replaced if they are cracked or leave streaks on the windshield, and tire air pressure should be at the number indicated in the owner's manual.

In cold weather it is important to keep fuel tanks at least half-full, and motorists should always carry a shovel, boots, gloves and other winter items in their trunks in case of an emergency.

## NEWS COLUMN



Juan Pablo Torres  
Columnist

## Economic state of union

Fix the economy Mr. Bush.

The economic state of this country seems to be becoming an ever-growing concern amongst the American Public.

Latest polls reveal that most Americans now consider the economy a bigger concern than the threat of a future terrorist attack, and I am one of those Americans.

I understand that I am not Alan Greenspan, nor do I even claim to be a scholarly specialist on economics. However, I will tell you what I do know.

I do know that even though I work an excess of 40 hours a week, I still find it hard to make "ends meet."

I do know that my parents are struggling. My father has been laid off for the past three months.

I also understand that my situation is not special, but rather growing more and more common.

I often find myself contemplating the question, where did this recession come from? Most would write off the question with the all-familiar ever popular "9-11" excuse, blaming our current economic woes on Bin Laden and his infamous al-Qaida Network.

I guess I can buy into part of that.

But I must, however, be a bit more skeptical (as I always am) and go that extra step and ask if maybe our current economic state may have something to do with the "Tax Cut Plan" we all heard so much hype about last summer.

The very one that promised us all rebates, yet handed out nearly half of the tax relief to the wealthiest one percent of Americans, all while the lowest one-quarter of taxpayers (myself included) received nothing.

Even better maybe it could be linked with the "reaction to 9-11," also known as the "Economic Recovery Plan." Yes, the very same plan that handed out billions of our tax dollars to America's richest elite corporations.

Like I said, I am not an economist, however I am someone who is currently experiencing the negative effects of the economy first hand. I am someone who realizes before the past year of the Bush administration, life was a hell of a lot easier.

I am not an idiot, Mr. Bush, so don't tell me that state of our union is strong and America is not in a recession.

It is obvious to me that something is drastically wrong with our economy as I continue to watch company after company file for Chapter 11 protection and call for massive restructurings (i.e. layoff all the blue collar workers).

Recently I heard that Mr. Bush would be asking Congress to fund more than 48 billion dollars in military spending and call for doubling the Homeland Defense Budget to 38 million. I can't help but wonder, how Mr. Bush thinks Americans can afford this?

Mr. Bush needs to perhaps rethink his budgeting plans, and use more money to invest in the real American people (not just the wealthy ones) and provide better paying jobs for the true people who keep this country going: you and I.

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## African-American Celebration calendar

### Friday, Feb. 8

•A reaction panel to racial profiling presentation will be held at noon in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

•Akanke Dance Troupe's Reggae Dance-a-Thon will be from 9 p.m.- 1 a.m., in the Gold Rooms, OC. The event is \$2 for OU students and \$5 for non-OU students.

### Monday, Feb. 11

•African-American Heroes in Medicine will be presented at noon in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

### Thursday, Feb. 14

•SPB brings Slam Poet Kirk Nugent at noon the Oakland Room, OC.

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

•The 10th Anniversary of the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. at the Shotwell Pavilion, located on the east side of campus near the golf courses. Tickets are \$100 and include dinner. Martin Luther King, Jr. III is also expected to be speaking.

## CRIME WATCH

•A man from Clinton Twp. was accused of pulling a fire alarm at 9:30 p.m. on Jan 11, in Van Wagoner Hall. When he was called down to the police department for questioning on the same day at 11:30 p.m., he told police he was allegedly assaulted by his ex-girlfriend, 21, an OU student living in Van Wagoner Hall. The man allegedly said he was called by the ex-girlfriend to come to her dorm room "so they could talk" and when he entered the room, she reportedly started yelling at him, and she continued for about 20 minutes. When he tried to leave she supposedly grabbed him around the neck and scratched and kicked at him. He told police he pulled the

fire alarm because it was the only way to defend himself. The woman was asked to come to the police station on Jan. 14. According to OU police, the man does not want to press charges, and both have agreed to have no contact with each other.

•OUPD responded to two false fire alarms on Friday, at 2:50 a.m. in Vandenberg Hall and at 2:57 a.m. at N. Hamlin Hall.

While evacuating N. Hamlin Hall police noticed a male student in Hamlin Hall who was "unsteady on his feet" and with his clothes were in a "disarray" when the police officer him if he was okay and if he had been drinking the student said he had drank about a half a fifth of

Captain Morgan rum. The student consented to a PBT which registered a .13. Michigan has a zero tolerance law for anyone under 21. The student was issued a ticket and said he would not drink for the rest of the night.

Otherwise evacuations went smoothly and no fires were found.

•A Pepsi employee reported Friday, that when he was emptying the Pepsi vending machine in the OC the machine was unlocked. He told police he did not know if anything had been taken, and he is not certain if it was properly locked by the employee who last serviced the machine. There was no sign of

forced entry on the machine.

•On Sunday evening a 19-year-old Auburn Hills man was clocked driving on Meadow Brook/Vandenberg Circle at 37 mph in a 15 mph zone. Police pulled the man over at Vandenberg Circle. The man gave police his registration and insurance but could not find his license. When the police officer handed the man a ticket for not having a license and for speeding he allegedly smelled a "strong odor of intoxicants." The man was given a PBT which registered at .048. There is a zero tolerance for minors in Michigan. Police also found a 40 ounce bottle of Beer, 1/4 full in the car and gave the man a tick-

et for minor in possession.

•A Lake Orion woman, on her way home from work, was arrested for allegedly drunk driving at 3:50 a.m. Saturday. Police registered the woman traveling at 57 mph north on Squirrel Road, a 45 mph zone. The woman said she had just left work and drinks every night at work and that she had had one shot of Jameson. She performed a field sobriety test and reportedly failed it. Police gave her a PBT which registered at .153. Michigan law considers a person drunk at .10 or above. The woman was arrested and taken to Oakland County Jail.



PFEIFFER

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Coming to OU allowed Pfeiffer to meet and marry Todd Estes, professor of history, to which she said, "We're a good match. It's helpful to have someone to vent to."

Estes agreed and added, "It really helps each of us to have someone to bounce ideas off of whether about teaching or scholarship or committees and departments. The best thing is simply having someone to talk to about those things who knows exactly what you're talking about and what the implications are. It really helps me to have Kathy to talk to about my own work and career and to give me perspectives that I wouldn't have myself."

Pfeiffer received her undergraduate degree from Emmanuel Women's College and her PhD from Brandeis University. She comes from a working-

class family, as her father is a florist and her mother is a nurse.

Her grandfather immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1922 and was a tailor who outfitted the Kennedy boys when they were in school at Choate. Her great-aunt was a waitress in the dining hall at Yale Law School.

"I grew up in Connecticut close to Yale geographically, but I grew up as a 'townie' who had a service orientation to a city," Pfeiffer said.

Estes said about Pfeiffer's approach to the month of February, "Black History Month is a very important time. But one of the things I'm proudest of about Kathy is that through her teaching and her scholarship, she makes it clear why the study of the African American past is important year-round, not

just in February."

Marcia Hamilton, English grad student, said about Pfeiffer's classes, "Dr. Pfeiffer's classes are unique in a number of ways. She creates an engaging, interactive environment in the classroom. Her ability to draw out diverse ideas from her students and bring them together is very exciting. Experiencing her directing her class sessions is much like watching a maestro conducting an orchestra," Hamilton said.

Pfeiffer recommends that everyone read "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison and "House of Mirth" by Edith Wharton. She prefers music by Leonard Cohen, Diana Krall and the Indigo Girls. She thinks the best contemporary authors are Sue Miller and Margaret Atwood.

Pfeiffer's hobbies include knitting, arts and crafts, cooking and eating, but don't talk to her about turnips, cell phones or raisins.

"She combines great intelligence with a touching kindness," Estes said. "She is very smart and knows a lot, but she is also devoted to her students and is extraordinarily kind and generous. Just about her only really bad quality is her intense and irrational hatred of raisins. Elizabeth (his daughter) and I have to go into another room if we want to eat them when Kathy's home."

The Rochester Library is located at 500 Olde Town Road in downtown Rochester. For more information on the lecture, call 248.650.7150.

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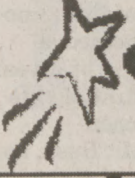
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- ❖ 8 to 10 typed, double spaced pages (does not include Works Cited or Bibliography pages)
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- ❖ Must use a feminist perspective or feminist theory or methods
- ❖ Must be a clean copy without any marks or grades on it

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**African-American Celebration 2002**  
**Heroes of Life**

Wednesday, February 6  
Film: "Men of Honor"  
Time: 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

Thursday, February 7  
President's Colloquium on Racial Profiling  
Time: 11:30 a.m. - Reception; Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Presentation (seating is limited.)  
Location: Gold Rooms, OC

Friday, February 8  
Reaction Panel to Racial Profiling Presentation  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Location: Fireside Lounge, OC

Friday Night Live: Comedian Kivi Rogers  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

Akanks Dance Troupe's Reggae Dance-a-thon  
Time: 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.  
Location: Gold Rooms, OC  
Cost: Free for OU students/\$5.00 non-OU students

Monday, February 11-Friday, February 15  
ABS Week

Monday, February 11  
African-American Heroes in Medicine  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Location: Fireside Lounge, OC

Thursday, February 14  
SPB Slam Poet: Kirk Nugent  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Location: Oakland Room, OC

Tuesday, February 19  
Closing Ceremony  
Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Location: Fireside Lounge, OC

Wednesday, February 20  
10th Anniversary of the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet  
Keynote Speaker: Martin Luther King, Jr. III  
Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Location: Shotwell Pavilion  
Cost: \$100/ticket

Wednesday, February 27-Sunday, March 3  
SPB: Trip to Atlanta, Georgia  
Location: Sign up at the CSA Service Window, 49 OC.  
Transportation included.  
Cost: \$125.00/OU student.

**CSA Personal Enrichment Series**

February 12  
Time Management: Making the Most of 168 Hours a Week  
Presented by: Dawn Aubry, Director of New Student Programs

February 13  
The Taxman Cometh: What you Need to Know about Preparing Your Income Taxes

February 18  
Caring for Older Parents  
Presented by: Sharon Collins, OPC

All programs will take place in the Fireside Lounge, OC, from noon until 1:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your lunch.

**AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW**

✓ Reservations for:

- South Pacific (February 7 and 10)
- The Vagina Monologues (February 21)
- Dance Theatre of Harlem (February 27)
- Cinderella (March 10)
- David Copperfield (March 17)

✓ Sign-up for:

- Mardi Gras Fashion Affair 2002 (February 15)
- Keeper of the Dream Student Waiting List (Feb. 20)
- SPB's Winter Break Trip to Atlanta (Feb.27 - Mar. 3)
- CSA Student Leadership Retreat (March 8-9)

**OC LATE NIGHTER AND CASINO NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 \*\*\* 8:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. \*\*\* Lots of FREE Fun and Prizes!**

**Casino Night**  
Try your luck at Black Jack, roulette, dice and more. Over \$2000 worth of prizes to be won! 8-Midnight. in the Gold Rooms

**Make Your Own Music Video**  
This is an opportunity for you and your friends to make a music video and take it home to show others. 8-11 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge

**Psychic Night**  
Will you be rich? Will you marry someone this year? Come and have your fortune told by the experts. 8-11 p.m. in the Oakland Room

**Make Your Own Crafts**  
Demonstrate your artistic side while snacking the night away. 8-11 p.m. Heritage Room

**Bumpers**  
Free Billiards and Table Tennis 8-Midnight. in Bumpers Games Room

**Midnight Snack**  
Midnight-12:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court

**Hypnotist Jim Hoke**  
Come watch your friends under the spell of comic hypnotist Jim Hoke who will assist the audience do the out of the ordinary. 12:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court

**Great Grizzly \$100 Giveaway**  
**at the last two OU Men's Basketball Games, February 7 and 9**  
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# LOCAL NEWS

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## Area heating costs on the rise

By Adam L. Neal  
THE OAKLAND POST

Tuition, books, food, cost of living and other expenses plague OU students every year. Some area residents also found a price increase in their gas bill.

Consumers Energy serves gas to more than 800,000 households in Oakland and parts of Wayne and Macomb County. Residents in these areas enjoyed a three-year price freeze that both Consumers Energy and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. agreed to with the state government. However, Consumers Energy's agreement ended last April and MichCon's agreement ended on New Year's Day.

"On average, a \$600 yearly bill will increase 15-25 percent to be around \$700, which is a lot less than what was predicted before the winter months of an increase of 40-60percent," Consumers Energy spokesman Jeff Holyfield said.

The hike has prompted Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to consider ways to make MichCon and Consumers Energy rollback their prices.

The Michigan Public Service Commission estimated Consumers Energy customers saved more than \$440 million over the price freeze program when natural gas prices hit record highs across the country last winter.

The price of \$2.84 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) that was frozen for Consumers Energy was increased to 3.68 per Mcf. This is the maximum charge that will be issued on bills in January and February.

Even though the increase isn't as bad as expected, it is still an increase. Consumers Energy will work with residents that cannot pay their bills right away. They have many programs that are both state and company promoted. Those who qualify can apply for these programs through Consumers Energy by calling its customer service department.

"We work with many state and local agencies to help with bills. We encourage customers that need help to call us so our customer service representatives can find out what agency can aid them," Holyfield explained.

The company is going to stay with the program that is set up currently and that they used in the past. Most companies use the method of buying the gas and then charging residents the same price they bought it for. They are not going to go back to the price freeze program because of the way they buy and store gas.

Michigan has a unique system that gas companies use to store their gas. Gas companies in other states usually buy smaller amounts of gas in the summer and more in the winter because of supply and demand, but Michigan gas companies use old underground oil fields to store large amounts of gas.

Using this system allows companies like Consumers Energy and MichCon to set their prices lower because they buy their gas in the summer when the price is lower. They simply buy the gas when the supply is up, the demand is low and the gas is cheaper.

This is one of the reasons the companies could freeze their prices for three years straight. Consumers Energy doesn't make any profit on the gas itself. They buy the gas in large portions and sell it at wholesale price.

"The service of delivery and infrastructure is the only thing we charge. The bill will include three areas: customer service, delivery and commodity charge for the natural gas," Holyfield said.

Customers can even choose who they want to deliver gas if they do not want Consumers Energy to do it. A different company name would be listed under the delivery section of the bill.

"We just give customers the choice of who delivers their gas because we sell gas at wholesale prices without profit added," Holyfield said.

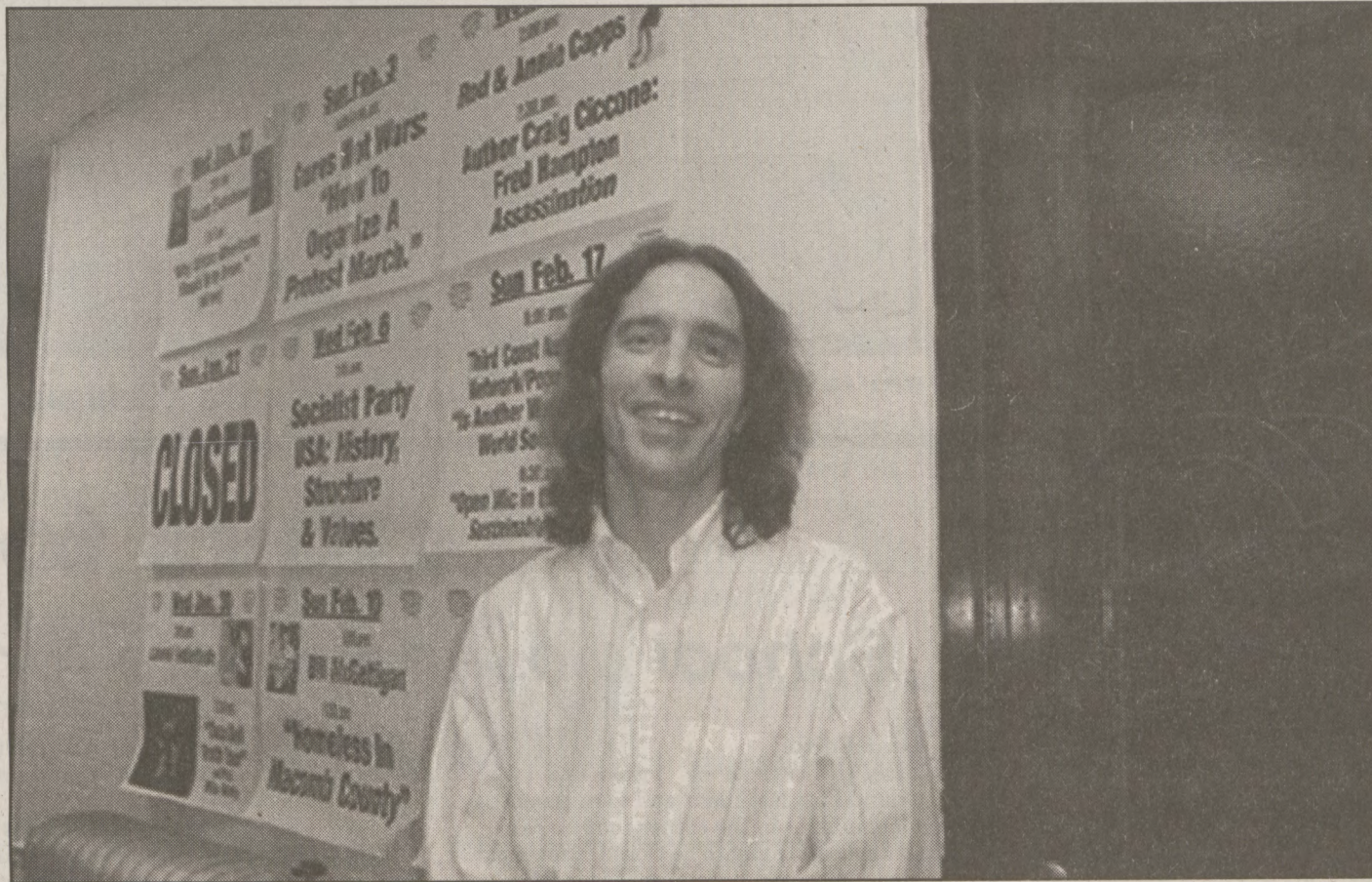
The price of gas is estimated to remain steady for a while because of the supply of gas is high. Holyfield explained that the price might fluctuate from time to time, but not on to an extreme level.

"It's hard enough to pay for everything while you are in college, the price increase just makes it that more difficult," said Tara Cousineau, senior, psychology. "You can't really help it though because you need natural gas from companies like Consumers Energy to heat your home."



GOING GREEN: The Green House (left) sits in an office complex above Professional Guitars at Nile Mile Road and Woodward. The center provides a forum for area residents interested in alternatives to traditional media and political outlets. Green House founder Tom Ness (below) was all smiles at a Jan. 20 presentation on media ownership.

Josie Randazzo/The Oakland Post



## Green House grows dissent

By Josie Randazzo  
THE OAKLAND POST

In a world where a prepackaged and processed media diet stunts intellectual growth, the Green House of Ferndale is growing tasty and alternative food for thought - currently, the expanding anti-war sentiment.

The Green House, a clearinghouse for non-mainstream political and social views and organizations, decided some action was necessary after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"After Sept. 11, out of fear over how our leaders were going to react to the terrorist attacks and possible pending world war, there was a meeting called forth at the Green House," said Charles Jamieson, one of the facilitators of the Saturday-afternoon Peace Discussions.

"We discussed different plans of action on how to educate the public about the truth surrounding the events,

the history involved and the international relations involved and how to influence our leaders to behave rationally in such a dangerous situation," he said.

Jamieson said U.S. leaders reacted in a way that created "more animosity" towards the U.S. and with the "same sort of barbarity that motivated the attacks in the first place."

Matthew Evans, an avid Green House participant, is ready to move the peace discussions to another level.

"I'm ready for some civil disobedience myself... anyone ready to go to jail with me?" he asked at a Jan. 26 peace discussion.

While Evans' suggestion of civil disobedience was heard and considered, there was feedback from the group on a variety of

social and political issues.

"Every organization that does not have a voice has a voice here," said Jamieson.

At the Green House, literature lines the walls from every organization imaginable, including NORML, the ACLU, local, national and international environmental groups, the Gray Panthers, groups in support of freeing both Mumia Abu-Jamal and Leonard Peltier and literature on election reform. There is also material on how to become a socialist and, of course, a member of the Green Party.

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**"I'm ready for some civil disobedience myself... anyone ready to go to jail with me?"**

Matthew Evans  
Green House participant

## Rep brings message of involvement to OU

By Christine L. Mobley  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU chapter of the College Democrats kicked off its 2002 speaker series with a Feb. 5 presentation by State Representative Dave Woodward, the youngest ever elected Michigan legislator.

"Showing that young people can change government, people in my age group, is very important," Woodward said.

As the chair of the newly established Michigan Democratic Youth Caucus, his focus is to get today's youth and young voters involved in their communities and governments.

Woodward, now 25, was 22 years old when he was first elected in 1998 to serve District 34, which covers Royal Oak, Hazel Park and Madison Heights, in the House of Representatives.

After serving two terms, Woodward is

seeking re-election. If re-elected, he will be term-limited at age 28.

The message he hopes to bring to OU students is one of involvement.

Woodward sees himself as a "lightening rod to get young people involved" as he makes the collegiate circuit of speaking engagements.

"Joining a political organization is a great way to be involved on campus," Justin Mularski, sophomore, pre-law/political science and president of the OU chapter of the College Democrats, said. "(It) can provide great opportunity to establish contacts and network for later in life. It also looks good on a resume or grad school or law school application, and it can put you right in the middle of things come election season."

Woodward is a graduate of Wayne State University with a degree in mathematics and a minor in economics. He

also worked as a Legislative Aide to State Representative John Freeman from 1994-1998.

Woodward served in student government at Wayne State University from 1996-1997 as Student Council President.

"I knew whatever I was going to do it was going to involve social issues," said Woodward.

According to Woodward, it was actually an incinerator issue in the city of Madison Heights that brought him to the political forefront and his time serving with Freeman that made him believe that "I can do this."

Woodward also serves on the committees for Veterans Affairs, Insurance and Financial Services and Energy and Technology.

"I fight for what I believe in," Woodward said. "I like to promote the ideals.



## Are Gurus too good to be true?

Q. I've seen come-ons from various gurus who claim that they can teach me ways to get rich quick. Are they worth investigating?

A. If someone offers to show you, for a fee, how to get rich in a few weeks or months, we hope that you'll turn and run away. Unfortunately, some Americans are doing the opposite. They're buying self-published make-millions books, attending expensive seminars, calling 900-numbers for financial guidance, and subscribing to costly newsletters.

A man named Wade Cook, for example, has spoken of earning 20-40 percent ... a month. Let's do a little math and see how realistic this is. If you take a single dollar and compound it at 20 percent monthly for 15 years, you'll have \$179 trillion. Last time we checked, that was more than seven times the Gross Domestic Product of the entire world, more than the total market value of all goods produced and services rendered globally in an entire year. This kind of result from investing a single dollar should seem a little unrealistic.

If these financial gurus were using their own systems to invest their own money for any significant period of time, they would long ago have appeared on lists of the richest Americans. Indeed, they'd have purchased most of our solar system. Instead, they appear to be making most of their money from selling their products, not from their stock market moves.

Since Cook appears to know how to make billions, we find it surprising that he spends any time offering investing seminars that cost several thousand dollars. Last time we checked, his "Wall Street Workshop" cost a whopping \$5,695 and his "Zero to Zillions" audio cassette tape set was \$1,295. At the same time, Cook's company is a penny stock, trading for about 25 cents per share with a measly total market value of roughly \$15 million. It's reporting net losses instead of net profits, too.

While the Fool recommends investing in stocks and holding for decades, many investing gurus urge you to use money you've borrowed for high-risk options trading. We try not to step in options, as they can (and often do) end up worthless. Also, investing with borrowed cash means that any mistakes translate into magnified losses. Gurus tend to rely heavily on predictions of short-term movements of stocks. We know that no one can consistently and successfully make such predictions — even Dionne Warwick.

For the best way to accumulate wealth, look at two of America's greatest financial successes. Bill Gates snagged the top spot by hanging on to shares of his ever-growing Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) stock. Warren Buffett bought into great businesses and has held on to most of them. Both have stated that among the qualities that have led them to success, two stand out: patience and perseverance.

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### NATIONAL NEWS

## John Walker Lindh indicted; U.S. may sign nuclear weapons treaty with Russia

• On Tuesday, a federal grand jury indicted John Walker Lindh. The American Taliban fighter is accused of conspiring to kill Americans in Afghanistan. The 10-count indictment also accused Lindh of conspiring to provide support to terrorist organizations, including al-Qaida, and supplying services to the Taliban. If convicted, Lindh could face several life terms in prison.

• Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that the

U.S. is willing to sign a treaty with Russia that would limit strategic nuclear weapons. Both President Bush and President Vladimir V. Putin have committed to sharply reducing their countries' stocks of offensive weapons, but a formal agreement has yet to be outlined.

• Iran dismissed U.S. allegations it was seeking to develop weapons of mass destruction and accused the Bush administration of conducting a "self-centered" foreign pol-

icy. In a letter to the United Nations, Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi charged that President Bush's Jan. 29 State of the Union address was designed to fuel domestic support for large increases in U.S. defense spending.

• The Senate Commerce Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to subpoena former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay. He refused to appear voluntarily to answer questions about the collapse of the company.



# PERSPECTIVES

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## Editorial Big snow, big problem

When a big snow storm is in the forecast, many students go to bed the night before, praying that school will be cancelled. After weather anchors predicted that Michiganders would be waking up to a winter wonderland Thursday morning, many OU students, assuming the university would be closed for the day, went to bed without finishing their homework or setting their alarm clocks.

At 5 a.m. Thursday, the team that decides if school is cancelled collectively chose to keep OU open, even though almost all other schools in southeastern Michigan were closed, and most people had slipped back into their warm beds.

Some, on the other hand, woke up earlier than normal Thursday to check TV and radio news stations. Some had to work, some had a big test they couldn't miss. Assistant Professor of English Robert Anderson's English class was scheduled to take an exam at 8 a.m. that day. OU was not one of the schools mentioned on the long list of closings on local news stations, and OU's inclement weather hotline still said classes were in session at 8 a.m.

So, assuming OU would be open for the day, some students, including a few in Anderson's English class, bundled up and headed outside to scrape off their snowed-in vehicles.

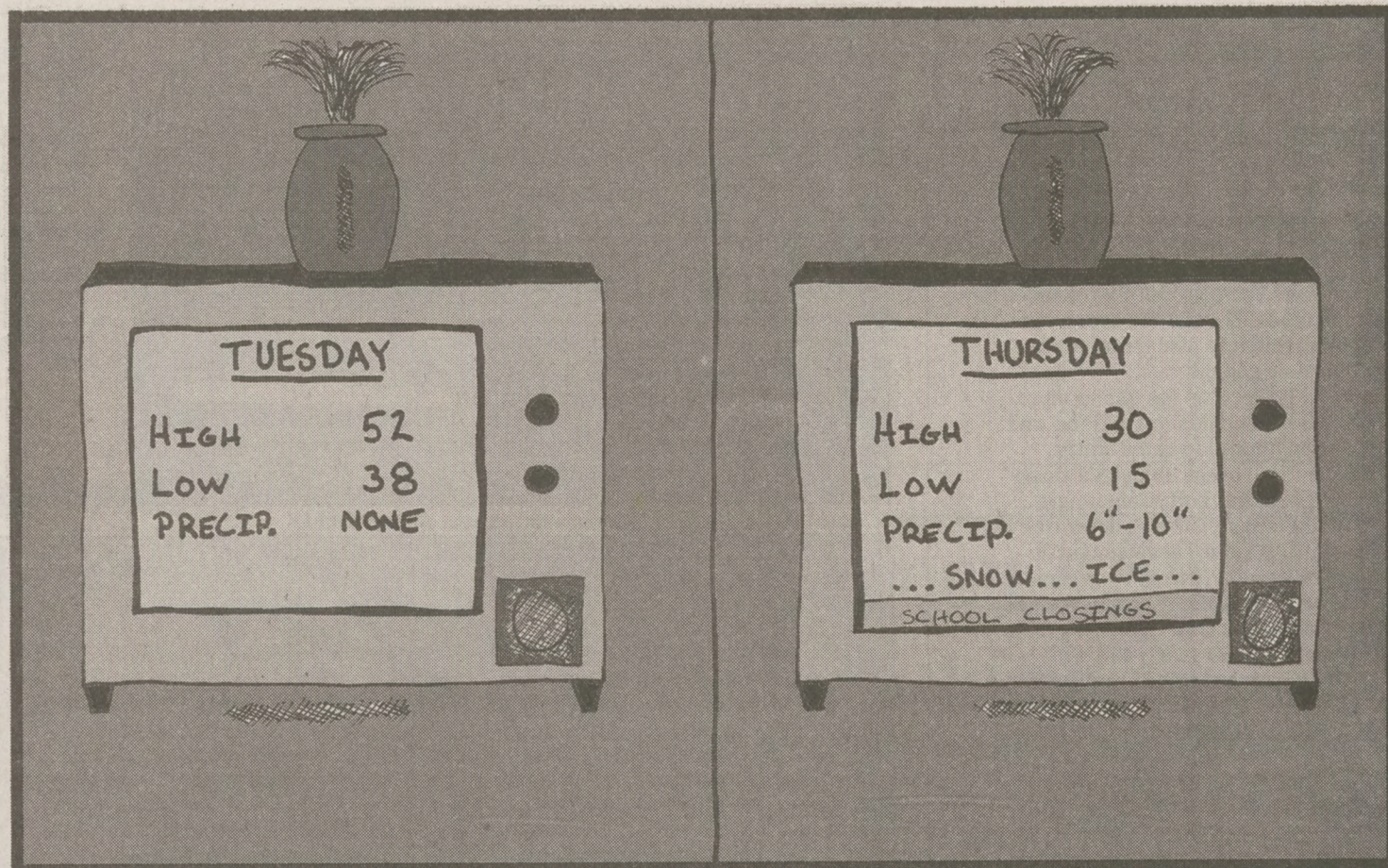
The commute to campus would take longer than usual, and many left for their 8 a.m. classes very early in the morning, before the decision to close was even made.

For the dozens of students who made it to campus last Thursday, some arriving almost a full hour after they had left their homes, a 10 minute commute normally, they were confronted with closed classrooms.

OU has gained a reputation for not closing, even during some of the worst storms Michigan has to offer. Whether or not the campus should have been open last Thursday doesn't matter when compared to the timeliness of the decision to close.

If the conditions aren't safe at 5 a.m., it shouldn't be assumed that it'll be better at 7 or 8 a.m. when students are leaving their homes.

The anonymous team which decides whether OU will close needs to realize that, even if OU's roads and lots are cleared, more than 13,000 students don't live on campus. What about their safety?



Welcome to Michigan.

## Letters to the Editor

### School closed too late for 8 a.m. classes

Dear Editor,

Okay, the jokes on me! I grab The Oakland Post last night and I see this little phone number in the corner that we can call if school's going to be closed. How neat is that? A special little number for school closings. Wow.

In the meantime, I prayed for a snow day. I, and the rest of my 8 a.m. English class, had our first exam Thursday, and I had an article summary due in my 10 a.m. psychology class. But, I prepared myself for school anyhow - wouldn't want to take a chance!

I wake up Thursday day morning and start tuning into the radio around 5 a.m., even though I know it's still a little early. I turn on the TV news. I call the special little phone number. Looks like OU's in session. Darn! My professor had warned us to leave early - they predicted the weather days ago.

So, I made sure I did. I called the special phone number two or three more times, just to be sure, before I trucked out in the snow for a dangerous trip to school.

Upon barely being able to pull out of my apartment complex, I realized that whoever was in charge of making that call was OUT OF THEIR MIND. I live 10 minutes away from campus, and I left with a half an hour to get there. But, once I hit Squirrel Road, there were cars scattered all over the road. No one was moving anywhere. People were helping other people push their cars. It was actually kind of fun to watch and everything, but this is an obvious indication that the roads were in absolutely NO condition for anyone to risk driving to school for.

After sitting in the mess for 20 minutes or so, cars started moving. Everyone in their cars was surely thinking, "Why did I get up today?"

So, I get to class for my exam and there are about 10 others already there and a note on the board that says "7:59 - Classes have been canceled" almost as a joke from the professor. You have to laugh. There's just no other way.

But really, you shouldn't put that special little phone number on the front page of The Oakland Post when no one's there to make it work. It's silly.

Kim Wachowski  
junior, sociology

### Snow day fiasco

Dear Editor,

I want to know who or what group of individuals has the presumption of hubris such that several commuting students were beholden to them to risk life and limb to get to school last Thursday, Jan. 31. Every institution in the complete metro area, of higher and lower learning, was closed. I left home at 6:30 a.m. to make sure that I arrived on time for my 8 a.m. class because I had a scheduled exam that day.

Upon my arrival (1 and one half-hours

later) a fellow student told me that the university was closed. He told me that there was an "8 o'clock rule."

If there is indeed such a rule, it needs to be changed by whatever means necessary. If mountains need to be moved and people need to be turned into pillars of salt, that's okay.

The bottom line for me and my fellow commuters is that the university MUST be more responsive to OUR needs. We need to know with reasonable forewarning (6 a.m. at the latest) that we will not be required to risk bodily and vehicular harm when literally no other student in the metro area is required to do so.

Karen VanAtta  
senior, general studies

### Godly debate

Dear Editor,

I am writing today in response to the man that stands atop the sundial near the north OC entrance and preaches the Bible and "God's word" to everyone passing by on their way to class. Sir, in case you were wondering, we don't like to hear your shouting at us every time we come within your vicinity. I pay my tuition to this public university and expect to be able to walk to class without my freedoms and beliefs being infringed upon. We all hold our own religious beliefs, and especially in this time following the attacks on our country we, as the student body, need to embrace the diversity of the many different cultural and religious backgrounds that one can find on this campus.

I understand that while I should have the freedom to walk to class in peace, you too should have the freedom to express your views if you choose to do so. But, I ask you, is this the way your God would want you to act towards others? In my view, you sound mean, threatening and violent yelling at us from your mighty rock. In doing this are you really serving God and embracing mankind? There are so many other ways to spread the love of the creator in which you believe. There's a blood drive this week - go donate blood and encourage others to do so. Volunteer for a local charity or assist others in need in the community. So far all you're doing for us is hurting our ears and making us choose alternate routes when walking across campus. I don't think that is what God intended.

Lindsay Walker  
junior, biology

### Education hang up

Dear Editor,

Is there a pre-requisite to work in the elementary education department at OU?

WANTED: Must be rude and not offer a bit of help or advice.

Why is it that I must pay my hard-earned money to be treated badly by these people? I am not referencing professors but field coordinators, advisors and receptionists in the department. Why is it that because they are overloaded with work I should suffer? GET SOME HELP!

We pay a lot of money to go to school at OU, and it's not our fault that you're overwhelmed. I can't tell you how many times I've had a question or a problem and have been told, "Well, I have 1,200 students to deal with."

This reply is not acceptable. It is your job to guide me and answer my questions.

I am not alone in this. Many elementary education majors feel this way. You only have your job because we choose to go to school here.

Treat us with some respect and find some help.

Name Withheld Upon Request  
senior, elementary education

### VP apologizes

OU students, faculty and staff,

On behalf of the university, I apologize for the late notice about the closing of the university this morning. At 5 a.m., the university staff responsible for determining whether to remain open or to close the campus assessed the situation and determined not to close. This decision was based on the good progress university snow removal crews had already made clearing campus, and the fact that the falling snow had tapered off significantly. At that time, we believed the roads in the surrounding communities would be passable in time for the start of the day.

The university has an obligation to remain open under reasonably safe conditions (recognizing that we are located in Michigan) to provide the education and services our students and customers expect. However, we do not wish to put our students, faculty or staff in unsafe or overly difficult conditions.

That's why, as the snow began to fall more heavily around 7 a.m., the university reevaluated the situation and determined the surrounding roads might be hazardous. That, combined with the threat of freezing rain during the day, which would further

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## Quote of the Week

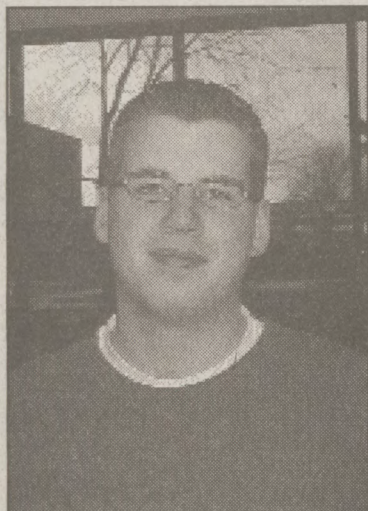
I am not part of the problem.  
I am a Republican.

- Dan Quayle



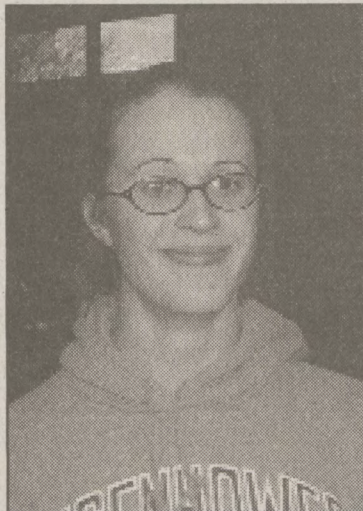
## On the STREET

### What do you think should be done with the Silverdome?



*"I think they should keep it open for Super Cross and Monster Trucks. The Lions suck ass anyway."*

-Joe Frankfurth  
junior  
English



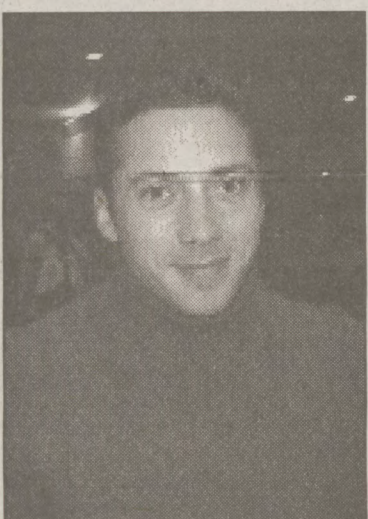
*"They should keep it open because there's not many other places they can hold indoor events like Snow Cross in a dome."*

-Christy Hall  
junior  
elementary ed.



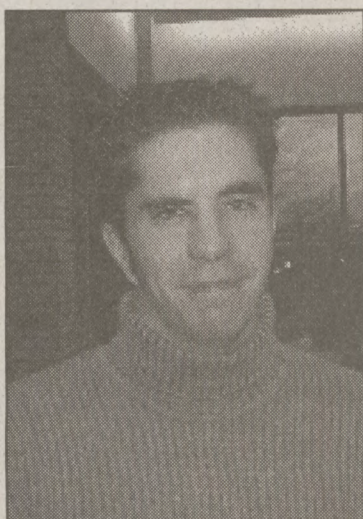
*"I think every weekend they should do a swap meet, like a big flea market where you can buy anything for cheap."*

-Kacy Mangahas  
junior  
communication



*"Do more of the same things they do now like home shows and trade shows."*

-Jason Nida  
junior  
communication



*"I think they should get rid of it because the Palace is so close and I don't see them using the Silverdome for anything."*

-Terry Cottrell  
senior  
communication



*"It should be turned into an area for the youth or a casino to bring revenue into the city of Pontiac."*

-Nikitta Washington  
freshman  
political science

#### OTHER VIEWS

### Vietnam, '66 Corvettes, POW bracelets are heirlooms of history

There is a new song currently playing on the country music station called "Private Andrew Malone." It's about a young man who buys an "old Chevy" from an elderly woman that had been stored in her barn for 30 years. It's a '66 Corvette!



Barbara  
Shea Pote  
Columnist

He finds a note in the glove box from the owner, Private Malone. Malone wrote, if you're reading this letter then I never made it home and this car was my dream, and now it's yours.  
I cry every time I hear this song.  
For me and those of my generation, when a soldier didn't come home in 1966, it meant he died in Vietnam. My

father spent 14 months there when I was 10 and 11. My daughters have rarely heard the word Vietnam.  
I'll bet more than half of you could not find Vietnam on a map.  
That is ironic because the war in Vietnam and the protests of the early '70s had a deep and profound effect on me, my peers and the men and women currently leading our country and making its domestic and international policy.  
In 1973, three California college students and their advisor began making copper and nickel-plated POW/MIA bracelets to bring public attention to the plight of our military members missing in action in Southeast Asia.  
Both Ross Perot and Howard Hughes turned down the opportunity to help

with the initial start-up costs and the materials were donated by the advisor's husband. They sold the bracelets to students for \$2.50, which was the price of a movie at the local theater. The copper ones were for adults and cost \$3.  
I recently found my POW bracelet. I wore it all through my teens, and a small part of me feels shame that I took it off because Col. Joseph Bower. He did not come home and was presumed dead in the waters off of North Vietnam.  
There are people that wear and have always worn, the bracelets they bought in the 1970s. I'm sure there are many more bracelets hidden, like mine, in the bottom of a jewelry box or dresser drawer.  
Every night, my husband and daughter

and I pray for our men and women in harm's way. We personally know some of them and truly admire all of them.  
I think it is safe for me to say that most of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coasties putting themselves in harm's way - that is, between America's citizens and the "enemy" - are the age of the average college student at this university.  
Think about that the next time you hoist one with your friends.  
Irish eyes are smiling!  
Barbara Shea Pote is a columnist for The Oakland Post. Send comments to oakpost@oakland.edu.

#### LETTER

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exacerbate the situation, prompted the decision to close campus. The media received this information immediately after the decision was made and the announcement was on television and radio broadcasts, and the university's Web site home page, shortly thereafter.  
However, an unfortunate technological glitch meant we could not change the OU switchboard message until after 8 a.m. Regrettably, this led to more students, faculty, and staff venturing out to drive to campus. For this, I extend my apologies on behalf of the university. Members of the decision-making team are meeting first thing Friday morning to review our technological process to make sure this doesn't happen again.  
In our drive to provide the best education and services to our students and customers, we do not wish to put anyone - students, faculty, staff, anyone - in unsafe or overly difficult conditions. We will continue to strive for that balance as this Michigan winter continues.  
For those of you who made the difficult journey to the university this morning, please accept this apology. Rest assured, we will learn from this experience and try to the best of our abilities not to repeat it.  
Lynne Schaefer  
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## GREEN

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Green House founder Tom Ness originally utilized the office space on Nine Mile and Woodward in Ferndale when he ran for Congress on the Green Party ticket in 2000. After he was defeated, his campaign volunteers urged him to keep the office and transform the space into a "political community center."

Ness first became involved with the Green Party in 1996. "The issues that the Green Party deals with resonated with me," said Ness. "There are a lot of alternative political

issues out there. Everyone has a key issue."

The Green House is also the home of the Jam Rag, a magazine published by Ness and his wife, Sue.

Sixteen years ago, Ness and his wife dropped out of the OU music program to begin publication of the Jam Rag. Until the opening of the Green House, they operated out of their basement. The Jam Rag has a separate office in the Ferndale location.

The Green House also boasts many

community performers and presentations such as "Taco Bell Truth Tour," as well as poets and musicians.

Recently, Metro Times columnist Jack Lessenberry spoke to a full house on "Who Controls and Owns the Media?"

He noted that the mainstream media is "increasingly not good at handling ideas. For example, Tom or the Green House would not be covered by the media unless Tom started shooting at me."

He also made reference to Ness's

unsuccessful bid for Congress, citing mainstream media focusing on personality and not on issues.

"Tom Ness, poor fool, tried to run his race on issues," Lessenberry said.

Clark Iverson, a Green Party member and special lecturer of rhetoric at OU, attended Lessenberry's presentation and said he enjoys people he can engage with on an intellectual level.

"Unfortunately, dissenting viewpoints get marginalized," he said.

Iverson said he became "disenchanted"

with the current political parties and became actively involved in the Green House by volunteering for the petition drive to get Greens on the ballot.

Iverson, Ness and Lessenberry all agree that the Green Party deals with issues rather than political personalities.

Ness pours his energy into making sure the Green House provides the public with a lot of hard-to-find information.

"We try to address as many issues as possible," he said. "Reaching out to the public and education people on issues is what we're about."

The Green House is currently planning a peace rally and talent show at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, with a focus on peace, freedom and civil rights. The rally/talent show will combine speakers, dancers, artists, musicians and poets that who to share their message. The tentative date is March 10.

For more information on the Green House, call 248.336.9241.

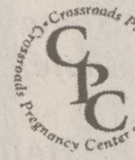
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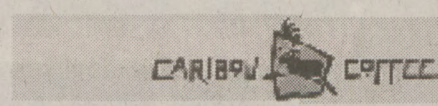
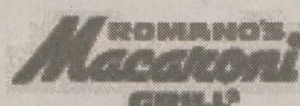
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## Galleries, DIA, St. Mary's keys to good day in Detroit

C-Pop Art Gallery's maxim, "Prepare yourself for an optical orgy as the influences of the information age, TV, comics, rock & roll, drugs, hot rods, movies, violence and eroticism converge in this 'multi-layered, multimedia genre creating the most exciting art work of the 20th century," captures the spirit of Detroit. Even though the city struggles to regain its prominence it still has a lot to offer.

Art is one of the many facets of the original Woodward Avenue. C-Pop has a unique display of artwork from local artists. One of its slogans says, "It's not just a gallery, it's a movement," and that it "houses an outrageously innovative collection of creative media." And they will challenge anyone who says, "That's not art."

"I love the diversity of the art here. We're big boosters in the city," said John McClusky a part time worker at C-Pop.

The Detroit Institute of Arts deserves credit for its contribution to the city too. Especially this month as it schedules events in conjunction with African American History Month.

Another activity guaranteed to fill the hours is playing at the Detroit Science Center. Exploring science has never been so much fun.

Historically rich, Detroit is known around the country and the world as the Motor City. When Henry Ford invented the moving assembly line, the new industry attracted many companies and the rest is history. Today Henry Ford II's Renaissance Center, now occupied by GM, stands out strikingly in the Detroit skyline.

Joe Zainea, more commonly known as Papa Joe, owns the Majestic Theatre Center with his sons, located on the far south end of Woodward Avenue in Detroit. The business has been in the family since 1945 and offers five entertainment venues.

"I love living and working in Detroit. It's the only place to live. It's a place for people who are urban minded and who have an appreciation for the arts and for sports. It offers a dynamic, alternative lifestyle. It's busy, and the people here are younger, or, if they're older, they have a young spirit," Zainea said.

"This isn't a bedroom community. People are open-minded and you see everything from punk rockers to sophisticated people to empty-nesters," he said.

Dave Zainea, Zainea's son, shares similar views.

"Detroit offers an urban environment for living and working. I grew up around here, and there is entertainment right on the doorstep. There's even a new ballpark. This makes it an exciting place," Zainea said.

But he recognizes some of the historical issues that Detroit is currently facing but there is hope on the part of many.

"But we're on the right track," Joe Zainea said. "There is a definite movement toward a more eclectic and enlightened life."

"Detroit needs more retail space and residential living," he said.

Indeed, Detroit today is soon to be the crossroads of three major sports teams with the Red Wings and the Tigers. And the Lions are on their way and will soon be making a home at the new Ford Field in the heart of downtown.

The 65,000-seat stadium will be finished by August 2002. The venue is taking shape in the heart of downtown and spectators will have a view of the skyline while watching a game. The inclusion of the old Hudson's Warehouse site will make the new Ford Field among the best in the NFL so much so that it will be the host site of Super Bowl XL in 2006.

Stefen Welch, sophomore, communication said, "Detroit is on the rise. There are a lot of things happening in downtown such as the construction of the Compuware headquarters. Plans are being made for the future and the city has a lot of potential."

Several prominent business people such as Peter

Karmanos Jr. (Compuware chairman and chief executive officer) are doing a lot to support Detroit's growth.

"I enjoy going to the Fox theater for concerts and plays when I hang out in downtown," he said, "And my wish would be for Detroit to have more pride in itself," Welch said.

Stunning architecture graces Detroit. A fine example would be Old St. Mary's Church in the heart of Greektown. Its high Victorian Romanesque style and the fact that it was the first Black and Hispanic Catholic mission in Detroit has made it not only aesthetically pleasing for the city's face value but also instrumental in establishing a unified parish.

Vassiliki Demetriou owns Simeon's Deli and Bakery with her husband in Greektown.

"I feel safe working here in Detroit. I see the young people walking by late at night leaving the bars and heading for the restaurants that stay open until 4 a.m. This is the only place I know that is a 24-hour city," Demetriou said.

Maira Fracassa is OU's coordinator of undergraduate advising for the School of Business Administration and she lives on the outskirts of the city and socializes in downtown.

"I like the community where I live. But what I really love about where I live is the richness and the variety of things to do and see in the way of entertainment. Colleagues have told me that I do the most interesting things on the week-

ends. There are so many things that are easy to do when you live there. I enjoy going downtown and people watching," Fracassa said.

"In a nutshell my hopes for the city would be that services are improved and to see no disparity between the neighborhoods. But these are things that need to happen in

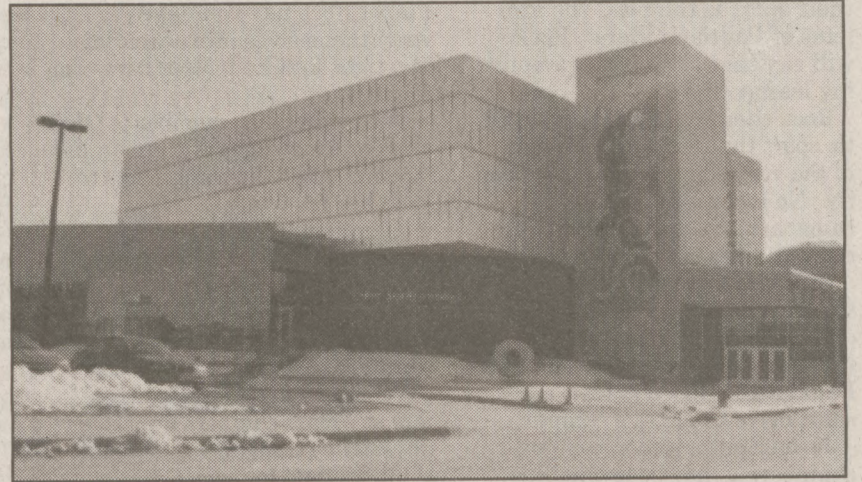
every urban area and Detroit is on the right track," she said.

"When we go out we usually end up somewhere on Woodward, maybe watching a band at the Magic Stick on or Union Street. I also go to the Detroit Film Theater a lot."

The DFT, an extension of the DIA, shows contemporary and classic world cinema. This month the DFT is featuring culturally and historically enriching films including Trembling Before G-D, Aberdeen and Bob Le Flambeur this month.

"A really cool place is the store Pure Detroit. It's a souvenir shop for hip people. They sell Motor City spices there, and ghetto rags, 313 t-shirts, 'Made in Detroit' stuff and Pewabic Tile," she said.

"Yes, Detroit is a city. So, in some respects it's going to be just like any other city. But Detroit's biggest enemies are the people who are not willing to venture and check it out. It's easy to be afraid but people need to give the city a chance. It is much better than it was 10 years ago. And truly there are many diamonds in the rough," Fracassa said.



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CASINOS

The Detroit Institute of Arts is the area's historical museum. It houses works by legendary past and present artists. Visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org) for information.

C-Pop gallery, located at 4160 Woodward in the theatre district, is the most popular local gallery for local and national artists. For more information, visit [www.cpop.com](http://www.cpop.com)

For information and show times for the Detroit Film Theatre, visit [www.dia.org/dft](http://www.dia.org/dft).

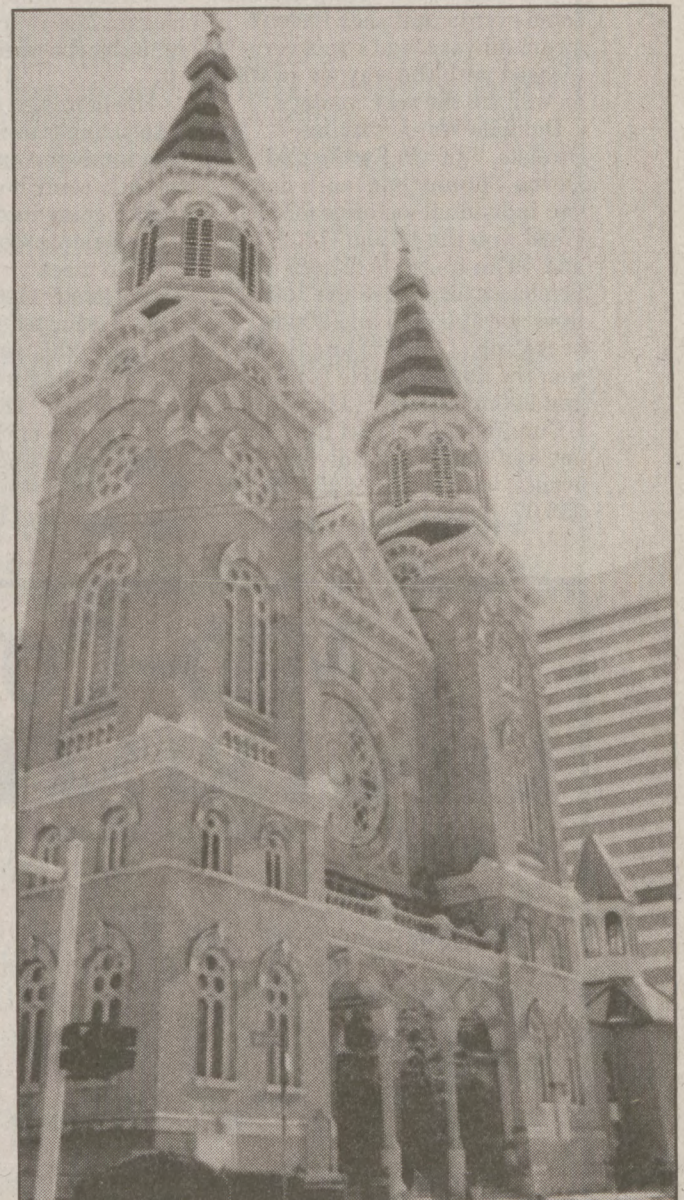
ARTS



Bellé Isle, just outside of downtown (off Jefferson) but well worth the drive, is considered Detroit's Central Park. It features picnic areas, trails, a zoo and an aquarium.

Hart Plaza is located in the heart of Detroit, along Jefferson Ave. In the summer the park hosts the Detroit Electronic Music Festival and other events. In the winter, it's a great place to go ice skating. Hart Plaza is also a wonderful place to picnic or walk by the river.

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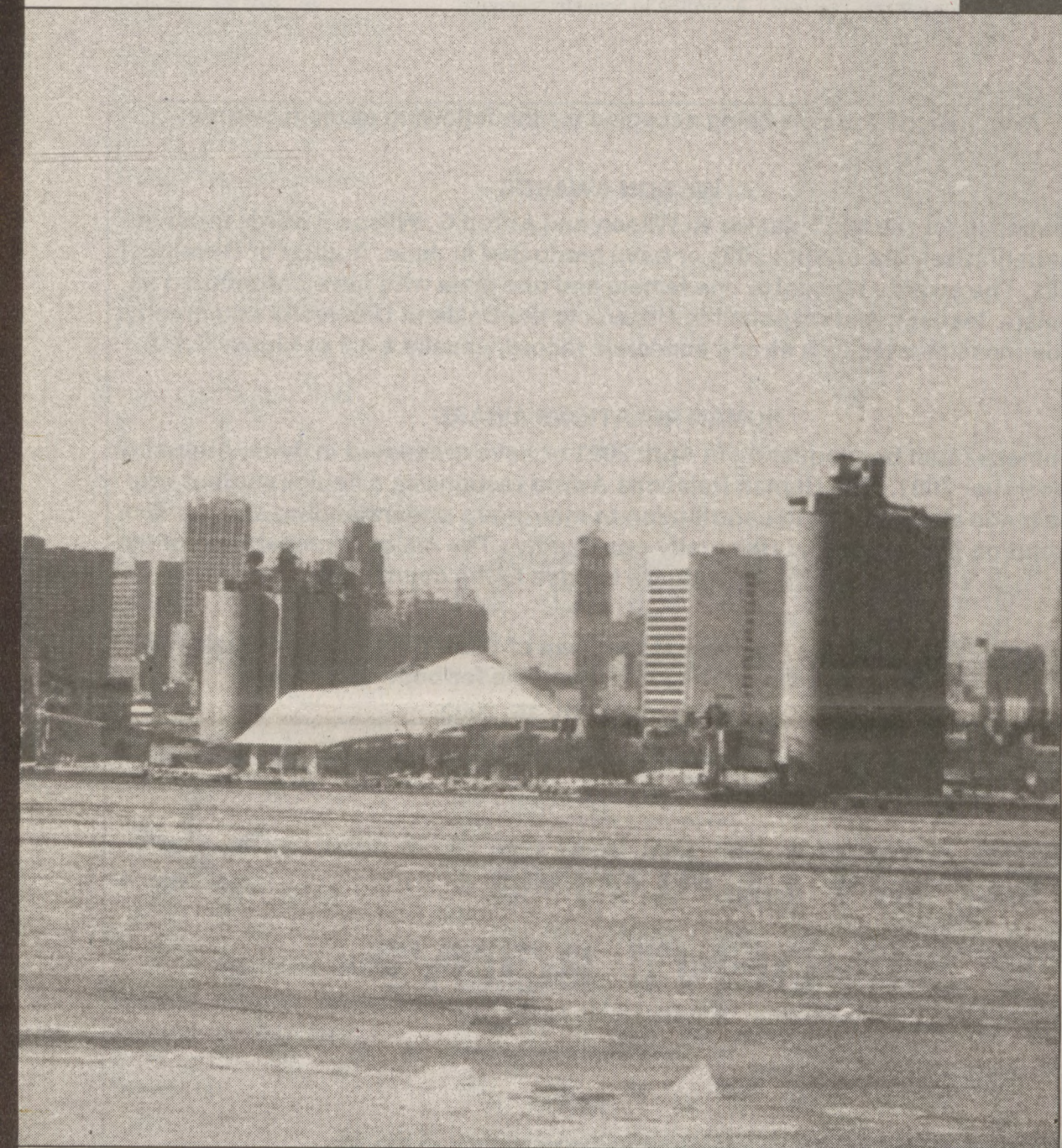


# etroit night

## Detroit's clubs, restaurants, bars await the willing



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D-TOWN: (Clockwise from top) Detroit Science Center, Detroit Opera House, skyline of Detroit from Belle Isle, Old St. Mary's, C-Pop Art Gallery, Greektown.

Detroit has a population of about one million people.

Throughout the day, downtown Detroit buzzes with businessmen and women, white and blue collar types and the occasional wanderer. But at night, the city livens up a bit as youthful clubbers, hip-hoppers and bar-hoppers find their way down to D-town.

Not only are there five great clubs within city limits, there's a host of concert venues, restaurants, theatres, casinos, an orchestra hall and an infamous bowling alley.

Out of fear of getting lost, mugged or for whatever reason, many suburbanites stick to the clubs and bars in Pontiac, Royal Oak and Mt. Clemens. But when the craving for local music hits, or some "liquid courage" is needed, Motown's the only place to be.

One of the most popular clubs in Detroit is also the most entertaining. Space (415 East Congress, next to Saint Andrews Hall) is the largest club in the city and features five levels of nightlife. Inside its four walls are three floors - the basement, which is only open on really busy nights, the main floor (where the dance floor is) and the third floor, which is where the beds are located. The second floor also features a quiet bar. Legends, tucked into the corner, for non-dancers or those wanting to escape.

The main floor is where all the action takes place. It features a raised stage for the numerous transvestite shows performed throughout the night, a huge bar and some other surprising features.

There's plenty of parking across the street and along Congress, and cover is \$10.

The four other clubs in the area are a bit more upscale than Space, but the dress code and cost is worth it. Envy (234 Larned St., between Shelby and Washington) features live entertainment, a 20-foot waterfall and a VIP section.

Panacea (205 West Congress at Washington Blvd., one block from Cobo Hall) is a two-story club that features hip-hop, trip-hop and garage DJs. The second floor catwalk and white vinyl couches are the perfect getaway from the crowded dance floor. Although the club isn't open right now, owners plan to reopen in a few weeks.

Some OU students have been spotted at X/S (Woodward and John R.), another popular hang out. "I've been to Space, Bleu, and I am planning to go to Panacea when it reopens, but right now, I like going to X/S," said Pablo Michalco, senior, finance. "There's a few different reasons I like X/S. The crowd is better, and they bring in DJs from around the world, so it's not the same DJ spinning the same music all the time." For more club information, go to [www.detroitclubscene.com](http://www.detroitclubscene.com).

If you're into music but not clubs, Detroit has two mid-sized venues with rotating casts of local and national acts. State Theatre (2115 Woodward Ave., across from Comerica Park) was built in 1925 and features a large stage, numerous bars and plenty of seating. The sound set up in this quaint venue is complimentary to any act. This month, Static X, System of a Down, Ludacris, Bush and Bad Religion are among the bands that will take

the stage this year.

Another great venue that hosts an abundance of local and national acts, Saint Andrews Hall (431 East Congress, at Beaubien) will host concerts by Michelle Brach, Anti-Flag, Tha Liks and Red Man in coming months. Tickets to shows at State Theatre and Saint Andrews are available at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com).

Theater crowds often flock to Detroit's cozy theatre district to catch the latest Broadway has to offer. Fox Theatre (2211 Woodward Ave., across from Comerica Park) is not only the place to go to see a show. Great musical talents also grace the stage on occasion. Next month, the play "Cinderella" and magician-extraordinaire David Copperfield come to town.

Those looking for a more sophisticated evening need look no further than Detroit's gem of an operatic theater, the Detroit Opera House. Upon entering the state-of-the-art facility, heads turn to the beautifully decorated ceiling and walls, which perfectly accompany the extravagant shows. April 20-28, a remake of Shakespeare's play "Othello" comes to the DOH and will star Vladimir Galouzine.

The theatre has matinee and evening shows, and tickets are available at [www.michigan-opera.org](http://www.michigan-opera.org).

For a good meal, look no further than Detroit's wide variety of bistros, seafood restaurants and diners.

Life-long Detroiters Najahvia Chinchilla, 24, has worked at the Majestic Café on Woodward for the past two years. The Majestic Café is

three nighttime hot spots in one. The Café is a restaurant that balances healthy food selections with a great atmosphere in staff. Connected to the Café is the Garden Bowl, which is the country's oldest running bowling alley, and the Magic Stick is only a few steps away, just upstairs, and has pool tables and live entertainment.

Chinchilla said she enjoys working at the Majestic because of the eclectic crowd it draws. "You always find creative customers - poets, writers ... They're always involved in something that's going on in the city."

She also said she loves the variety of places she can go to hear Detroit music.

"The club scene is cool, but it's something I don't think a lot of native Detroiters do ... They're more into making the music," Chinchilla said.

"I just love going around the DIA. And in the summer, Belle Isle is just the best place to be." Union Street, Cass Café and Motor City Brewery are among Chinchilla's favorite restaurants.

Other restaurants that are not to be missed include Roma Café (in the Eastern Market), which features a wide selection of tasty pasta dishes; Traffic Jam and Snug (Canfield and 2nd Street); The Whitney (Woodward and Canfield), which is a bit upscale and pricey but well worth the high tab; Tom's Oyster Bar (Jefferson and Brush) is an area favorite; And don't forget to try a Coney with a side of chili cheese fries at the Lafayette Coney Island.

A city within the city, Greektown has grown in popularity, in part, because of the addition of the Greektown Casino, a three-story gambling haven.

A manager at the 24-year-old Pegasus Taverna, located in the same building as the Greektown Casino, John Papas has lived in Detroit for 6 years.

"This is like a tourist attraction," he said. "There's a lot of nice places around here. You can always find something you like. That's what keeps Greektown interesting."

**The crowd is better, and they bring in DJs from around the world.**

Pablo Michalco  
(about X/S, Detroit)  
senior, finance

## Detroit's bad reputation refuted

Detroit?

It's a place of fear, poverty, drugs and crime. It's a place where bums live in burned out houses and where whites do not walk, or even drive the streets at night for fear of being mugged.

At least that is what most people think of Detroit.

Now, think of a place where a middle class family lives in a large house, built before the grandparents were born, in a neighborhood that is



Dan McDuffee  
Photo Editor

inhabited by hundreds of families just like theirs. It is place where the mother owns a store seven miles away that was started by her father more than 70 years before, and the father works around the corner, a place where the streets are canopied by trees older than the parents.

This is a realistic description of the City of Detroit.

My sister and I went to Detroit Public Schools and played in the streets and went to the city parks as

children. We ran through the alleys - the same alleys that my father, aunt and uncle ran through when they were growing up in the same neighborhood, 30 years before. My grandmother still lives in the neighborhood. She and my grandfather, both in their 80s, live in a big house that they could not afford if they lived in the suburbs. Their neighbors even shovel their snow if my father or I cannot get over there.

When my father was growing up, the city was thriving. But in the late 1950s, people started leaving. They started moving to rural areas, such as Troy, which we no longer think of as rural. Then in the 1960s, with the riots, people were racing each other out of the city. It got so bad that, according to my father, people were putting up signs that read "Last one out of the city,

please turn off the lights."

Then the businesses started moving out so their workers did not have to commute. But even with all this, there were some that stayed, like my parents. And there are some of us that still believe that Detroit is a great city.

There are others that say it is not, the media being the worst. People get a bad impression of Detroit because whenever something bad happens in the city, it is the first thing you hear about when you get home from work.

But bad things happen everywhere, you just don't hear about them.

I just turned 22 years old and never have I felt afraid in the city. You may say that is because I am familiar with the area. But that doesn't make it any safer for me.

My mother and I still live in the house that I grew up in and that she has lived in for more than 30 years. I have never had to worry about her being alone at the house.

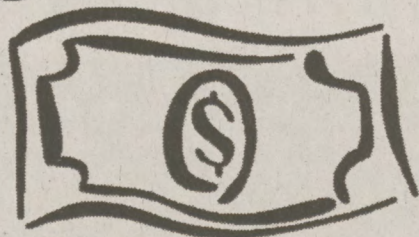
This is what Detroit is really like. And if everyone took one opportunity to visit the city and have dinner at one of its many restaurants, drive around Belle Isle - which was designed by Frederick Law Olmstead who also designed New York's Central Park - watch a freighter steam by, take in a show at one of Detroit's many theaters or go out to one of the many bars and clubs around the city.

The city is coming back but it needs some help from all of us.

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## SNOW

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Some students who have 8 a.m. classes, such as Kim Wachowski, had been listening to the radio, watching TV news and calling OU's school closure hotline throughout the morning.

"Everyone always says OU never closes," said Wachowski, adding that OU was not mentioned in the lists of schools that were closed before she left for school at 7:25 a.m.

Wachowski said she tuned into Channel 7 News at 5 a.m. and continued watching until she left for class. Because a test was scheduled in her English 111 class, she said she didn't want to skip class.

No announcement was made, so, before she left, she called OU's school closing hotline (248.370.2000). Upon hearing that school was in session, Wachowski prepared for the long commute to campus, one that would normally take 10 minutes.

"The traffic on Squirrel was out of control," she said, referring to the abundance of accidents along Squirrel Road near the university.

Almost one hour later,

Wachowski arrived at OU and went into her class, only to find out that school had been cancelled.

Assistant Professor of English Rob Anderson, said 25 students showed up for class that day. There are 58 people registered for the class, he said.

Anderson had a similar experience that day. He said he called the school closure hotline at 5 a.m. and again periodically throughout the morning. Because OU was missing from closure announcements on National Public Radio, Anderson decided to head to campus at 6:30 a.m.

Arriving a half-hour later, Anderson went to his office in the English department before any one in his department had arrived. A custodian later told Anderson he thought classes were canceled. Unsure, Andersen checked with a secretary who affirmed the hunch and also told him that the person in charge of changing the hotline message was still on his way to campus.

According to Schaefer's email,

the reason the hotline message had not been updated until 8 a.m. was due to "an unfortunate technological glitch."

Anderson said he questioned this reason.

"It just seemed to me that it was an attempt to put a better light on the situation," Anderson said. "I thought it was, at best, disingenuous."

The email also stated that the university "has an obligation to remain open under reasonably safe conditions" in order to uphold student's educational expectations.

Anderson said he thought the university should have been more aware of the condition of roads surrounding campus.

"It seems to me it would have been a fairly straight-forward decision," Anderson said. "I think people were in danger. Maybe no one got hurt, but it was a dangerous time to be out on the roads."

Despite numerous attempts by The Post to contact Schaefer, she did not return any phone calls.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following student awards:

### WILSON AWARDS

Nominees for the 2002 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards must be graduating seniors in April 2002 or have graduated in June, August or December 2001. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. Nominees must have a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 or higher G.P.A.

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Nominees must be graduating in April 2002 or have graduated in June, August or December 2001. The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

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## The EDGE

### ON CAMPUS

•The French Club is holding a "Europe on a Budget" seminar at 4 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 13 in Lake Superior B, Oakland Center. Travel tips, hints on how to save money, where to stay, and discount air and ground travel will be discussed. Please contact Chris Pawlak at 248.252.5431 for more information.

•CSA will be showing the film "Men of Honor" starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Robert DeNiro at 11:30 a.m. on Wed., Feb. 6 in Pioneer Food Court, OC.

•Join SPB and RHP as they bring you the joys of Vegas with Casino Night from 8-10 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 9 in the Gold Rooms, OC. Come play roulette, black jack, dice and games to win thousands of dollars in prizes. Also, wear your best Elvis costume and the best one will win a very special prize.

•Do you have a desire to know what the future holds? SPB is giving you the opportunity to find out with Psychic Night from 8-11 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 9 from in the Oakland Room, OC.

### SHOWS

•In the mood for an evening of soul-deadening corporate rock? Then VH1's "Bands on the Run" Champion Flickerstick will be right up your alley. They'll be playing at 5 p.m. on Sun. Feb. 17 at St. Andrew's Hall. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

•Join everyone's favorite Canadian songsmith Rufus Wainwright for an evening of well-crafted folk-pop on at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 20 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

•Attention all sensitive boys and girls. Dashboard Confessional will be appearing with The Anniversary, Ben Kweller and Seafood at 6:30 p.m. on Mar. 27-28 at Clutch Cargo's. Show up and cry on someone's shoulder.

# BOOZE busters:

## Cures for the common hangover

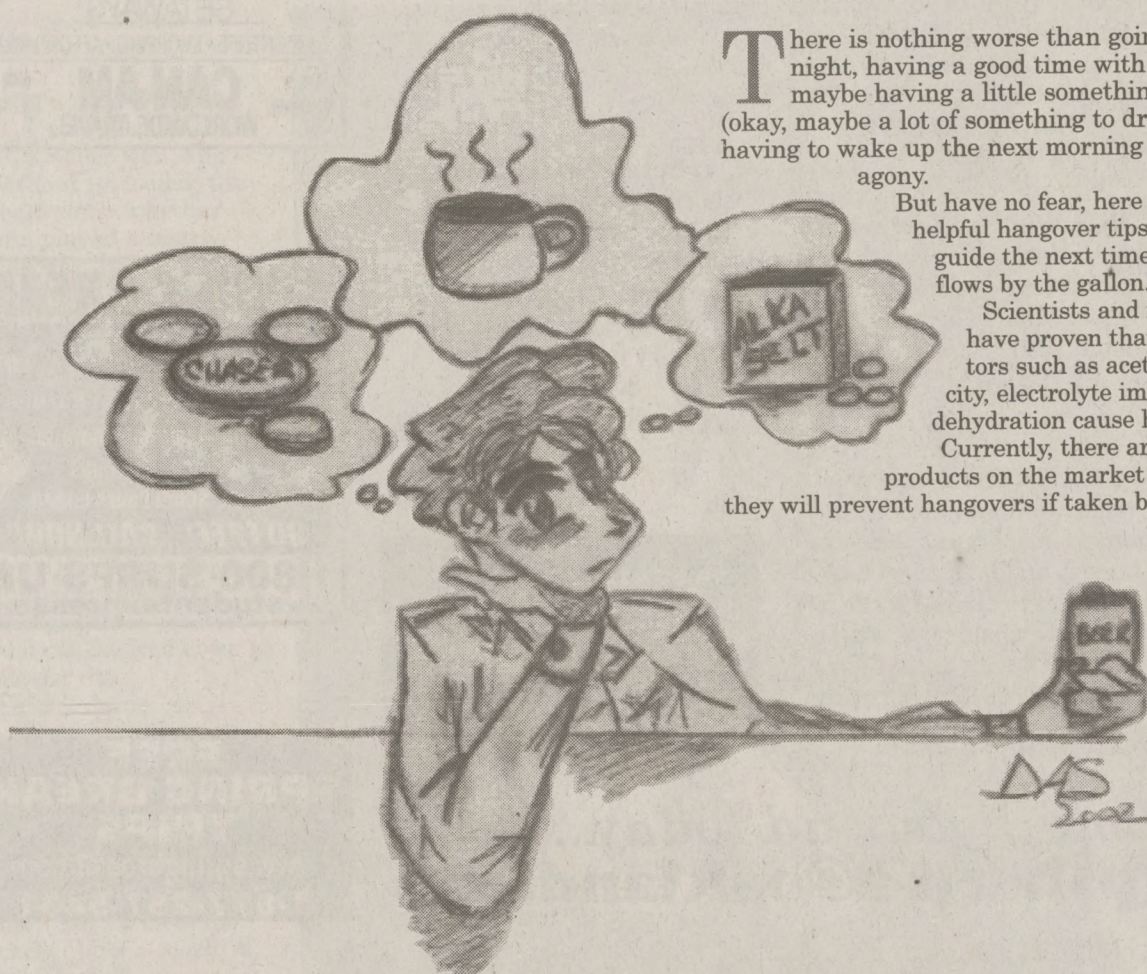
By Melinda Parker  
THE OAKLAND POST

There is nothing worse than going out Friday night, having a good time with friends, maybe having a little something to drink (okay, maybe a lot of something to drink) and then having to wake up the next morning in complete agony.

But have no fear, here are a few helpful hangover tips to use as a guide the next time the alcohol flows by the gallon.

Scientists and researchers have proven that several factors such as acetaldehyde toxicity, electrolyte imbalances and dehydration cause hangovers.

Currently, there are several products on the market that claim they will prevent hangovers if taken before drinking.



However, provided that the majority of Post readers are poor college students and can't afford to buy pills every time they go drinking, here are a few home remedies that will help in getting through the hangover blues.

The most common hangover symptoms people suffer from are headaches, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, body aches and dehydration, according to [www.all-about-hangovers.com](http://www.all-about-hangovers.com).

To prevent this nasty feeling from occurring in the first place, it is recommended to take some vitamin C a few days before the big night out.

Starches such as bread, pasta or even pizza are good to eat before boozing it up because they aid in the absorption of alcohol. Dairy products such as milk and cheese are also recommended.

Drinking anything carbonated will speed up the alcohol absorption rate as well. Make sure to drink some water and take a B complex vitamin before bed as a precaution.

Flash forward. It's morning. The hangover is setting in already. However, don't be too quick to get a cup of coffee. Caffeine will just result in dehydration, so choose water, juice or milk instead.

If hunger strikes, it is best to try to eat simple foods like fresh fruit, toast, and cereal. Too queasy for juice or food? Take small sips of room temperature ginger ale to help ease nausea.

Some more adventurous hangover remedies include eating two tablespoons of honey or sipping on some sauerkraut juice to neutralize the alcohol levels in your system.

Other proven remedies are club soda and ice on the forehead. For the strong-stomached, a bull's eye drink consisting of orange juice and a raw egg, pickle juice from the jar, jalapeno peppers and fried chicken will do the trick.

When hangovers strike that dreadful morning after, do remember that nothing feels better than going back to a nice dark room, snuggling under the covers and going back to sleep.

# It's a family affair for local band

By Christian Davis  
THE OAKLAND POST

Gene Simmons of Kiss wore makeup and has an extraordinarily long tongue. Axel Rose of Guns 'N' Roses wore a bandana and always seems to be in need of a shower. Pat Conaton of Changes, he wears clothes that fit.

Conaton doesn't exactly fit the mold of a rock star, nor does he want to. Looking at him, there aren't any piercings in his face, nor are there any tattoos proclaiming his greatness. He's just a regular guy.

This regular guy from Clawson

is the lead singer of an emerging band, Changes. The quartet has been steadily gaining momentum throughout its three year history. The band now has a solid fan base throughout Oakland County that is growing fast.

Conaton formed Changes three years ago with his younger brother, Jim. It was then that the two young lads met Rob Dawson of Troy, heard him play drums and decided to see what would happen.

What did happen was a connection. The three instantly became one.

It wasn't until 2000 that the band welcomed its fourth mem-

ber, Vito Biliti. Biliti, who calls Royal Oak his home, joined the band and soon became engrained in the music. Playing his keyboard, Biliti gave the band a feel that Conaton liked.

Since then, Changes has been recognized many times for its musical ingenuity. Changes, with three OU students, won the Battle of the Bands in December 2000. Also, the band opened up for a nationally recognized band, Blessid Union of Souls.

Changes has gained some of that spotlight for itself, as it has had two songs played consistently on 96.3 FM.

Hearing the group's music

played over the airwaves was a special moment for Conaton.

"I was just so happy to see that our band had come such a long way," he said.

Changes will be releasing its much-anticipated CD, "What's that Song?" in mid-March. The band's CD release party will be held in the basement of Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

"The CD is diverse and shows all angles that we have to offer," said Conaton.

Many fans have already ordered the record at the band's website, [www.changesweb.com](http://www.changesweb.com).

At the core of every great band is a bond that forms, a connec-

tion that everyone in the band can feel. Conaton said he feels this bond with his brother, Jim.

"It's a great experience," said Conaton. "I feel like we are connected at a different level."

Jim's other brother, Tim, is the road manager for Changes.

"It's the best that (Tim's) around, because I know I can talk to him, and he takes care of a lot of things for us," Conaton said.

Don't expect to find bandanas, tight pants or makeup at a Changes show. Just expect to find a regular guy with his regular friends showing their not-so-regular talents.

### CDS FOR SALE

Various Artists  
Rock Music: A Tribute to Weezer

By Jim Vergeldt  
THE OAKLAND POST

Weezer deserves a tribute?

Although they only have three complete albums, and enough B-sides and singles for two more, somebody thinks they do.

To be exact, the folks at Grand Rapids-based Dead Droid Records think that Weezer has earned a tribute album.

The need for this album is easily debated, but the quality of the project is not.

Dead Droid wisely opted not to include any of Weezer's hit songs, and even more wisely decided to forgo any covers of the recycled drivel that is the Green album. Instead, of the 13 tracks on the CD, seven are from the Blue album, four come from Pinkerton and two are B-sides.

The CD opens with Affinity screaming out

their super-charged version of "My Name is Jonas." Grade contributes a high-powered cover of "Surf Wax America," and The Ataris provide a rendition of "Butterfly" complete with the sound of crickets chirping in the background.

The Stereo shine on their slowed-down, more melodic version of "El Scorcho," and Mycomplex chips in with a complicated reworking of "Tired of Sex," which suffers from several clumsy tempo changes.

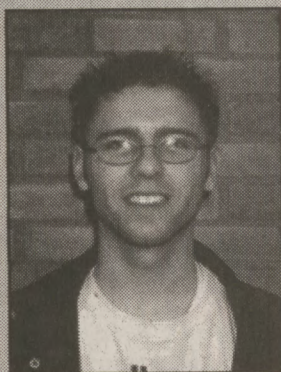
It is Christopher John that provides the gem of the compilation with their rendition of "The World Has Turned and Left Me Here." Chris Higdon, lead singer of Elliot, sings the song with melancholy perfection, and the subtle, simple piano of Kevin Ratterman, also of Elliot, provides the perfect accompaniment.

For the listener who is tired of hearing the same two Weezer songs on the radio or wants to hear a different take on some old favorites, this is the perfect album.



Photo courtesy of Weezer  
A HAPPY FAMILY: Weezer only has three full length records to their credit, yet they already have a tribute record out on Dead Droid Records.

## Student Picks



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Movie: Transformers  
The Movie  
Children's Book: Clifford the Big Red Dog  
Backstreet Boy: Not Kevin  
Game Show Host: Bob Barker  
Saved By the Bell Character: Kelly Kapowski  
Food that Begins with C: Corn Dogs  
Alcoholic Beverage: Killian's  
CD: Ruth's Hat - Bye Bye Love

## MOVIE ONE-LINERS

Guess what movie each quote is from, then visit [www.oakpostonline.com](http://www.oakpostonline.com) to see if you're right

1. "Off the record, on the QT, and very hush-hush."
2. "If my answers frighten you, then you should cease asking scary questions."
3. "On the run from Johnny Law... ain't no trip to Cleveland."
4. "Just keep your Power Gloves off her, pal."



# Student Affairs

## Updating OU

### 2002 Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards 2002 Human Relations Award

Applications are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Please see display ad elsewhere in this edition for more information. **Application deadline is February 15, 2002 for both awards.**

### Experiential Education

Placement & Career Services' Experiential Education Unit holds information sessions twice a week for students interested in an internship, co-op, or career-related positions. These sessions are held in room 158 West Vandenberg Hall and last approximately 30 minutes. Information about positions available, resumes, interviewing and how to use Experiential Education to find a position is presented. Coordinators are available to talk with students on a one-to-one basis after attendance at an information session. The schedule for February is: Thursday, February 7, 11 AM, Tuesday, February 12, 2 PM, Wednesday, February 13, 1 PM, Monday, February 18, 11 AM and Thursday, February 21, 4 PM.

### Attention OU Students

#### Great Grizzly \$100 Give Away

Come out to every OU men's home basketball game for your chance to win \$100 from OU's Division of Student Affairs. A lucky student who is at the arena in the first ten minutes of the game will have their name picked out of a hat during the 12-minute second half warning. The student, with valid ID, must be present to win the cash.

### Placement & Career Services

**Winter Semester Recruiting Update:** Employers scheduled to interview for graduating students during the 2nd week of on-campus recruiting (Feb. 11-15) will include **Credit Acceptance Corp.** (College Graduate In Training), **EDS** (Customer Service), **Hantz Financial Services** (Financial Consultant), **NCIG Risk Management** (Risk Management Associate) and **Sherwin Williams** (Manager Trainee). You must be registered with **Placement & Career Services** to participate in on-campus interviewing. For more information, visit our web site @ <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu>, or call 370-3250. We are located at 275 VBH West.

### Attention International Students

#### International Student Employment Seminars

Friday, February 8, 2 PM, Lake Michigan Room—F1 & J1 immigration status  
Friday, March 8, 3 PM, Lake Michigan Room, OC—F1 & J1 immigration status  
Monday, February 18, 1 PM, Lake Michigan Room—H1 immigration status  
**International Tax Seminar** for students in F1 and J1 immigration status that must file 2001 taxes will be Friday, March 1, 1 PM or Friday, March 22, 3 PM, both in Lake Michigan Room, OC

### Office of Equity

Is hiring peer mentors for the 2002-2003 academic year. Please pick up an application in 121 North Foundation Hall. Deadline for applications is 5 PM, February 15, 2002.

### Meadow Brook Art Gallery presents

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The gallery, in 208 Wilson Hall, is open Tuesday through Friday, noon until 5 PM, Saturday and Sunday, 1-5:30 PM, and during Meadow Brook Theatre performances. Free admission. Call 248-370-3005 for more information.

### Campus Rec Happenings

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**Discover Scuba** (Open to all—a chance to try it out), February 23, 5-7 PM or March 23, 5-7 PM  
**Scuba Classes Winter 2002**—February 16, 4-8 PM and February 23 (9 AM-8 PM) or March 16 (4-8 PM) and March 23 (9 AM-8 PM)  
All scuba activities take place in the aquatic center. For questions or sign-up for scuba, call Mike Rossi at 248-370-4534.  
**Water Polo**—Now offered as a club sport on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 PM. For more information, contact Todd Losey, president at [oaklandwaterpolo@hotmail.com](mailto:oaklandwaterpolo@hotmail.com). Check our web site for more details at [www.oakland.edu/unit/campus\\_rec](http://www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec).

## This Week

### Friday, February 8

7 PM, Vandenberg Cafeteria. RHP's Friday Night Live Winter 2002 Comedy Series presents Kivi Rogers, a comedian with quick wit, a thousand voices, a knack for mischief and five brothers as insurance! Kivi showcased at the HBO Aspen Comedy Festival, and was nominated for 1998 Comedian of the Year at the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA). With several television appearances and feature film appearances to his credit, you can't miss this show. Free admission and refreshments.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, February 13

International Coffee Hour—4-6 PM, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center. Topic this month is Intercultural Love.

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For More Info:  
64 Oakland Center (248) 370-4295

# CASINO NIGHT

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| January 31    |    |
| Oakland       | 84 |
| Southern Utah | 60 |
| February 2    |    |
| Oakland       | 78 |
| Chicago State | 73 |

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| February 2    |    |
| Oakland       | 76 |
| Chicago State | 71 |
| (OT)          |    |
| February 4    |    |
| Oakland       | 75 |
| Southern Utah | 70 |

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

|                 |     |
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| February 1      |     |
| Oakland         | 141 |
| St. Bonaventure | 94  |

#### MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

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| February 1   |    |
| Oakland      | 11 |
| Dayton       | 4  |
| February 2   |    |
| Oakland      | 3  |
| Grand Valley | 1  |

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

• 7 p.m., Feb. 7 - Oral Roberts  
• 6 p.m., Feb. 9 - UMKC

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

• 3:30 p.m., Feb. 9 - UMKC  
• 7 p.m., Feb. 11 - Oral Roberts

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

• prelims 11 a.m., finals 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28-Mar. 2 - National Independent Conference Championship (NIC)

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

• prelims 11 a.m., finals 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28-Mar. 2 - National Independent Conference Championship (NIC)

#### MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

• TBA, Feb. 9 - at Saginaw Valley

#### WOMEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

• 11 p.m., Feb. 8 - at U-M  
• 10:30 p.m., Feb. 9 - U-M

### SPORTS TRIVIA

What Super Bowl winning team had the fewest pass attempts?

Find the answer at [www.oakpostonline.com](http://www.oakpostonline.com)

## Grizzlies back in hunt after successful road trip

By Chad Mack  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In a place where the Grizzlies have never won, and without its leader, the team came together and played a nearly flawless game. When the dust settled at Southern Utah, OU had completed a 24-point stomp and put itself back in the thick of the conference race.

The game started off slowly for the Grizzlies. The team was down 7-0 before it started to pull through. Senior Jason Rozycki made two straight three pointers and cut the lead down to one for the Thunderbirds.

"They jumped on us 7-0 at the beginning of the game," said Rozycki. "Playing here is a tough place (to play). We had to come in here with poise and take whatever they had for us in the chest. I got a couple of good looks."

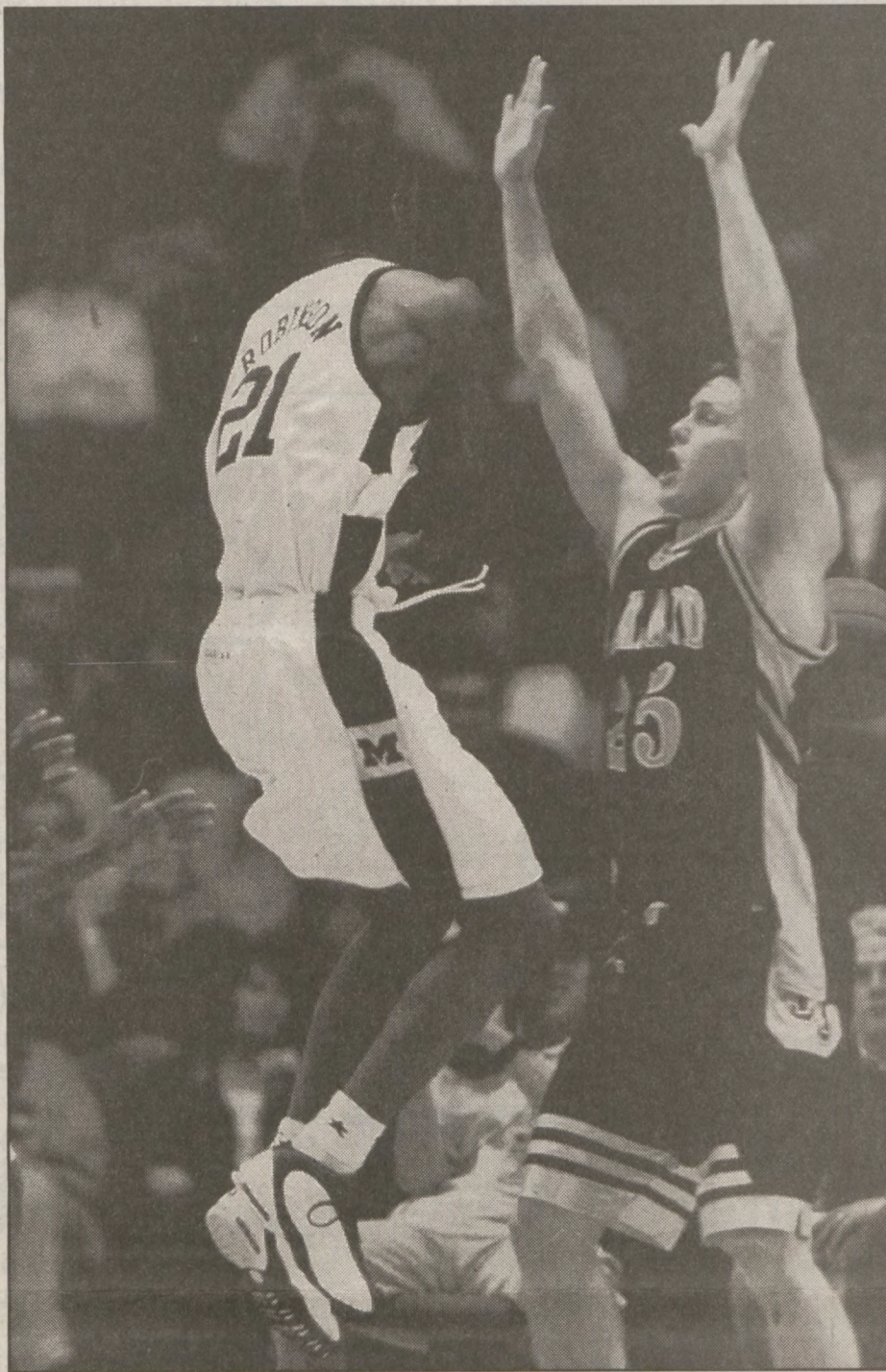
From that point on the Grizzlies controlled the tempo and the crowd, putting on another display of athleticism and teamwork.

"I was able to get some good shots and really help boost our team. It felt good to come out and help get the team started," said Rozycki.

The defense came up with several key stops and provided the offense with a little punching power. Halfway through the first half Rozycki came up with a steal and had Mike Helms trailing him on the play. It was a two-on-one breakaway that turned into another alley-oop dunk for the Grizzlies.

The Southern Utah Thunderbirds tried to comeback several times, but each attempt was denied by the solid defense of the Grizzlies.

In Chicago, OU was



RAISE YOUR HANDS IF YOU'RE SURE: Dan Champagne guards U-M forward Bernard Robinson Jr. Champagne scored 27 points, and was an integral part of the Golden Grizzly victory over Mid-Con foe Chicago State.

greeted with the same intensity and a similar beginning as Southern Utah. The Grizzlies found itself trailing 7-0 early in the game. Once again it looked to one of its seniors to break the Cougar run and restore order to the game. This time it was Mychal Covington who came to

the rescue of the Golden Grizzlies. Covington began the game scoring the first seven points and tying the game.

"Covington didn't play in the last two games," said head coach Greg Kampe. "He had fresh legs and he kept us in the game."

The game was a battle

from start to finish. The Grizzlies were down by five at the half, and it seemed like every time they got close or tied it, Chicago State would score and regain the lead. That is when senior Brad Buddenberg hit a huge three in the second half.

"Bud only made one

basket in the second half," said Kampe. "He sat most of the game. Things weren't going in for him. We put him in and he didn't hesitate. We threw it to him in the corner and he buried it. He gave us the lead for the first time."

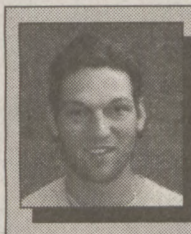
The game saw several lead changes in the final ten minutes. It became a tennis match with all the back and forth action. Finally the Grizzlies took the lead in the final three minutes for good with tough post play by Senior Dan Champagne.

"We did a good job of getting the ball to Dan," said Kampe. "He came through with 27-points. We just took what they gave us today and that's the sign of a good basketball team."

The Grizzlies have a huge home stand coming up this week. They face UMKC on Thursday night at the O'rena. The Grizzlies also take on Oral Roberts on Saturday, a team that destroyed OU a month ago.

OU has a few special activities planned for the last two home games. Thursday after halftime the OU women's soccer team will be introduced along with Mid-West Women's Soccer Coach of the Year Nick O'Shea. They will be honored for becoming the first team from the school to make the NCAA tournament. There will also be a limo ride give-away to the Mid-Con tournament at Fort Wayne, IN.

During Saturday's contest the spotlight will be on OU's five seniors who will be leaving after the season. To top all the festivities off, President Gary Russi will give away a scholarship to a member of the student section who attended at least six of the eight home basketball games.



Chad Mack  
Assistant Sports Editor

### Patriots are America's new team

It was a game for the ages. This Super Bowl was a timeless classic. An instant classic.

The New England Patriots defied all odds and beat a juggernaut in the form of the St. Louis Rams.

The Rams were supposed to be a dynasty. They were dubbed "The greatest show on turf." Nobody gave the 14-point underdog Patriots a snowball's chance in hell of pulling off the greatest upset since "Willie" Joe Namath's guarantee against the 18-point favorite Baltimore Colts.

Which brings me to point one. This upset was the greatest game I've ever seen. I didn't get to see the upstart Jets stick it to the Colts. I wasn't even a gleam in my father's eye at that point. Super Bowl III is always talked about every year at the big event and everybody from my generation is unable to identify with the circumstances of that game.

Sure, I am aware of the history of the game, but to actually witness an against-all-odds performance was truly mesmerizing. No one will ever forget what the Patriots did on Sunday. It is a moment that will live in sports infamy.

That brings me to point two. I can't think of a single team more appropriate of winning the Super Bowl than a team named the Patriots. After the tragic events of Sept. 11 this country has responded with enormous displays of patriotism. They wear the nation's colors proudly and much like our forefathers they fought and won a battle that they weren't supposed to win.

Finally, the Patriots brought home a championship to a city that had never seen a professional football title. Although the Patriots were in the Super Bowl twice, both games ended in disaster for the Bostonians.

This game was a masterpiece, a true work of art. When you talk about a team adopting the mentality of a coach, you should think of the New England Patriots.

Head coach Bill Belichick methodically dismantled the high-powered Rams' offense just as he had done against the Steelers and the Raiders.

Belichick took a 5-5 team and reeled off nine straight wins. More importantly, he did it with something that is not talked about too much in this day of big-money free agents and million dollar salaries. He did it with a fifth round quarterback and teamwork.

As the Patriots progressed through the playoffs, every week people kept saying, "This is the week that the Cinderella Patriots' season comes to an end." And every week the team that Belichick built kept amazing everyone and pulling off the impossible.

In preparing for the Super Bowl, each team took two different approaches. The Patriots prepared for the Rams and tried to disrupt their timing.

Conversely, the Rams did nothing to prepare for the Patriots. They figured that if they played their game they would surely win. They actually believed all the hype that was already handing them the Lombardi trophy.

You have to give it to the Patriots for executing a perfect game plan. By the way has anybody seen Terry Glenn?

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By Randy Dudek  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's club hockey team entered last weekend's action needing two wins and possibly a little bit of outside help to qualify for the American Collegiate Hockey Association's (ACHA) national tournament in New York.

The outside help came in the form of Northern Illinois University beating the University of Illinois on Saturday. OU took care of its own business, as well, beating the University of Dayton at the Rochester Onyx on Friday night, and skated past Grand Valley on Saturday in OU's last chance to show the ACHA voters that it was deserving of the number four position in the final rankings, due out today.

OU jumped out to a quick lead 1:30 into the game against Dayton as freshman Ryan Teasdale tipped a shot by sophomore Brandon Marineau past the UD netminder.

OU dominated the first half of the game holding UD without a shot on goal for more than the first 10 minutes of the game. After Dayton tied the game with OU in a shorthanded situation, sophomore Dan Oleksy put them up for good with a power play goal of his own, and freshman Mark Granger added another power play goal to close out the first period.

OU continued to control every aspect of the game in the second period, extending the lead to 7-2 by the end of it. Marineau added three goals, and sophomore Nick Schenduk also scored.

Granger added his second power play goal of the night 15 seconds into the third period, Marineau added his fourth goal and

junior Eric Wojno and sophomore Derek Sneideraitis also tallied in the third period as OU cruised to a decisive 11-4 victory.

"This victory gives us momentum for tomorrow. It showed us that we can put pucks in the net, which has been a bit of a problem lately," said team captain, junior Karl Borgquist. "We just need to be sure that we didn't pick up any bad habits from playing in a game like this."

Saturday's action took OU on the road to face off against one of the other clubs vying for the final playoff spot. Play in this game was slow and a bit sloppy, but that was due to the conditions of the GVSU ice, not the play of OU.

Teasdale again started off the scoring firing the first puck past the GVSU goaltender. Teasdale also notched OU's final goal of the game. Borgquist sandwiched a goal in between Teasdale's.

GVSU's comeback attempt fell short as it was only able to sneak one goal past junior netminder Shaun Zeldes.

"I was proud of the way that we came above the bad ice and won the game in spite of the bad conditions," Borgquist said.

OU's two wins, coupled with the Illinois loss to Northern Illinois over the weekend, would seem to give OU the inside track to the 4th spot in the Central Division rankings and an ACHA tournament berth. However, like so many college football

teams, that decision is currently not in the hands of the skaters, but in the hands of the voting committee.

Assistant coach and general manager Tom Ricketts is one of the people involved with the voting committee and he believes that, "Our chances of going to nationals are looking very good. I will be very surprised, in fact, shocked, if we don't make it."

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Tom Ricketts  
General Manager  
OU Club Hockey

of the season.

"Getting three out of four points from Ferris with a tie and a win, tying a very good Michigan team and with big wins over Dayton and GVSU, coupled with the fact that Illinois has lost a few games to very weak teams, I feel has solidified our spot at number four."

"It really comes down to Oakland, Illinois and GVSU and with our performance as of late, we should get the nod."

Regardless of how the ACHA rankings sort themselves out, there is still some hockey remaining. OU makes a trip to Saginaw on Saturday, Feb. 14 to take on the Cardinals of Saginaw Valley State University.

The following weekend, OU heads to Indiana University for the Greater Midwest Hockey League tournament.







# New heights reached at Planet Rock

By Andrew Zuehlk  
THE OAKLAND POST

Sports can often be described as challenging, entertaining, exciting and self-fulfilling. And while most rank and file athletes will insist their sport is the best, the athletes of Pontiac's Planet Rock will say that climbing is an ongoing lesson.

Rock climbing is an individualistic sport that will push a climber to the very edges of his or her ability. No two rock faces are the same, and repetitive practice is often the key to success.

Billed as a great place to get a start in climbing, Planet Rock is one of the country's premier climbing facilities. Located at 34 Grand Rapid Street in Pontiac, it is a short drive from OU's campus.

Jason Smith, junior, computer engineering, has been climbing every week at Planet Rock for the last four months and really enjoys it.

"There is a lot of potential for growth both mentally and physically," Smith said. "I like setting goals for myself and reaching them."

With 55-foot high walls and 13,500 square feet of climbing area, Planet Rock offers a wide variety of challenges for different skill levels.

With names like "Ali Babba's Pink Flamingo" and "The String Cheese Incident," Planet Rock sets a precedent for climbing routes that are both colorful and challenging.

The gym helps to mimic outdoor rock climbing by regularly changing its climbing routes and rating them under the widely recognized Yosemite Decimal System.

Most routes do not last more than three months, and the success of each is determined by frequency of use and climber feedback.

Every climb at the gym is different, and while climbing is about individual challenge, climbers at Planet Rock have managed to wrap themselves into a welcoming, tight-knit and supportive community.

One community member is OU student Clara Chinsky, junior, performing arts. Climbing helps to keep her fit.

"Climbing helps to give me added strength for dancing, while dancing helps with my overall climbing technique," she said.

Chinsky knows good climbing technique takes more than just physical strength. Gym instructors say male climbers are often physically stronger, while female climbers tend to learn technique faster.

Rock climbing offers different challenges to men and women, though Planet Rock sees close to seven men for every three women climbers. That ratio may soon change as the sport gains popularity.

"Enjoyable climbing instruction begins with a student who is intent on what he/she is doing," said Evan Sutherland, an Oxford High School senior and Planet Rock instructor.

"A lot of people wander off, talking to their friends and not concentrating on the wall or the ropes."

Distraction can often lead to trouble even in a controlled environment.

Climbing is not free of danger and, although accidents are rare, they do happen. That is why

every newcomer to Planet Rock must complete top rope training before ever completing a climb at the gym.

Top rope climbing takes two people. While one person climbs the wall, the other stands below, belaying or holding the climber secure. As the climber progresses upward, the partner's job is to control the rope, draw in slack and guard against falls.

Climbing accidents at Planet Rock are rarely the fault of the climber, and most often result from distraction.

Mike Schmidt, one of the newer members of the Planet Rock instruction staff, says that the best type of climber is "someone who is conscientious of the potential for danger as well as fun. The only way to enjoy the sport is to be aware of both sides."

Schmidt also believes that climbing is a sport that confronts life head on.

"You are not running away from anything here," he said.

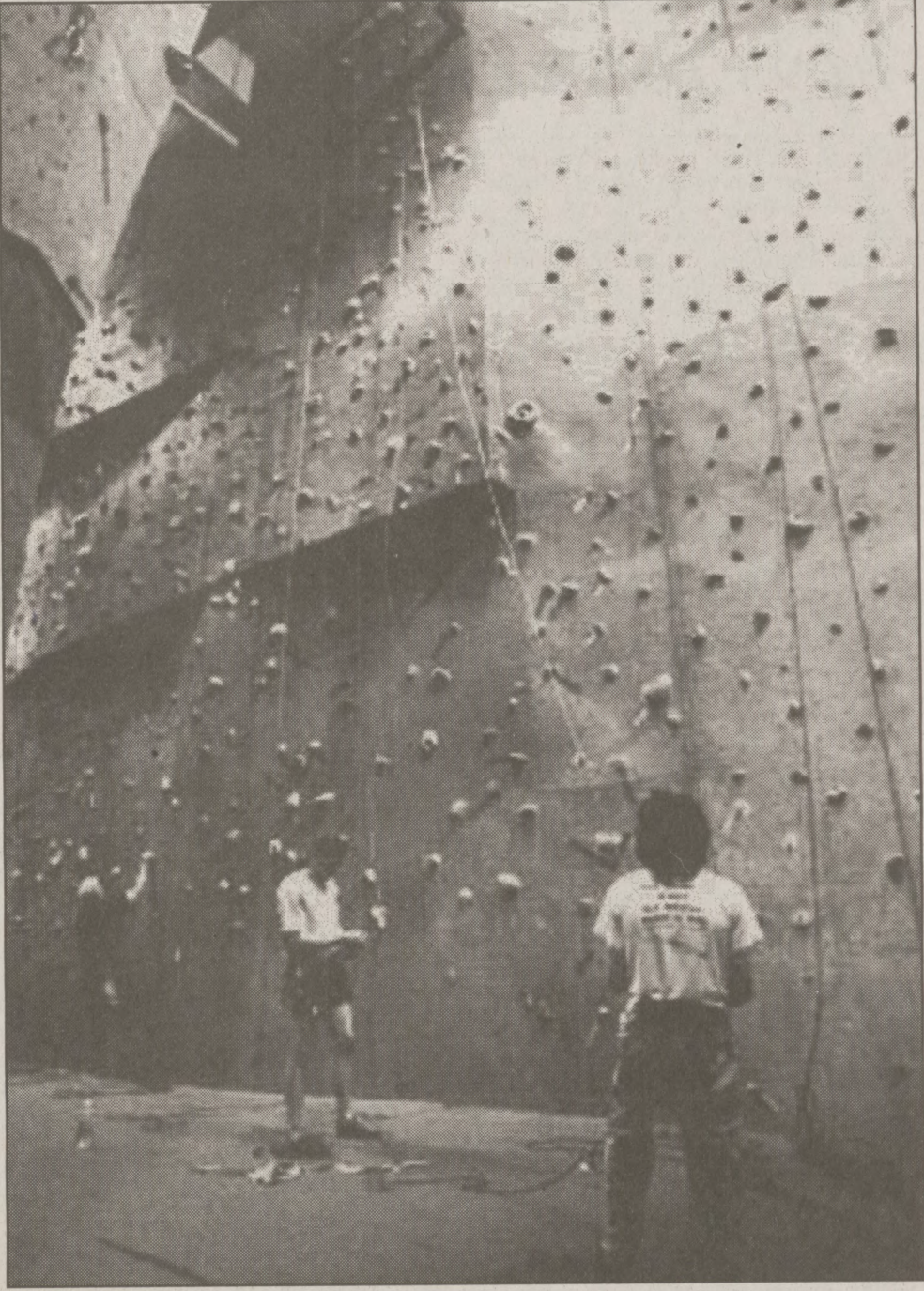
Dealing with fear is simply part of the experience.

Justin Black, freshman, undecided, is an instructor and member of the Planet Rock Climbing Team. When he is not working at Planet Rock, he can often be found training and sharpening his climbing skills there.

"Most people don't realize how great this place is," he said.

"We get climbers in here from all over the world."

The best days to beat the crowds at the gym are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Once there, students can get discounted day passes for \$12. For an additional \$10, a new climber can rent all of the necessary climbing equipment including a harness, chalk bag and shoes.



THE AIR UP THERE: The Planet Rock wall featured to the left, is just one section of the 13,500 square feet of climbing space available in the Pontiac facility. A wide variety of skill levels can be tested on the many courses offered. With rock climbing's popularity rising, Planet Rock is the local hot spot for the sport.

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## Swimmers close with easy victory

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

The women's swimming and diving team rounded out its dual meet season Friday with a 141-94 home victory over St. Bonaventure in which OU placed first in 12 of the 13 events.

After the past few weekends of stiff competition and dual meet losses, head coach Pete Hovland said the win was an encouraging way to finish off the dual meet season.

"We did not need to swim well to win, and they knew that going in," Hovland said. "Because of that, they might have gone in a little more relaxed, a little more comfortable."

"We had an opportunity to swim some of our young ladies in some events that they haven't swam all year, and I was very pleased with the way we swam, as well as, the way we dove."

Danielle Ward, Oksana Strelets, Tamara Swaby and Devon Cunningham each had two individual victories for OU. Ward won the 1650m (17:36.06) and 100m freestyle (53.68) while Strelets took first in the 200m freestyle (1:53.49) and 200m backstroke (2:07.97) and Swaby won the 50m freestyle (24.51) and 200m butterfly (2:09.92).

Cunningham placed first in the one and three meter diving events, with scores of 252.22 and 258.07, respectively.

Tanya Korniyenko, Angela Simetkosky and Shelley Aurit also contributed a large part to the victory with one individual win each.

Korniyenko won the 400m individual medley (4:33.42), Simetkosky placed first in the 500m freestyle (5:08.98) and Aurit won the 200m breaststroke (2:25.62).

The 200m medley relay team of Renie Green, Aurit, Korniyenko and Swaby also took first place (1:48.45).

"I thought Devon Cunningham looked very sharp," Hovland said. "Oksana Strelets swam very well in some events she hasn't swam previously this year and was simply outstanding."

"I was very impressed with Danielle's wins. She's starting to regain last year's form, and she's gaining the confidence to go with it."

Hovland also said that some of the younger swimmers are showing improvement which will greatly contribute to the team's depth going into the National Independent Conference championship meet.

"Angela Simetkosky swam her best unshaved time in the 500 freestyle this year, so it looks like she's heading into the NIC in great shape," Hovland said.

"A couple of the freshmen, Holly Miller and Karoline Freytag are starting to round out into shape and into form, which



FLY LIKE AN EAGLE: Devon Cunningham assisted in the women's victory Friday with firsts on the one and three meter boards.

is encouraging because we need them to swim well to be one of the top teams in the NIC."

Friday also marked senior recognition night for OU swimmers, which is held annually to commend graduating seniors for

their work and dedication to the team.

The men and women's teams have no meets scheduled until the NIC meet which will be held Feb. 28-March 2 at the OU aquatics center.

## Women climb Mid-Con ranks with fourth straight

By Brendan Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU women's basketball team extended its winning streak to four with wins over Chicago State and Southern Utah.

The Golden Grizzlies played the Chicago State Cougars on Saturday, winning in overtime, 76-71.

Junior guard Romica Clint led all scorers with 25 points, going 11 for 15 from the field.

Senior forward Sarah Judd captured a double-double, scoring 22 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Judd hit all ten of her free throws, six of which sealed the victory in overtime.

Junior guard Katie Wolfe was the only other Grizzly in double figures with 17 points.

OU did not allow CSU to record a rebound in overtime, and finished the game with a 36-31 advantage.

The Cougars had four players in double figures, including junior guard Krisey Sanders who had 20 points as well as 13 assists, notching a double-double of her own.

The Golden Grizzlies shot 54 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free throw line, while holding CSU to 42 percent from the floor.

OU continued its road trip and traveled to face Southern Utah Thunderbirds on Monday, winning 75-70.

OU fought back from a first half deficit to capture its fourth consecutive victory.

Once again, the Golden Grizzlies outshot their opponent from the floor with a 54 percent field goal percentage while holding SUU to 40 percent.

Judd led all scores with 33 points. She also captured her second consecutive double-double by grabbing 10 rebounds.

Wolfe contributed with 17 points and a team high five assists. Clint was also in double figures with 14 points, including two free throws with six seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Thunderbird forward Caroline Heaton, senior, also had a double-double for SUU. Heaton had 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior guard Sally Johnson contributed 14 points and 5 assists for the Thunderbirds, as well.

The women have rebounded from a slow start in the Mid-Con to move into third place in the conference with a 6-3 record. The Golden Grizzlies are now 12-10 overall.

Saturday, the Golden Grizzlies continue Mid-Con play against UMKC at 3:30 p.m. The Golden Grizzlies then match up against Oral Roberts on Monday at 7 p.m. Both games will be played at home, in the O'rena.

## MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

|               | IUPUI            |
|---------------|------------------|
| Valparaiso    | 5-4              |
| 7-1           | 11-10            |
| 17-6          | UMKC             |
| Oral Roberts  | 3-5              |
| 6-2           | 12-8             |
| 12-11         | Western Illinois |
| Oakland       | 1-7              |
| 6-3           | 10-11            |
| 13-11         | Chicago State    |
| Southern Utah | 0-9              |
| 6-3           | 2-19             |
| 9-12          |                  |

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

|               | UMKC             |
|---------------|------------------|
| Valparaiso    | 3-5              |
| 7-1           | 7-14             |
| 16-5          | Chicago State    |
| Oral Roberts  | 3-6              |
| 6-2           | 7-14             |
| 12-9          | IUPUI            |
| Oakland       | 3-6              |
| 6-3           | 7-14             |
| 12-10         | Western Illinois |
| Southern Utah | 2-6              |
| 4-5           | 9-11             |
| 8-13          |                  |

First stat represents the team's conference rank. The second is the overall rank.

## GRIZZLY OF THE WEEK

### SARAH JUDD

Judd has helped lead the Grizzlies to a four game winning streak. With 22 points and 11 rebounds against Chicago State, coupled with her 33 point and 10 rebound performance against Southern Utah, Judd has recorded back to back double-doubles.

- Brendan Stevens

