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BOT names new leader

By PAM AVOLEDO
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU board of trustees named former-trustee Penny Crissman as the new chairperson for this term and trustee Dennis Pawley as the new vice chair.

Crissman does not plan on major changes for OU, but said she wants to continue to provide quality education.

Even though U.S. News and World Report has ranked OU as Tier 4 among America's best 2005 colleges, Crissman said, "We are actually quite proud of the fact that the excellence of our programs was recognized when we moved from the U.S. News Regional rankings to sta-



Penny Crissman

tus as a 'national' university." "These rankings need context to be fully understood," she said. "The categories in the U.S. News ranking will make it difficult for OU to move up to the next tier."

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OU abides by state's mandate

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

When Gov. Jennifer Granholm made a bargain with the 15 public universities in the state of Michigan in December of 2003, she meant business. Her deal: Cap the tuition for the 2004-05 school year at or below the rate of inflation and the state will reduce a five percent cut from that year to two percent.

So far, so good at OU. This year's tuition and fees schedule appears to abide by Granholm's mandate. Other institutions, however, may have discovered a loophole in the agreement, and the governor is not impressed.

Greg Bird, spokesperson for the State Budget Office, said Western Michigan University (WMU) might be sidestepping the requirement by increasing fees in lieu of tuition.

A new WMU initiation fee of \$500 is raising eyebrows in Lansing. Although there are no cost breakdowns available, Judi Bailey, president of Western, explained in a letter to students that the school is "working hard to adjust budgets across campus to both fit the new reality and support our determination to preserve the academic programs and service levels our students deserve."

During an August interview
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Construction season begins



Elizabeth Gorecki/The Oakland Post

Construction continues on the Adams exit of M-59. Like this site, construction in other places may slow commuters down from now until winter.

By KRISTIN SOMMER
THE OAKLAND POST

Two construction projects planned along I-75 are leaving more than drivers upset.

One plan calls for building a new interchange at Long Lake Road in Troy, including the construction of new on and off ramps. The other plan is to widen the road to four lanes each way from 8 Mile Road to M-59.

An interchange for the Crooks Road/I-75/Long Lake Road area

has been in the works for about 20 years, according to Troy Mayor Louise Schilling.

The construction is needed for the "safety and efficiency of traffic," Schilling said.

One group that disagrees with Schilling is Stop Interchange Now (SIN).

Earlier this year the group began collecting signatures in opposition of the plans.

Once 10,000 signatures were collected, SIN planned to present them to the Troy City

Council, in hopes of getting a non-binding advisory question added to the ballot in November.

If a majority of residents opposed the project, SIN wanted the city of Troy to pull out of the plans. Schilling said it was not up to the city to make that decision.

"It is a state and federal project and the city just purchases the right of way for it," she said. SIN could not be reached for comment, but according to a news release issued by White Chapel Cemetery, opponents have col-

lected more than 7,000 signatures.

According to a memo from Troy City Attorney, Laurie Bluhm, SIN failed to submit the proper paperwork on time and their proposal will not make it on the ballot.

Along with SIN, White Chapel Cemetery was opposed to the construction. The cemetery, which runs along both Long Lake Road and I-75, stood to lose one acre of property in a right of way purchase.

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Wrath of Frances



Adam Neal/Special to The Oakland Post

Although the boardwalk at Jaycee Park Beach in Vero Beach, Fla. sustained minimal damage from Hurricane Frances, adjacent Ocean Drive was washed away.

Panhandle throttled

By ADAM NEAL
FORMER LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLA. — Sustained winds around 100 mph were too much for many homes and businesses during Labor Day weekend as Hurricane Frances made landfall in southeast Florida Saturday evening and continued to move up the peninsula.

A faint, red sky was only interrupted by sharp bursts of

bright turquoise flashes from expired transformers as Frances' eye crept over Treasure Coast and Palm Beach cities at 5 mph.

The Category 2 hurricane, that had reported wind gusts of more than 120 mph, stalled for about six hours after it made landfall — hammering the Atlantic Ocean's coast with fierce winds and pellet-like rain.

At least 16 inches of rain were dumped on several coastal cities, leaving many with severe

flooding problems.

Damage is estimated in the billions as inspectors continued Wednesday assessing homes and businesses. Aluminum, glass, trees and other debris blanketed coastal roads.

Structures mostly sustained damage to roofs, carports and exterior cosmetics.

Most signs — including those from businesses and Florida's recent primary election — were
Please see FRANCES on A8

Grizzlies split weekend with pair of 2-1 games

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The season began this weekend for the OU men's soccer team as they traveled to Fullerton, California to play in the Fullerton SoccerTown Classic.

The Golden Grizzlies had a tough match set up for them as they played the nationally ranked, UCLA Bruins and the Cal-State Titans.

"We had a good outcome of our games this weekend," OU head coach Gary Parsons said. "We played at a high caliber and I was very pleased."

Last season the Bruins had a 20-2-1 record and the Titans were 6-2-1, which was a home record for them.

OU had all week to prepare for these games in hopes that they would recover from their loss last weekend against Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

On Sunday, the Golden Grizzlies played the Cal-State Fullerton Titans with a final score of 2-1.

OU scored the first goal in the first half when junior forward Chris Edwards converted a couple of passes from junior defense Danny Ng and senior midfielder Shahar Ktovim.

Fullerton was able to fight back and scored in the second half with only twenty-seven minutes left to play.

Freshman midfielder, Taylor Sheldrick, scored his second goal of the season off of a cross over to the left wing set up by senior forward, Jani Faltonen.

"I was not as pleased with the second game as much as I was the first," Parsons said. "We should have had the game over by the first half and we were not able to do that; we should not have let the goal in and we were lucky to score the winning goal, but the second half was not an easy [one]."

Saturday was the first of the two games with a final score of 2-1.

UCLA scored the first goal to gain a lead. OU fought back and tied the game when senior defenseman Ryan Rzepka headed an air ball past UCLA junior



Photo courtesy of OU Athletics
Senior midfielder Doug Rice fights off a defender last season.

goalkeeper Nate Pena. The shot was made just minutes before the end of regulation.

"We did have some opportunities to score but we just missed them," Parsons said. "Even though we did not end up winning, everyone played hard and that is what I expected to see."

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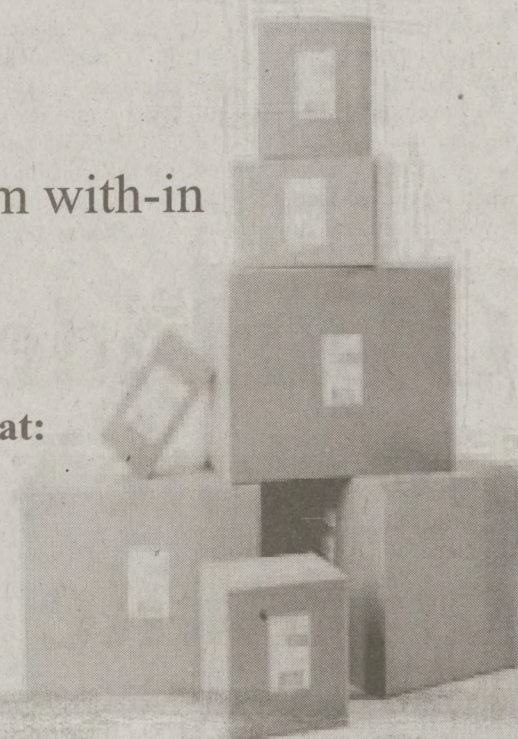
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BY ADESINA WHEELER AND
ROQAYA ASHMAWEY
THE OAKLAND POST

Nikki Gazetti used to stop by Copy Stop etc. on her way to lunch, after lunch or in between classes if she needed to use its services. Nikesha Yarbrough used to send faxes to her mother. But this year, they'll have to head over to the Police and Support Services Building. Copy Stop etc. closed down over the summer because of

continued annual losses since the year it opened. "Unlike a profitable business, it continued to suffer ... after repeated cost-cutting measures," said Laurel McDaniel, director of University Services.

Gazetti, junior, said the new location would "be an inconvenience."

Yarbrough, senior, said it was easy to fax her mom since she's "far away from home."

Sophomore Tim Copacia has used Copy Stop's services several times. "It's pretty conven-

ient," he said. "There's nowhere else I know where you can do all that without having to drive or walk far," he said.

But according to McDaniel, "it was clear that the traffic and number of customers could not support this center."

Some students, like junior Kathleen Pernak, said the relocation of services does not inconvenience her. If she needs copies, she photocopies "at work and I can just go to the post office to mail anything,"

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Roqaya Ashmawey/The Oakland Post
Konstantina Kalliantasas, sophomore, makes copies at one of the two copiers right outside Copy Stop's previous location.

First week's turnout higher than expected

BY LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

Despite concerns from many professors last year, starting before Labor Day seems to have had little impact on student attendance at OU, said profes-

sors and administrators.

The academic calendar was changed last year, and this is the first time in more than 10 years OU has started before Labor Day.

"All I hear is that everyone is upbeat," said Virinder Moudgil,

provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Students are discovering their new campus environment and are eager to establish their semester plans. Professors are all excited to see new students in the classes," he said.

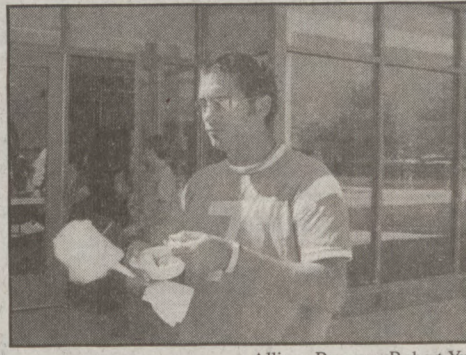
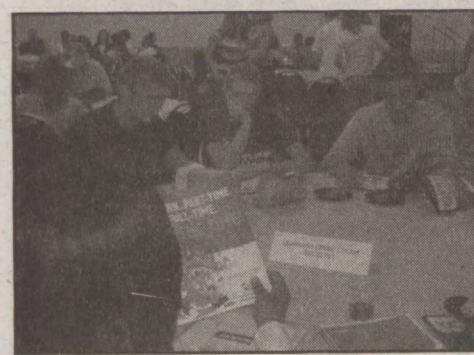
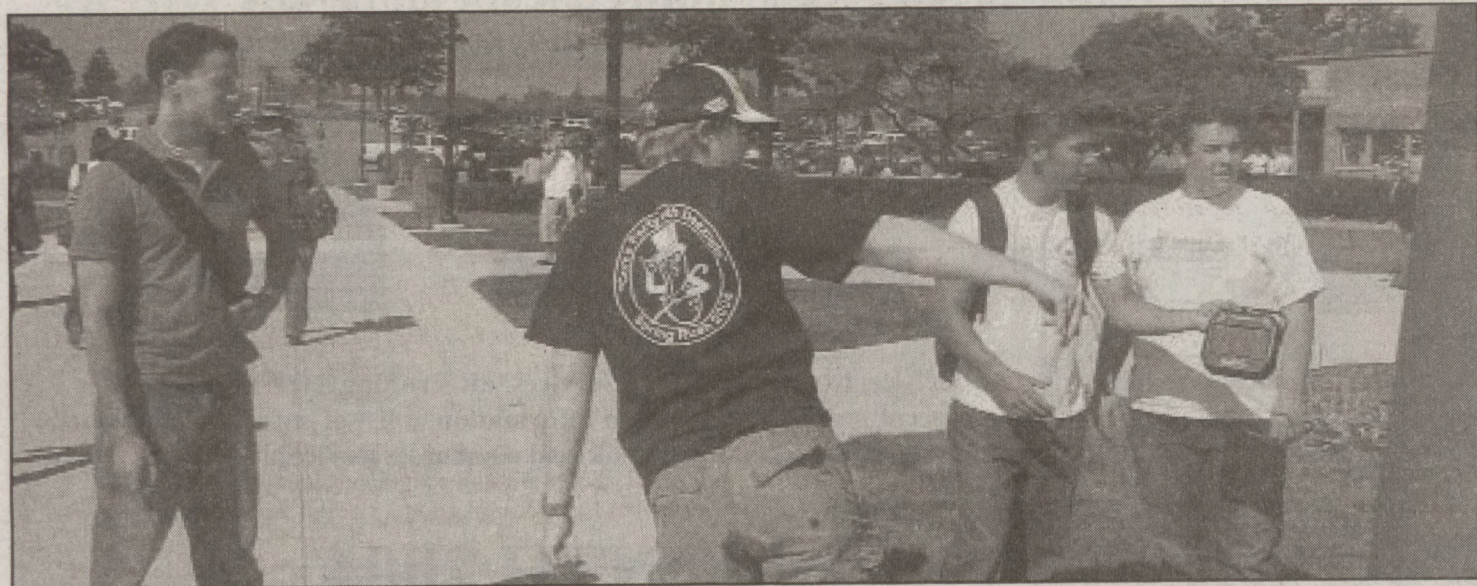
He also said that most faculty reported normal first day attendance, including those at extension sites.

Department chairs from English, history, math and chemistry all reported normal first week attendance on Friday

morning, but were concerned about that evening and Saturday classes.

Louis Nachman, chair of the department of mathematics and statistics, said he personally found the switch "mildly dis-

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The annual five day tradition kicked off the 2004-2005 school year. From the new student convocation to an all-you-can eat chicken wing contest, last week was packed with activities and events for anyone on campus no matter what time of day.



Allison Brunner, Robert Yunker and Roqaya Ashmawey/The Oakland Post

Students Welcomed Back

New Student Convocation

BY ROBERT YUNKER
THE OAKLAND POST

A \$250 gift certificate to the OU bookstore, an OU sweatshirt, a pennant ... why not start off your college career like that? Two students who attended the New Student Convocation last week did.

Shawn Bono of Dakota High School and Brittany Hobbs of Renaissance High School each

received this gift set at the ceremony for outstanding enthusiasm and spirit.

Gathering about 800 new students in the O'rena, the convocation was OU's official welcome to its freshmen class.

The ceremony, intended to formally introduce new students to the Oakland University community, began at 3 p.m. with the procession of the board of

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OUSC President's Recipe for Success

~ Stay focused
~ Break your code of silence: speak up in class and ask questions
~ Build relationships
~ Take advantage of professors' office hours
~ Get involved
~ Time management-get a planner

~ Compiled by Robert Yunker, The Oakland Post

Welcome Week Highlights

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
THE OAKLAND POST

Another Welcome Week has come and gone as hard as it is to believe. The following are some of its highlights:

ASK A GRIZZ INFO TABLE

For an entire week, rain or shine, Orientation Group Leaders, better known to students as OGLs, were manning their positions outside the OC.

The OGLs were there to address any questions or concerns for freshmen, seven year seniors or anyone in between. Questions about parking like "Is it always this crazy?" received answers like "yes, but it does get better in a couple of weeks." Other questions about sports, Greek life, other Welcome Week Activities or simply how to get more involved at OU were answered by this year's helpful OGLs.

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In Short

GM Donates to OU

General Motors recently gave OU a \$139,500 gift in the form of high-tech equipment that will help students and faculty from the School of Engineering and Computer Science to measure noise and vibration. One of the factors involved in GM's decision to make this gift to OU is that both avenues of study have a direct impact on the automotive industry.

OU on Channel 7

WXYZ Channel 7 presented College Tour 2004 on Saturday Sept. 4. The presentation, which aired between two college football games, included a close-up look at OU and five other Michigan colleges and universities. OU's presentation highlighted the opportunities of undergraduate research and hands-on experience that it offers students as well as its combination of liberal arts and professional education.

Students currently enrolled in each of the universities offered information for college-bound students and their families regarding academia, campus life and college facilities. Channel 7 will air the show again on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

OC Recognized Nationally

The Oakland Center (OC) recently received an Honorable Mention by "Education Design Showcase." The only student union recognized by this supplement to the "School of Planning and Management" and "College Planning and Management" magazines was the OC. The 30,000 square-foot expansion was designed by DSA (Daniel, Smith and Associates) Architects.

Young Adult Mass

St. John Fisher Chapel hosted a young adult Mass on Sunday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. On the first Sunday evening of each month, the chapel welcomes 18-35 year olds from OU and the local area to attend the mass, which is followed by a social.

Important Dates

Sept. 10 is the last day for students to file an application for a degree or certificate for fall 2004. If you plan on graduating this semester, don't forget to apply on or before this date. Students in the past have had to postpone graduation due to their delay of filing an application on time.

Sept. 14 is the last day for a 70 percent tuition refund if students wish to drop a class, the last day for obtaining a "no-grade" drop for a class and the last day for late registration, for adding a class or for declaring an audit.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Ashmawey, Campus News Editor

Police Beat

• A student was issued an MIP and admitted to "drinking a couple of beers," at Hill House Monday, Aug. 30. The student was issued a citation.

• A student was taken to Crittenton Hospital after she inhaled vapors from a chemical pest spray in her dorm room in Hamlin Hall. The female complained that she was lightheaded and dizzy and called OUPD for assistance.

• OUPD was notified Wednesday, Sept. 1 about a suspicious man in a white GMC Jimmy on Wilson Blvd. stopping people as they walked by and asking for gas money. The responding officer ran a LEIN on the man and found a warrant out for his arrest. The man, who was unable to post his bond money, was handcuffed and taken to the Pontiac Police Department. His white Jimmy was impounded and towed away.

• Two individuals contacted OUPD after being threatened by an older Caucasian male in the field adjacent to the OU faculty subdivision. The two were walking their dogs when the male approached, cursing and yelling at them about walking their pets in the area. The male was approximately 50-60 years old and was riding a bicycle at the time. There are no suspects at this time.

• OUPD was called after a student complained of being harassed and threatened. The male student said that a female has been instant messaging him on his America Online account for three months. The messages began as friendly conversations, but soon became threatening. The mystery writer is unknown to the student and OUPD advised the student to contact AOL and to block the person's screen name.



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FALL CAREER PREP MONTH 2004

September/October 2004				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 13 Information Table 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC Career Experience Information Session 2:00 – 2:45 am 158 W. Vandenberg Hall	September 14 Career Services Open House 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Fireside Lounge Career Experience Information Session 10:00 – 10:45 am 158 W. Vandenberg Hall	September 15 Senior Job Search Seminar 5:00 – 6:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	September 16 Resume Writing Clinic Noon – 1:00 pm Gold Room C, OC Interview Practice Clinic 5:00 – 7:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	September 17 First On-Campus Recruiting Pre-Select Interview Deadline is Sunday, September 19
September 20 Career Experience Information Session 10:00 – 10:45 am 158 W. Vandenberg Hall Senior Job Search Seminar Noon – 1:00 pm 158 W. Vandenberg Hall	September 21 Walt Disney Presentation 2:00 – 3:00 pm Oakland Room, OC Info Table/Resume Critiques 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, OC BAP Recruiters Reception 5:00 – 6:00 pm Banquet Rooms, OC	September 22 Information Table & Resume Critiques 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Hallway Tables, OC Marketing Yourself at Career Fairs & Beyond Noon – 1:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	September 23 Career Experience Information Session 10:00 – 10:45 am 158 W. Vandenberg Hall Effective Ways to Apply for Jobs Online 5:00 – 6:30 pm Rooms 128-130, OC	September 24 Senior Job Search Seminar Noon – 1:00 pm 158 W. Vandenberg Hall
September 27 Senior Job Search Seminar Noon – 1:00 pm 158 W. Vandenberg Hall	September 28 Out in the Workplace Panel Discussion 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Gold Room C, OC Information Table & Resume Critiques 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Hallway Tables, OC	September 29 Information Table & Resume Critiques 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Hallway Tables, OC	September 30 FALL CAREER FAIR Engineering, Technical, Nursing, Health, and Science Candidates 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Banquet Rooms, OC	October 1 FALL CAREER FAIR Business and Liberal Arts Candidates 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Banquet Rooms, OC
October 4 Career Experience Information Session Noon – 12:45 am 158 W. Vandenberg Hall ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING BEGINS	October 5 Issues Surrounding Disabilities in the Workplace Noon – 1:00 pm Gold Room A, OC	October 6 CAST Networking Reception 5:00 – 7:00 pm Banquet Room A, OC Pre-registration required through eRecruiting. Professional Dress	October 7 Mock Behavioral Interviews 9:00 am – 4:00 pm CS Recruiting Suite Pre-registration required through eRecruiting.	October 8 SENIORS: Set your Career Sails! 11:30 am – 4:30 pm. Oakland Center Pre-registration required through CSA 248.370.2400

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Big bucket may be history

By PAM AVOLEDO
THE OAKLAND POST

Some traditional and familiar signs could be coming down in Birmingham's Historic District. It's making local business owners like James Mikula, Sr., owner of the KFC on Woodward Avenue, question the Historic District Design and Review Commission's decision to change the sign ordinance.

Mikula said that when the store was built, the sign complied with the law.

"Twenty-five years later, taking the sign down would hurt business and it would die off," Mikula said. "The store has been

in the current location and (customers) predominately associate KFC with the image."

The KFC bucket sign is considered a non-conforming or a pole sign, which is already banned under the ordinance. According to the ordinance, billboards, trailer and roof signs are also banned.

Keith Deyer, chairman of the Birmingham Historic District Design and Review Commission said the sign ordinance has been revised in 1991 and again, in 1999.

"What's appropriate at a cer-

tain time period isn't appropriate now for the community," Deyer said.

The Commission decided August 8 that businesses will have until May 31, 2011 to put up new signs. If not, the signs will have to be "completely removed." Signs built before 1975 are excluded from the ordinance.

The debate, however, lies in the historical significance of the signs.

Amy Arnold, Preservation Planner of the Michigan Historical Center, said that the standards developed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior for the National

Register of Historic Places say that landmarks must be at least 50 years old before they can be considered a historic resource. The resource has to meet integrity requirements, which include location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling and association.

"In the past 15 years there has been increasing interest in preserving the landscape of the daily life of the average American. Vernacular architecture, roadside attractions, and neon signs are very much a part of that and are important to the nation's cultural landscape," Arnold said.

Global Glance

Clinton recovering

Former President Clinton underwent a successful four-hour, quadruple bypass Monday morning at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia in New York City. Dr. Allan Schwartz, the hospital's chief of cardiology, said an angiography revealed extensive blockage in the blood vessels feeding his heart, but the heart itself was strong with absolutely no damage.

Russia rallies after tragedy

More than 100,000 people attended an anti-terrorism rally yesterday in Moscow. Tuesday marked the second day of national mourning for the 335 people - 156 of them children - that were killed in last week's school siege, sparked by a confrontation between Russians and Chechen rebels. More than 100 people are still unaccounted for and 411 remain hospitalized. Yesterday, mourners left bouquets and toys along with a book of condolences with the message "Children, forgive us adults."

Frances slams Florida

More than 2.5 million people were evacuated and 6 million were still without power as Frances pounded the Panhandle for a second time before fading Monday. The winds were down from last week's 145 mph to 45 mph as the storm moved inland, but the damage was still severe. The White House is asking Congress for \$2 billion in emergency funding to help with the recovery efforts.

History uncovered

Archeologists in northwestern England have found what they are calling the first Viking burial ground in Britain. The graves of four Viking men and two Viking women were found complete with swords, spears, jewelry, riding equipment and tools and are believed to date back to the early 10th century. Another Viking cemetery was excavated in the area in the 1940s but all of the bodies had been cremated.

Global goof

In anything we trust

Kathryn Miller didn't think twice before making change for the \$200 at a clothing store in Pennsylvania. The bill featured the picture of George W. Bush along with the serial number DUBYA4U2001. Even the back of the bill, depicting the White House with several lawn signs containing phrases such as "We Like Broccoli!" and "No More Scandals," didn't tip off the clerk. The woman who passed the bill is likely to be charged with theft, not counterfeiting, since a \$200 doesn't really exist.



-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Michigan's Medieval Magic

Pirates, peasants, gypsies and royalty fill the dirt paths as people come from across the state to travel back in time to the Renaissance.

By LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

This year, the Michigan Renaissance Festival is celebrating 25 years of chivalry, kings, queens, jousting and other medieval fun.

More than 25,000 guests have come to the festival each day, said Sandi Hook of the Michigan Renaissance Festival's marketing department. The festival runs each weekend until the end of this month.

This year's Silver Jubilee festivities include a lot of new attractions, in addition to classic Renaissance Festival fun. In one addition, the festival honored different cities from Detroit to Traverse City.

This weekend, Pontiac will be honored. Mayor Willie Payne will serve as the honorary mayor of Holly Grove and will take part in the parades this weekend.

Also new this year are various gardens, waterscapes and facades on concession stands across the grounds.

Landscapers and building crews spent weeks sprucing up the Renaissance Festival grounds as part of two contests.

Festival visitors can vote for the best building site and best landscaping site. The most popular builders will win a trip to Disney World in Florida and the winning landscapers will get a trip to Greentown.

Also new this year, Hook said, the festival is honoring the military. Visitors that wear their uniforms to the festival will get in free, she said. Also, a moment of silence will be observed at 1 p.m. each day this weekend.

This weekend's theme is "Wonders of the World." There will be dances and food from around the world. Brave visitors can participate in Mystery Food Eating contests, or learn to belly dance, Hook said. Also, there will be Fortune Cookie Giveaways.

Renaissance patrons can satisfy their sweet tooth during the closing weekend of the festival, "Sweet Endings" on Sept. 25-26. There will be pie eating contests, a sundae building for kids and a Death By Chocolate competition.

"Everything will be done in chocolate," Hook said.

Tickets for the festival are \$16.95 at the gate. OU students can save a little cash by going to the Center for Student Activities window in the basement of the Oakland Center where tickets are \$12.95. Anyone can buy tickets at the CSA window.

For information on the Michigan Renaissance Festival, check out www.michrenfest.com or call (800) 601-4848.



Photos courtesy of the Michigan Renaissance Festival

Above: The knights battle it out in a full contact, armored joust.

Left: The pirates capture another townsfolk in the game of human chess.



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Set a life saving record

By RACHAEL BARNETT
THE OAKLAND POST

Residents can help set a Michigan record and save a life all in less than one hour.

The American Red Cross is hosting its 3rd Annual Community Memorial Blood Drive on Thursday, September 9 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The goal is to collect 500 units of blood. If this is reached, it will become the largest single day blood drive in Michigan history.

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood and more than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day, according to the American Red Cross.

The event was started in September

2002 to honor those fallen on Sept. 11, 2001. The 2002 drive collected 326 units. That number went up to 331 in 2003.

The blood supply usually goes in cycles, with shortages in the summer and winter, according to Andrea Ward, spokesperson for the American Red Cross.

"The supply has been critical all summer long, and we are fearful that some blood types may be depleted," Ward said. "All of the donated blood stays here locally and sometimes we even have to import from other areas because there are so many hospitals in Michigan."

The Southeast Michigan Red Cross and The Palace of Auburn Hills have teamed up to offer some incentives.

Each donor will receive a limited edition American Red Cross pin unique to Detroit. The pins are part of a series encouraging people to donate four times a year; for their community, friends, family and the country. The current pin promotes the community. Donors are eligible to donate every 56 days.

Arrive early, between 8 a.m.-11 a.m., for the opportunity to have your picture taken with the NBA and WNBA Championship trophies. Other offers are unconfirmed at this time.

"Every two seconds, someone needs blood."

-The American Red Cross

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she said.

Some students, who only take night classes, also said that Copy

Stop's shutdown will not affect

them. Senior Kenneth Arnold said he never used Copy Stop

and didn't even know that it closed down.

Senior Cathy Smith said the



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shutdown does not affect her either because she always takes night classes and there's a "Kinko's not too far from school."

Services previously offered by Copy Stop are now available through the University Services Department located in the Police and Support Services Building. Printing services are available in room 16 and mail services are available in room 12.

Services include faxes, printing, laminating, stamps, packaging and mailing of envelopes and copies. The department is also preparing a catalog of its services to distribute to student organizations and dorms.

Motor Pool, which closed on the same day as Copy Stop, was a service that offered cars and vans for rent to students, faculty, administrators and staff with a valid driver's license.

Motor Pool was shut down, McDaniel said, because "there was not enough call for university-leased cars."

"Part of the reason for this is as reductions were made in departmental budgets," she said, "the area most often reduced was travel funds ... eventually, the expense incurred for the Motor Pool cars became more than the revenue they produced."

Motor Pool was used by student organizations, not by individual students. Jamar Lockhart, vice president of the Association of Black Students, said that "both changes to Copy Stop and Motor Pool are a big inconvenience."

"When we have guest lecturers and entertainers, we have to use a limo which is more costly than Motor Pool."

Crystal Wilkerson, Americorps Alumni Association president, said that the organiza-

tion "used Motor Pool a lot throughout the year."

"Now we have to use other places to rent cars," she said, "it has been a hassle."

According to McDaniel, "the total dollars spent by ... student orgs was \$2,533 for the fiscal year ending June 2004."

The department is hoping to develop a "catalog sales" system so that people can order things online through its website, she said.

"We are trying to make things easier ... we have a coin-op copier in the OC ... we are planning to put a copier in the hallway of this building, we also have a drop box for outgoing mail ... and printing requests," McDaniel said.

Duane Hurt, OUSC public relations agent, said that "one of student congress' concerns is the lack of printing services available to students."

"We are currently working on searching for other options for students and organizations to have printing services that are fast and convenient ... this is something that will be discussed at our next executive board meeting," he said.

Now that both Copy Stop and Motor Pool have closed down, McDaniel estimates savings of over \$75,000 annually based on last year's loss.

The SAIL telephone system was also discontinued over the summer, due to fewer students using the system.

According to Steve Shablin, registrar, "this move helps Oakland University provide resources to maintain a technologically stable and secure environment for students to conduct critical business electronically while helping the university to better manage expenses."

HIGH

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tasteful" but it could have been worse.

He also said the new calendar follows the trends of other state universities.

Kevin Grimm, chair of the department of English, said this year has been a fairly usual experience, with professors having to turn away students seeking to add in.

His main concern, though, was the shortened summer.

One of the side effects of the early start is that it does cut short the summer, which is a valuable research time for most faculty," he said.

Carl Osthaus, chair of the history department, said he personally didn't like starting before

Labor Day, but the switch did not have an impact on attendance.

"I can't be critical because of a lack of students, because they showed up," he said.

In the chemistry department, Mark Severson said attendance at labs seemed unusually low, but that could be from a lot of students that had not dropped yet.

Registrar Steven Shablin said he has not received any complaints either.

"I think it has been (a success)," he said. "Students are committed to attending class when the class is meeting."

He said the switch was an inconvenience, but now OU's calendar more closely follows those of other state universities.

Michigan State University and

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trustees, university administrators and a large number of the faculty, dressed in the traditional graduation attire.

OU Student Congress President Jonathan Parks laid out a "recipe" for a successful college experience while OU President Gary Russi assured the gathered students that they "have come to the right place."

"You have come to Oakland University to pursue an ultimate dream to be successful and happy in life and your career," he said.

The convocation is "an academic rite of passage, from the environment of high school to the more academic rigorous setting of the university," said Mary Beth Snyder, the vice president of student affairs.

SAIL Web is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It allows students to add or drop classes, pay tuition and fees, obtain financial aid information and download forms, view detailed course information and access grades, "in a secure and stable on-line environment," Shablin said. "Approximately 90 percent of our students use the SAIL Web."

Students who do not have Web access at home, in the residence halls or at work, can use OU's computer labs, Kresge Library's computers or computers available in the Office of Student Financial Services at 120 North Foundation Hall.

Some students did not have a problem with the discontinuation of the service. Gazetti said that she's used SAIL telephone once, because she had a problem with her account and could only solve it by talking to someone in the department on the phone.

Copacia has also never used SAIL telephone. "I always use the Internet," he said.

But others, like Arnold, feel inconvenienced by the change.

Students can contact the Office of the Registrar at (248)-370-3450 or at registrar@oakland.edu if they have questions about registering for classes online.

If they have questions regarding the payment of student bills online, they can contact the Office of Student Financial Services at (248)-370-2550 or at mystuact@oakland.edu.

Students can also go in person to either the Office of the Registrar, at 100 O'Dowd Hall or to the Office of Student Financial Services, at 120 North Foundation Hall.

Western Michigan University started classes Aug. 30.

But University of Michigan (U of M) in Ann Arbor started classes on Tuesday, Sept. 7 and U of M-Dearborn starts classes today.

Now, Shablin said, students could enjoy the Labor Day holiday with one week of class under their belts.

Sophomore Shanicka Campbell said that since she lives in Detroit, the switch was not a major inconvenience.

"It wasn't really a problem if we're going to get out early," she said.

But the difference is only two days. Fall semester classes ended Dec. 9 last year, and final exams ended Dec. 16. This year, classes will end Dec. 6 and final exams will end Dec. 14.

Have any story ideas? Send them to editor@oakpostonline.com or call (248) 370-4268 and leave a message with Brendan Stevens.

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September/October 2004 Prep Month

Welcome back students! It's the beginning of another semester, and what better way to kick off the Fall semester than with a new job or career! Career Services is hosting our semi-annual Career Prep Month throughout September and October to assist you with your job search and employment success. The following is a list of the main career-related events:

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- Walt Disney Presentations
- Marketing Yourself at a Career Fair and Beyond Seminar
- Effective Ways to apply for Jobs Online Workshop
- Out in the Workplace Panel Discussion
- Issues Surrounding Disabilities in the Workplace Discussion
- CAST Networking Reception
- Mock Behavioral Interviews
- Senior: Set your Career Sails Conference
- 2-Day FALL CAREER FAIR!!

Visit the Career Service website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices for specific dates and times of all activities. Let Career Services be your link to career services this Fall.

Upcoming Events:

FALL CAREER FAIR
2-Day Event
Thursday, September 20, 2004
Engineering, Technical, Nursing, Health and Science Candidates
Friday, October 1, 2004
Business and Liberal Arts Candidates
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Free Admission
Attend one or both days and bring plenty of resumes!!

Center for Multicultural Initiatives

Good Luck 2004-2005 Peer Mentor Staff:
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Students First is an OU program that puts freshman students at the top of their academic game! SF has what you need to succeed: academic advising, faculty and peer mentoring, campus resources, skill development, and so much more. To learn more, contact the Center for Multicultural Initiatives at 248-370-4404 or stop by 121 North Foundation Hall.

Fitness/Wellness

- Group Exercise:** classes begin September 7! More than 35 classes a week to choose from! These classes are part of the Recreation fee! Drop-in participants are welcome!
- Wellness Wed:** September 8 "Walking for Health" Pioneer Room 12:10-1 p.m.
- Free Fitness Assessments for the first 50 students to register—contact Deanna Graham at (248) 370-2526.**
- Specialty Classes:** begin on September 13. Come join Yoga, Tai Chi, Intermediate Pilates, Deep Water Aerobics, Water Aerobics, Karate or All Ball. These classes have a \$15 registration fee for students or \$25 for non-student members.
- For information about personal training, fitness assessments, massage or acupressure please call 370-4910.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Intramural Sports
September Events:

Sports Registration	Deadline	Captains meeting
Soccer	9/10	9/13 @ 7PM
Flag Football	9/24	9/27 @ 7PM

Special Events	Date	Time
DCR-v-UH Flag Foot ball	9/8	5:30 PM
*Soccer Jamboree	9/14	6:00 PM
*Soccer Skills Challenge	9/14	6:00 PM
*Flag Football Jamboree	9/28	6:00 PM
*Punt, Pass & Kick	9/28	6:00 PM

Club Sports

Mandatory Club Sports officer's training meeting, Sunday, September 26 @ 7 PM in the Recreation Center (Wellness Center).

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE presents:

Mitch Fatel

September 17 @ 7 p.m.
Vandenberg Dining Center

Mitch has had numerous spots on both CBS's The Late Show with David Letterman and NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and is quickly establishing himself as a comedic star.

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American Red Cross Lifeguarding Class
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Sign up by 9/17 at the Aquatic Center Office, 37 RAC.
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EDITORIALS

Save lives by giving blood

As we commemorate the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, we are reminded of where we were and what we were doing on that fateful morning.

It was a defining moment in our nation's history marked by national unity and patriotism.

Our nation came together in ways we had never seen before as we witnessed both the devastating losses and the heroism of others.

We donated money and supplies and wrote letters of support to strangers hundreds of miles away.

Many of us waited in long lines to donate blood and contribute in some small way to the hundreds of people who lay injured and dying.

In the weeks immediately following the attacks, the number of people donating blood soared. In September 2001 alone, the number of individuals donating blood was 46 percent higher than the number in September 2000, according to the American Red Cross Web site.

Unfortunately, three years later the donor rate has again declined. This is heartbreaking because, although blood is especially important during disasters, blood is a necessity needed everyday to sustain life.

It's used to save people injured in accidents or help those suffering from illness. You may not be in need today, but you never know what tomorrow may bring. It could be you, your family or a friend whose survival rests on the goodwill of a complete stranger.

As the days and months since Sept. 11 have passed, our lives have returned to normal and the unity we once felt was lost.

We worry about juggling school and work schedules and paying our tuition.

Yet one of our most important responsibilities is still to help others.

According to the American Red Cross Web site, only 60 percent of the population qualifies to donate blood and less than five percent actually do. The American Red Cross says it is battling an extreme shortage of blood.

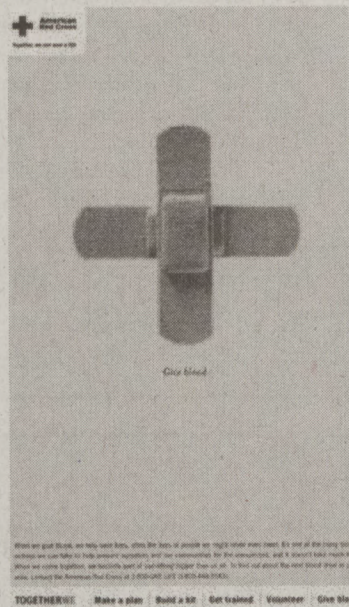
There is no good reason why more people do not donate blood. It only takes an hour and a pint of blood to help save three lives. Our community offers us many opportunities to help out.

Tomorrow, the American Red Cross is hosting its 3rd Annual Community Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at The Palace of Auburn Hills (see story on page A5).

If you can't donate tomorrow, OU hosts a blood drive each semester and you can schedule appointments in advance by contacting the Red Cross.

Take some time in the coming weeks to donate blood and rekindle the spirit we all felt in the days and weeks following Sept. 11.

It's one of the most honorable ways you can pay your respects to those who not only died that day, but to the thousands around the world who have died since.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Restating our commitment to community

As some of you may have noticed, The Post didn't follow its normal routine last week.

Usually, The Post arrives at our newsstands on Wednesday mornings, but it didn't find its way to campus until Thursday this past week.

The late arrival was the result of major computer ailments that attacked the office on Tuesday night, the day we "put the issue to bed," or send it to the printer. So, first of all, we at The Post apologize for the delay.

As others of you may have noticed when you did get a chance to read the Post, there were a wide array of mistakes, from the minuscule to the much more apparent. And for that, the computer problems can only be

marginally blamed.

I ask the OU community to have patience with us as we find our groove for this year. It was a difficult situation last week that cannot be blamed on any person or group of people. It was just bad luck.

But at the same time, I do take personal responsibility for errors that could have been avoided by merely taking a deep breath and putting aside the distractions. The staff did its part, and I slacked slightly in the wake of what I considered a disaster.

But all is not lost. The paper did come out, even though at times it looked like it would not. And I gained valuable experience for dealing with difficult situations.

The Post and I have both grown from this experience. I know I'm not ready for anything, but I am ready for more than I was. And it isn't just the handling of chaos last week that is encouraging.

Last week, I saw the staff grow and develop. I am looking forward to seeing what each individual will accomplish in his or her time at The Post this year.

The Post is still committed to bringing the OU community fair and accurate reporting, and still hopes to fairly represent the voice on campus.

A forgotten headline or a misspelled mascot won't change that, because this staff will accept nothing less.

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Corrections: Grizz ID headline on front page was incorrect. Broncos was misspelled on front page. All even-numbered pages in section A were incorrectly dated. Submit any other errors to editor@oakpostonline.com.

POINT / COUNTER POINT

Should musicians be part of Vote for Change effort?

YES

BY NICOLE BEATTIE
THE OAKLAND POST

With the Presidential election around the corner, entertainers are speaking out politically and being met with harsh hostility.

The media has caused a recent uproar over political statements musicians, actors, filmmakers and authors are making.

How ironic that a nation, founded on the ideals of choice and individualism, would make such a fuss about a group whose job is to speak out to the public, whether that be through song, acting or a comedy bit.

No matter what the circumstance, a mailman, a doctor or a Hollywood celebrity, one thing is clear—Americans have a right to voice their opinion; and celebrities are citizens, too.

These entertainers are not attempting to brainwash the public or force the nation to vote a certain way, and rarely do they admit to being more qualified on the subject than Joe down the street. They just want to positively use their fame to effect change and endorse their candidate. And there is absolutely nothing wrong with that. It's called free speech.

None of us should be told to keep our mouths shut in this day and age; John Lennon didn't, and Bono hasn't.

More recently, the Vote for Change tour, set to hit Michigan on Oct. 3, will attempt to spread political awareness with musicians on board like Bruce Springsteen, The Dave Matthews Band, R.E.M. and The Dixie Chicks, who had their

songs banned from radio in 2003 for uttering anti-war sentiments. Springsteen came to their defense with a statement from his website, www.springsteen.net: "The Dixie Chicks have taken a big hit lately for exercising their basic right to express themselves. To me, they're terrific American artists expressing American values by using their American right to free speech. For them to be banished wholesale from radio stations, and even entire radio networks, for speaking out is un-American."

If people truly believed in their own choices and were comfortable with their opinions about politics, there would be no need to complain the next time a celebrity has something to say. And if that doesn't work, then you

NO

BY LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

During the course of three years our nation has gone from being tremendously unified to extremely polarized.

We now face an election which could be significantly impacted by celebrities who have increasingly spoken out against the Bush administration and the war in Iraq.

Somewhere along the way, the rich and famous in this country began thinking that the ordinary people were concerned about their opinions.

The Vote for Change tour will influence some concertgoers who ultimately will obtain their only political information from a biased source, a celebrity they idolized long before they joined

a tour supported by MoveOn.org.

It's even safer to assume some concert attendees don't keep up on current events and won't spend any time further educating themselves on their political choices. These potential voters will solely be influenced by a group of musicians promoting their own personal agendas. They will vote, not because they are making an informed decision, but because it is 'cool' to vote for John Kerry. After all, that's what the celebrities will do.

I feel I should be able to purchase a ticket to a show without financially contributing to a campaign I don't support. I should be able to go to a show and enjoy the music I love without having to listen to some-

one's political opinion.

There are other ways these famous people can make their marks on history.

The millions of dollars this tour will bring in could be spent supporting our troops, their families or the millions of people living in poverty in this country and around the world. These big name stars could really leave their marks on history. They could have a true impact in the world and make an honest difference.

It would even be less disheartening to listen to their political agendas if the money was going to an honorable cause.

But it isn't. It's just more money that will go to a political candidate who has already racked up millions of dollars in his bid for the country's top job.

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MAKING COLLEGE COUNT
Before classes even began, freshmen enrolled in either COM 101 or Connections got the opportunity to meet other students at a breakfast held Monday morning. They received tips on how to study more effectively and balance their daily tasks with effective time management. They also met their student leaders and some of OU's faculty.

COMMUTER INFO CART
The Commuter Info Cart made its way around campus all week long. The cart contained information important to commuters who may not be on campus as much as residents but would still like to know what's going on. The cart was full of treats for anyone who stopped by.

"CHICKEN AND HOT SAUCE"

CHAIR
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Because OU is a primarily non-residential campus, she said, where the vast majority of students work while going to school, graduation rates are lower than more traditional four-year residential campuses. OU's goals for becoming a university of distinction by 2010 "include an ongoing commitment to diversity in our student body and our workforce," Crissman said. OU operates under an affirmative action plan for faculty and staff hiring, which is approved by the board of trustees and updated annually. It is also routinely audited by the federal government, she said. Each year, OU's performance relative to the annual plan is reported in a public meeting. "We have made steady progress in diversifying our student body, including age, national origin, ethnicity and race," Crissman said. According to an article published in The Michigan Daily Online in 1996, "A bill introduced by state Reps David Jaye (R-Washington Twp.), Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) and Penny Crissman (R-Rochester) call for the elimination of affirmative action programs in employment, business contracts and college admissions." "Crissman's bill would prohibit employers and educational institutions from altering criteria or test score cut-offs used for promotion or admission depend-

Once the sun set, the party started. This event, held on the first day of classes, was put on by the women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in the Hamlin Courtyard. The festivities featured live music by the band "Hot Sauce," free food and giveaways for all in attendance.

HELP SESSIONS
If students forgot how to access their OU e-mail account or even what their username was, there was no need to fear, Kresge Library was here. The help sessions were offered all week and came at a time when all students were given a new Grizzly ID number which some found hard to remember.

GREEK CARNIVAL
College Pan-Hellenic (CPH) sponsored its annual tradition once again. As students made their way onto campus they

could not help but notice the hustle and bustle going on in front of the OC. There was a mini-basketball game, a football toss and no carnival would be complete without a dunk tank; OUSC Vice President Michael McGuinness got dunked. Freshmen Tamara Kukuk and Brittani Hobbs even made time for a round of miniature-golf between classes.

MEIJER MADNEZZ
Saving students and faculty some good cash, Auburn Hills Meijer offered a 10-percent discount off a one-time purchase to students and faculty who showed their OU SpiritCard. Meijer was also the location of the OU community kick-off rally in support of Oakland's athletics. Performances included the Pep Band, Images dance team and the cheer team.

SORORITY FALLFEST

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with The Daily Oakland Press, Granholm indicated that she was not happy to hear that any state institution may have found a loophole. "They're going to have to rebate it (the fee increases) or they don't get the deal," she said, according to the Press. "That wasn't the spirit of the agreement and we don't want them going around it." According to Bird, the state is looking into what parameters are being followed and "the issue is still being worked on in Lansing."

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Construction is scheduled to start in 2006. Another project recently announced in a long term transportation plan for southeast Michigan is the widening of I-75 to four lanes each way for an 18-mile stretch, from 8 Mile Road to M-59. The project would not likely start until 2008.

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Both of the teams had seven shots on goal, but UCLA did out shoot OU 17-10. Both goalkeepers also had five saves. "I was quite pleased with our game against UCLA on Friday," Parsons said. "UCLA is ranked third in the country and was our toughest competition this season." The Golden Grizzlies have a great deal of depth on the team this year and the new freshman

Students cooled down with free snow cones on Wednesday night. OU sororities offered concoctions of ice and flavored syrup to show students how "sweet" Greek life at OU really can be.

THETA TAU & INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) WELCOME PICNIC AND ALPHA DELTA PI "KING OF THE (CHICKEN) WING" EATING CONTEST

How many chicken wings can you eat? Winners ate around 30 wings and took home prizes. The picnic was full of music and fun, not to mention free food. Who could pass up free food? Not college students.

MEET & GREET OU AUTHORS

Kresge Library was the spot to be Thursday afternoon for students to meet and talk with OU

authors. The library offered free coffee and treats for students who wanted to meet an author who might also be a professor of one of their classes.

MEET THE COACHES AND ATHLETES FUNFEST

Thursday night in the Hamlin Courtyard was the place to be to meet OU's Golden Grizzlies. Student athletes and representatives from the Athletic Department were on hand to answer questions about upcoming seasons, how to join a team and to chat with students.

OC PATIO CONCERT MOTOWN MANIA

Students walking nearby the OC probably heard some music on Friday afternoon. The band "From Within" was playing Motown music on the patio of the OC. Students got the chance to enjoy some great music and a

sneak preview of the rec fest on their way to classes.

STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD (SPB) MOVIE TRIVIA CONTEST & OUTDOOR MOVIE: THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW

Friday night, students got a chance to test their movie trivia and watch a movie under the stars, all for free. "The Day After Tomorrow" was playing on the north wall of O'Dowd Hall and the SPB held a movie trivia contest.

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS (ABS) ICE-BREAKER DANCE

OU students got the chance to dance the night away right on campus. The ABS put on a dance in the Banquet Rooms of the OC giving students a chance to meet, mingle and get their groove on.

Engineering and Computer Science, School of Health Science and School of Nursing are charged a fee of \$13 per credit hour. A complete list of course fees can be found on the OU website.

Montgomery said that OU is abiding by the governor's criteria and wants the state on its side.

"The State of Michigan is currently looking into the tuition and fee structures of all 15 universities and is working on a way to balance everything," Bird said.

ly taking on 12 credits as a full time undergrad student at OU would cost \$1,923 in tuition alone. An additional \$243 is then added for general service fees, student activity fees and the recreational center fees, bringing the grand total to \$2,166.

"Separate from those fees are course fees," Montgomery said, "and historically, every year they go up, this year by two dollars."

For example, all courses in the School of Business Administration, School of

Manager Tom Barwin said. "We have plenty of other roads that need to be fixed first."

Barwin and other opponents believe a light rail system implemented on Woodward Avenue would be a good solution. However, they differ on what kind of light rail to use. Suggestions include trolleys, streetcars or even a subway sys-

tem.

The system would cover Woodward Avenue from downtown Detroit to downtown Pontiac. The plans are just on paper right now, but Barwin says he'd like to see completion of the light rail system within the next decade.

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demolished and laced through several counties.

Floridians have begun the clean-up process. However, most are reluctant to remove shutters and plywood from windows because Hurricane Ivan - a Category 3 cyclone with winds of 105 mph - was centered 210 miles southeast of Barbados Monday evening in the Atlantic Ocean.

The state continues to recover from Hurricane Charley that

devastated several counties less than a month ago. Charley caused about \$7.4 billion in insured damage and killed 27 people in its path as it swept across Florida from Punta Gorda to Daytona Beach.

Adam Neal graduated from OU in December 2003 and now works for the Press Journal in Florida.

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CSA SERVICE WINDOW

RESERVATIONS FOR:

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- Michigan Renaissance Festival (Through Sept. 28)
- Camelot (Sept. 12)
- The Music of Hollywood (Sept. 17)
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Oct. 7 & 10)
- National Ballet of Canada (Oct. 8)
- Fosse (Oct. 19 & 24)
- Thoroughly Modern Millie (Oct. 21 & 31)

ON CAMPUS EVENTS: TICKETS AND SIGN-UPS

- Seniors Set Your Sails (Oct. 8)
- Doris Kearns Goodwin Lecture (Oct. 29)
- SPB: Trip to Washington D.C. (Oct. 20-24)
- Carville-Matalin Lecture (Sept. 29) [Distributing student tickets only.]

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Norah Jones,

'Feels Like Home' at MBMF

The artist is performing her only Detroit concert tonight

BY MICHAEL WILLIAMS
THE OAKLAND POST

Sultry jazz vocalist Norah Jones and The Handsome Band will be performing tonight at the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

The concert, originally set to take place at DTE Energy Music Theatre, was moved to Meadow Brook Music Festival on the artist's request.

"That's where she performed last year, and apparently, she loves it," said Jeff Corey, director of public relations at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Jones is currently on a nationwide tour that kicked off on Aug. 12 and will last until mid-November.

The tour is celebrating the release of Jones' new CD titled "Feels Like Home."

The album hit stores on Feb. 10 and rapidly topped the charts at number one, according to BBC News.

Nielsen SoundScan listed first week sales at 1,022,149 making "Feels Like Home" the first album in nearly three years to sell more than one million copies in its first week.

According to CNN Entertainment, no album has posted more than one million in sales since N' Sync sold 1.9 million copies of "Celebrity" in the summer of 2001.

"Feels Like Home" is Jones' sophomore follow-up to her ground-breaking debut "Come Away With Me," released in 2003.

This year's album is a mix of jazz, country, and pop.

The New York born Blue Notes Records recording artist is best known for her memorable night at the Grammy Awards last year, where, according to FOXNews, she beat Bruce

Springsteen and Eminem for album of the year with "Come Away With Me."

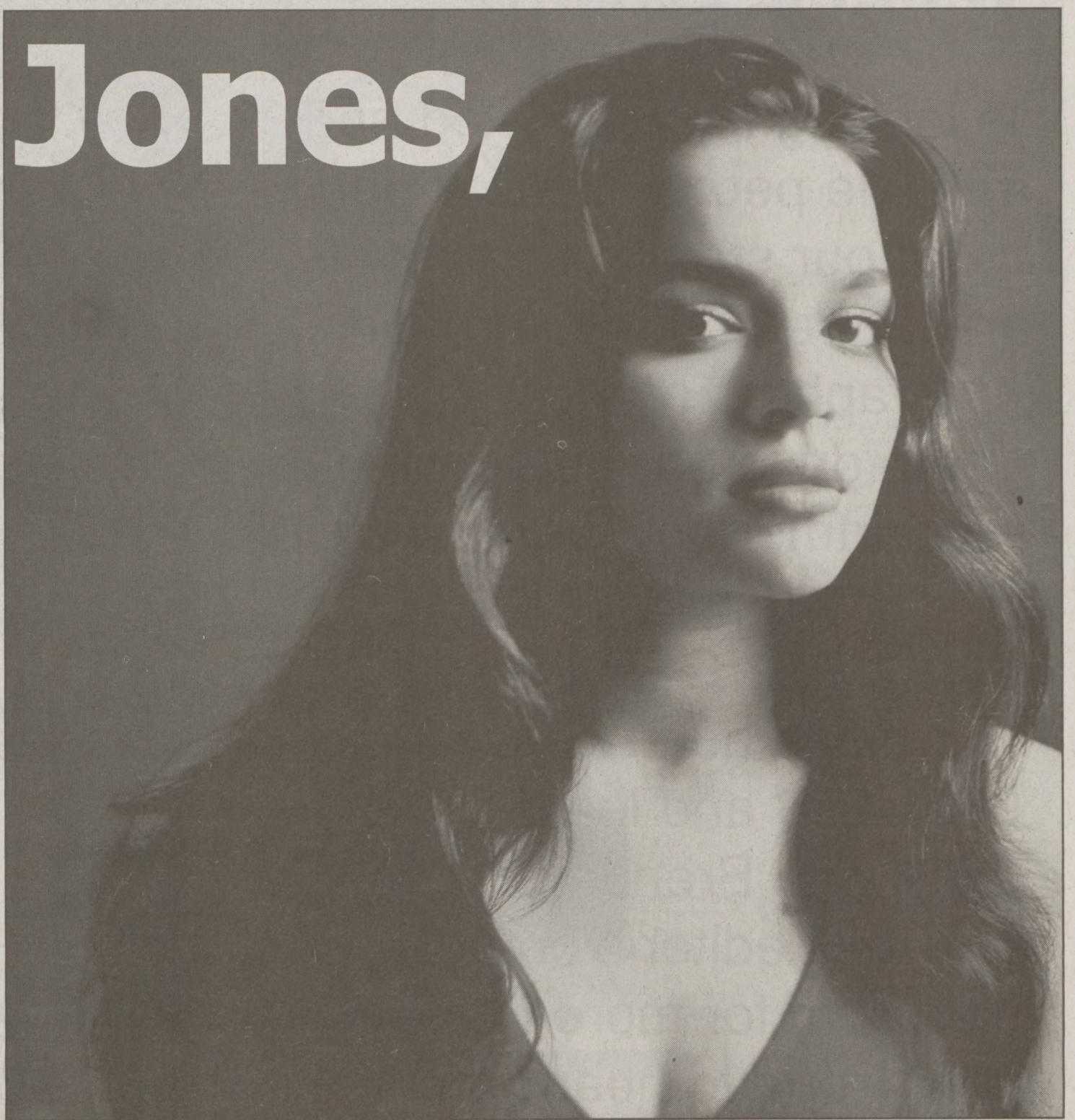
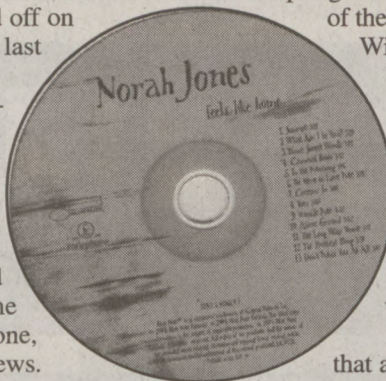
Jones walked away that night with eight awards in all, including song of the year for "Don't Know Why," best new artist, best pop vocal album and best female pop vocal performance.

Also, her producer for that album, Arif Mardin, won producer of the year.

Jones' eight awards tied her with Lauryn Hill and Alicia Keys for most wins by a female artist in a single night.

After the Grammy Awards, the album went on to sell 18 million copies worldwide.

The show will start at 7:30 p.m. today. To check on ticket availability, call the box office at (248) 377-0100.



Photos courtesy of Meadow Brook Music Festival
Award-winning Norah Jones will perform at the Meadow Brook Music Festival tonight.

Upcoming concert dates

Sept. 10

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Milwaukee, WI

Sept. 11

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St. Paul, MN

Sept. 12

Chicago Theatre
Chicago, IL



Opinion

Genius could shine

BY HOWARD COHEN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
(KRT)

RAY CHARLES
"Genius Loves Company"
(Concord)

3 1/2 stars

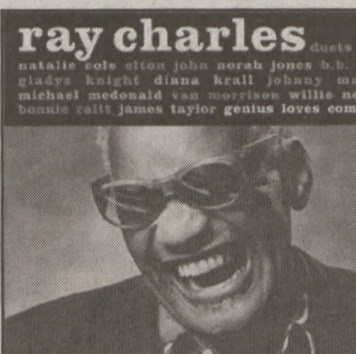
Ray Charles left too soon. Way too soon. His final CD, finished just before he died, automatically becomes one of the season's most anticipated recordings and could easily rank as Charles' best-selling album.

"Genius Loves Company" is only the beginning. Coming next: Ray, the upcoming Universal biopic starring Jamie Foxx as Charles. It's Foxx's bid for Oscar gold.

And this CD seems a lock to net Charles Grammy gold. "Genius Loves Company" is a beautifully orchestrated disc featuring the singer-pianist paired with Diana Krall, Bonnie Raitt, Van Morrison, Michael McDonald and others. Brother Ray is in strong voice and, at 73, remarkably, sounds as he always had: gritty, expressive, spirited.

Compare this duets project with Frank Sinatra's two duets albums of 1993-'94, also his final recorded work, and the difference is striking. Sinatra's "Duets," both volumes, were artificial and his voice sounded awful. Sinatra tarnished his legacy; Charles buffed his brighter.

Not that everything here is masterful. James Taylor sounds self-conscious singing his jovial "Sweet Potato Pie." Willie Nelson hits



more bum notes than usual on an otherwise gorgeous "It Was a Very Good Year" and "Heaven Help Us All," a gospel number with a testifying Gladys Knight, is a bit much.

But the highs are plentiful. Elton John's "Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word" has never sounded this soulful. Natalie Cole plays off her partner well on a frisky "Fever" and young Norah Jones proves she's mature enough to swap lines with Charles on the opening "Here We Go Again."

Charles leaves one more example in the essence of soul singing by merging pop, gospel and jazz. Thankfully, his final project stands proud with some of his finest.



TIFT MERRITT
"Tambourine"
(Lost Highway)
3 stars

Tift Merritt won over plenty of critics, including this one, with her 2002 debut "Bramble Rose." But the country-roots CD sold poorly, so on the livelier "Tambourine," Merritt eyes Southern soul with a few detours into California pop/rock territory.

The departure is welcome. Merritt, like a brawnier and brighter Sheryl Crow, sounds like she spent a week absorbing old Dusty Springfield and Bonnie LPs (Raitt and Bramlett) and borrowed the best elements from them "without" blatant copying.

Need an example? Cue up "Good Hearted Man." You'll be next in line to give Merritt whatever she wants.

STEVE EARLE

"The Revolution Starts ... Now" (E-Squared/Artemis)
2.5 stars

The turbulent '60s gave way to plenty of political protest albums - President Nixon was always good for a barbed commentary or two.

Country-rock songwriter Steve Earle takes cues from the Vietnam era to lambaste the current presidential administration in his often hostile new CD, "The Revolution Starts ... Now." Earle hustled to get his disc finished in time for the election, but don't expect to hear anything from it at the Republican National Convention.

Earle is simply exercising his American right to protest. But he often puts more emphasis on his message than the music. Nothing is remotely as memorable as the best of Buffalo Springfield, Jefferson Airplane or even Country Joe and the Fish and he comes across as flip at times. Take his mash note to National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice: "People say you're cold, but I think you're hot."

Whatever. Earle's no less belligerent on "F the CC," his blistering foul-mouthed attack on the FCC, but we have to admit the rip-snorting track is a blast akin to something from the Sex Pistols catalog. "I used to listen to the radio/And I don't guess they're listening to me no more."

Probably not.



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'Without a Paddle' is still afloat

BY ANDREA WELT
THE OAKLAND POST

Friendship. Growing up. Moving on. This was not the impression I got from the preview. You get the feeling that "Without a Paddle" may be a tad sappier than advertisements had led you to believe. But don't be fooled, it only lasts a few minutes.

At age 30, Jerry (Matthew Lillard of "Scooby Doo"), Tom (Dax Shepard of "Punk'd") and Dan (Seth Green of the "Austin Powers" movies) are reunited for a funeral for one of their best friends.

The three buddies spend that evening drunk, reminiscing about their childhood. But liquor and talented editing skills wouldn't have helped this part of the movie. I could have survived without this moment of male bonding. Between whining and crying, they discover a pact they made as children to find the treasure of a bank robber along with the map to find it. And this is where their journey starts.

Jerry, Tom and Dan go through dangerous adventures in the Oregon wilderness, surviving bears and waterfalls, left with only a compass to find their lost treasure. The trio spends most of its trip looking for

a phone and being chased by a couple of marijuana farmers.

The movie does lack the estrogen that most of the recent slapstick comedies have in them, but it's not all fart jokes and gun toting. There is a brief stint with two ladies of the forest: Flower and Butterfly. The writers push it over the top and make them all natural and unshaved. It was a bit prehistoric for me, but it made the guy's situation all the funnier.

The funniest part of the movie happens when the guys are in a three-man embrace to keep warm, all while R. Kelly's "Bump N' Grind" is playing in the background.



Top: Lillard, Shepard and Green ride their canoe in the Oregon wilderness.

Left: The three friends will try to find a treasure lost since childhood.

Photo courtesy of Paramount Picture

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While each of them say, "this never leaves the cave."

The film has its moments, where deep thoughts and a moral is inappropriately thrown in, but if you can look beyond that and enjoy the slapstick and grotesque humor, it's something that could be worth the \$8.00. All in all, "Without a Paddle" is definitely not without comedy.

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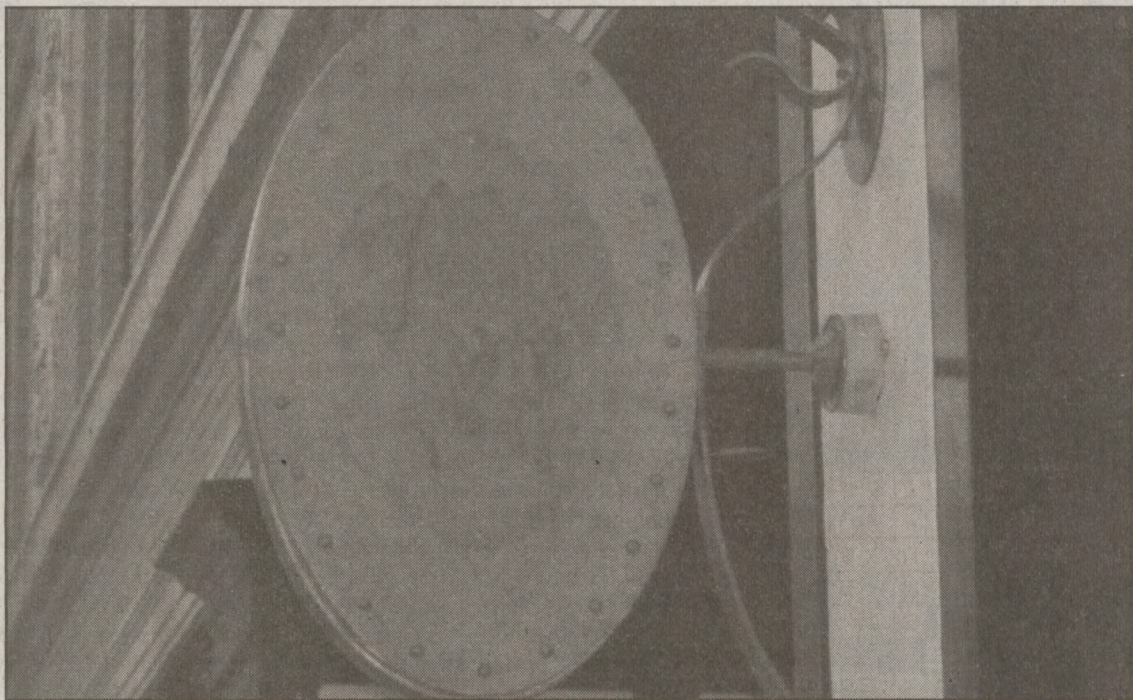
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Virginie Perov/The Oakland Post
Forte's sign is visible in downtown Birmingham.

Forte's forte is superb service

BY ANDREA MCNINCH
THE OAKLAND POST

Attention culinary aficionados, we have finally done it! Forte, an elegant restaurant with obvious Birmingham finesse, has delivered the Metro Detroit area with a much anticipated culinary guru: Executive Chef Tim Voss.

Don't let the idea of dining in the 'B' scare you. Ok, so the prices reflect the location—and on a college budget spending \$30 on a steak is impossible or deemed as crazy, but the service was so outstanding that even if the food was second rate, I would return for the four-star treatment alone.

We were awestruck when my dining cohort's ice in his tea began to melt, unbeknownst to us, and a glass of ice with a spoon was quickly delivered to him, reclaiming the very concept of iced tea—the dining necessity we take for granted.

The design of the restaurant is unique for such high-end cuisine and sophisticated service. The kitchen is open and the décor is minimal, adding muster to the feel of the kitchen's daring openness.

Forte's wine cellar is located behind funky frosted glass dividing the dining area into separate rooms that can be viewed by curious diners on either side.

And Thursday nights this posh restaurant is transformed into a night club where you can dance the night away to your favorite top 40 hits.

As for the food, I ordered the

promotional menu (July-September), designed by Voss and targeted toward Ryder Cup patrons.

This four course meal reflects the chef's innovative techniques of incorporating regional American cuisine with his contemporary culinary talents.

The menu cleverly reads "Forte welcomes The Ryder Cup to Birmingham, enjoy four courses, play one!"

It consisted of a mushroom and goat cheese roulade (roo-LAHD, French term for a filling rolled in a thin wrapper) with a sweet pea jus (ZHOO, French word for juice).

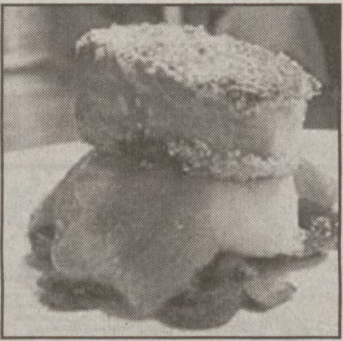


Photo courtesy of forterestaurant
Forte offers a true upscale dining experience.

The next course was sautéed whitefish atop roasted summer vegetables.

It was followed by sliced beef tenderloin plated with Stilton cheese (English blue cheese with cheddar like mildness) and huckleberry (wild, blue-black berry) sauce.

Finally, the dessert was served: a brioche (BREE-ohsh, is a classical French yeast bread, rich with butter and eggs) with freshly poached figs, whipped cream and a delicate dessert sauce.

Each course provided perfect flavor combinations that left your senses in disbelief and in total food ecstasy.

The roulade was crisped faultlessly and the sweet pea sauce was exactly what it needed to take a simple dish and make it fabulous.

The whitefish was prepared so wonderfully that it fell apart with the slightest touch of the fork.

The roasted vegetables were just a little too soft and had just a little too much olive oil coating them, but the fish was magnificent.

The tenderloin was cooked absolutely flawlessly, sliced masterfully on the bias, and if you haven't tried huckleberries, I suggest you do so here.

As the staff carried plates past my watchful eyes, all I saw was perfectly aligned grill marks; food served piping hot and beautiful plate presentations.

Forte offers a variety of salads, entrées, daily soups, sides and desserts that will leave you speechless. They are especially known for their short ribs, seared yellowfin tuna and extensive wine list.

The menu also has many mouth watering appetizers ranging from wonton shrimp in a gingered tomato sauce to gourmet style pizzas.

Food is definitely their forte.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Sept. 8

The CSA will host a Volunteer Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

The Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity will be hosting "Apprentice Game #1" from 12-1 p.m. in Lake Superior Room A of the OC. This event is open to all students.

The Office of New Student Programs will be hosting a First-Year Transition Workshop from 12-1 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC. The activity will be an OU "Grizzly Hunt."

Norah Jones and special guest, Amos Lee, will perform at 8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Thursday, Sept. 9

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Kick-off Celebration will be held from 12-1 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the Recreation Center.

"Yellow Boat" will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theater. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. Proceeds benefit Techies N' Actors and the Children's Division of the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan.

Friday, Sept. 10

The OU Alumni Association will host the Art and Apples Festival through Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Rochester Municipal Park.

The CSA will host a September 11th Remembrance Program at 8:46 a.m. in front of Kresge Library. The Remembrance will begin with a performance by the Selfridge Air Force Base Honor Guard.

The Sigma Pi fraternity will host their 10th Anniversary Pig Roast from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. between Kresge Library, South Foundation Hall, and the OC.

The Student Program Board will feature comedian Darrell Hammond at 7 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.

The CSA and the SPB will host Karaoke & Mocktails from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Expansion Food Court of the OC.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Clarinetist, William King and pianist, Sylvia Wang will perform at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. There is no admission charge.

Monday, Sept. 13

The OU Student Congress and Student Program Board open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Rooms 62 and 64 of the OC.

The Opening Ceremony of the Hispanic Celebration 2004 will be held from 12-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

15th 'Real World' to take place in Philly

BY CARY DARLING
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

It's like a visit from old friends. When the 15th edition of MTV's "The Real World," the show where "seven strangers stop being polite and start getting real," hits the screen at 10 p.m. EDT Tuesday, they'll all be there. The bumpkin. The party girl. The jock. The gay one. The black guy. The hook-ups. The breakups. The confessionals. The teary phone calls home.

All of the reality-TV comfort food that has made "The Real World" a staple in a television world where shows disappear faster than doughnuts at Homer Simpson's house.

But if "The Real World," this season dropping anchor in Philadelphia, is now reality cliché, setting the IKEA-furnished stage for such corny and contrived followers as "Big Brother," "Amish in the City" and "The Player," it wasn't always that way.

When the first "The Real World" landed on the air 12 years ago, it wasn't just novel, but newsworthy, a colorful snapshot of young urban '90s life that existed nowhere else on TV.

For those who showed up late to the reality-TV party, "The Real World" sparked the reality revolution by putting

seven young adults from various backgrounds in a house for a few weeks and letting the cameras roll. Not since PBS' groundbreaking '70s docu-series "An American Family," which chronicled the breakup of a marriage and breakdown of a family in wrenching detail, had there been anything quite like it on weekly television.

That initial New York season proved to be an addictive alternative to just about any fiction the networks could crank out.

The season's strained, and sometimes hostile, racial dynamic, particularly among white and just-up-from 'Bama Julie, African-American New Yorker Kevin and white New Yorker Eric, reflected the tension of the times, a world of Rodney King, Reginald Denn, and swaying LA palm trees set ablaze in explosions of urban anger.

But it wasn't just about conflict. From Norman throwing himself into Jerry Brown's presidential campaign and dealing with his boyfriend to Andre giggling with his rock band, these roommates had a range of interests beyond partying and playing around. Who needed "Full House" when you had the "Real World" house?

Unlike the fame-hounds now dogging "The Real World," who breeze in

expecting sexcapades and sitcom deals, there was a tentativeness about those first roomies that's now a remnant from another era, like whitewall tires and eight-track tapes.

Rivaling season one in effectiveness was season three in San Francisco, in which AIDS patient Pedro, who passed away not long after his shows aired, put a human face on the disease for a young audience.

But if those initial "Real World" years were like gusts of fresh air, they signaled an ill wind coming.

Devolving into stereotypes and setting the tone for other reality shows, subsequent seasons upped the sex to frat-house party extremes, encouraged a general boorishness, too often portrayed the male African-American roomies as either militants or players, and, whereas Norman's sexuality was dealt with more or less matter-of-factly, practically turned guessing who is "the gay one" into a parlor game.

Check out the promo for "The Real World Philadelphia" on www.mtv.com. There's Sarah, this season's sassy girl, in a seductive pose against a shirtless MJ, this year's rube, a college football star from Tennessee.

Across them in bold letters are the words "Hookup Headquarters: Check



Photo courtesy of mtv.com
Philly will serve as the setting for the cast of the 15th "Real World" season.

out the new 'Real World' cast & tour the Philly love shack."

Then tune into the kickoff Tuesday night and the predictability is in full effect: Sarah rips off her bra from underneath her shirt; while all are in the hot tub, Shavonda queries, "Hookups in the house. Possibility or not a possibility?"; and MJ is preoccupied with finding out who's gay. There is a twist, but, depending on how it plays out, it could just end up feeding into the pre-existing stereotypes.

Freed from the very real-world concern of having to find a job, this cast, as with all recent seasons, will likely just sleep late, blow off work, get paid anyway and have more hook-ups than Mustang Ranch.

It's dispiriting to see such a pioneering program settle for formula and become just more routine reality. If the producers wanted, they could send shock waves through "The Real World" without throwing it off its axis.

Here are some ways:

- Recruit roomies with life goals that don't revolve around reality TV.
- Ditch the jobs. They don't want to do 'em, we don't want to watch 'em do 'em and seven untelevised people who need the work could do 'em properly.
- Though there's a patina of cast

diversity, producers should really go out on a limb and have either a physically or mentally challenged person, or an overweight person, one season. Or maybe a mostly nonwhite cast, where the whites would feel the pressure of being the minority.

- Traipsing to such foreign locations as London and Paris hasn't so far altered "The Real World's" spin, but maybe forcing the cast to deal with cultures radically different from their own, maybe in parts of South Africa or China, might produce different results.

But, make no mistake, neither MTV nor its audience shows any desire for change. Several years ago "The Real World" birthed a spinoff, "Road Rules," that put "The Real World" concept on wheels. And "The Real World" now appears twice yearly, not including all those "Real World vs. Road Rules" challenges and reunions.

Last season's "The Real World San Diego" was the highest-rated basic-cable series among 12- to 34-year-olds, and was the highest-rated "Real World" ever, according to MTV.

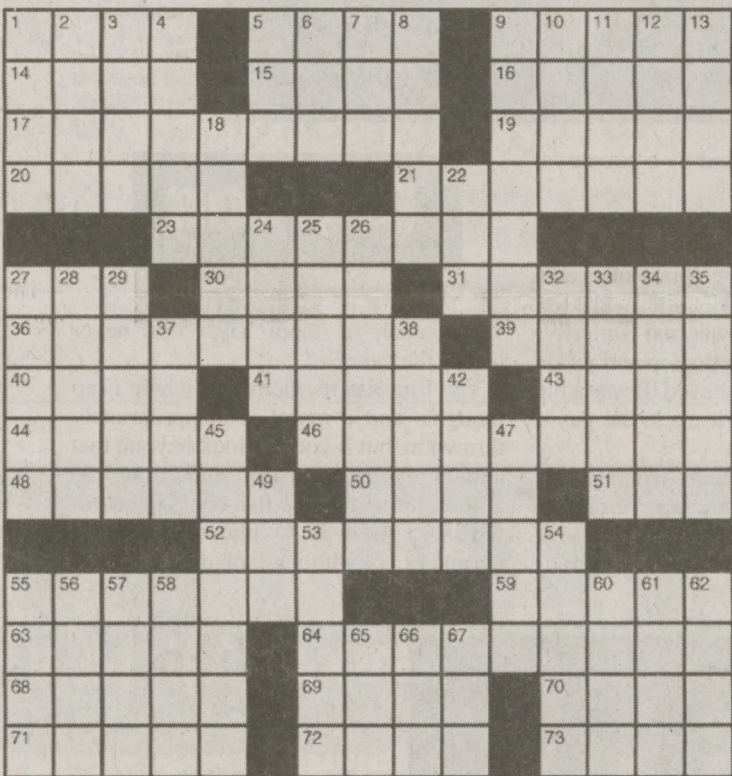
For TV execs, that's the real world that matters. Let the tantrums and titillation begin.

For more information on "The Real World," log on to www.mtv.com.

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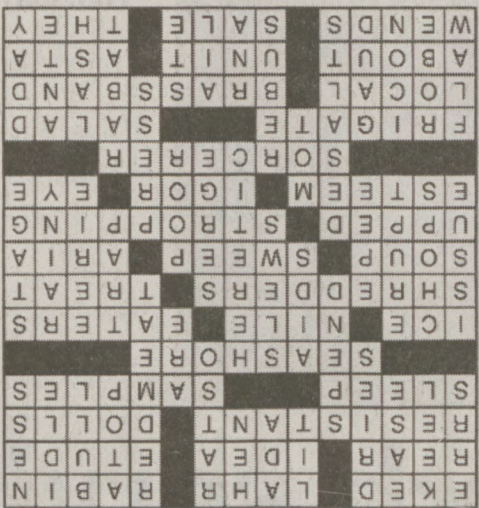
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Who is who in Philly

BY CARY DARLING
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

You can't tell the roommates apart without a score card. Here's the lowdown on who will be creating the high jinks in the City of Brotherly Love.

- **Willie:** Out and proud, this Puerto Rican New Yorker left home at the age of 15 because his parents disapproved of his being gay.
- **Shavonda:** Struggling to support herself while going to junior college, she's got more on her mind than the next party. As an African-American, she might run into conflicts with some of her roommates because

of her preference for dating white guys.

- **Karamo:** He's the only African-American guy in the group. Serious in demeanor and attitude, the former Florida A&M University student works for the Brotherhood Crusade in Los Angeles, writing grant proposals.
- **Sarah:** Recently graduated from Emory University, she is all about the hookup, making it clear from the start that she is going to be bringing on the drama early and often this season.
- **MJ:** Nearly every Real World has its rube: the innocent

who learns about diversity and life in the big, bad city. Meet MJ, a former star football player at Nashville's Vanderbilt University.

- **Melanie:** This University of California, Santa Cruz, student claims to be a party girl, but she's probably going to be out-partied by Sarah.

- **Landon:** A sports freak who could be one of those guys in Men's Health, he was a champion tennis player and wrestler in high school and was on the water-skiing and wakeboarding teams at the University of Wisconsin. He doesn't want to be perceived as "the dumb jock."

HOROSCOPE

BY LINDA C. BLACK
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Today's Birthday (Sept. 8). With friends and a solid structure, you accomplish wonderful things this year. You set the agenda and help everybody stick to it. You're great at that, and the job looks good on you.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Strict rules must be followed, or you'll end up with a much bigger mess. Move decisively, not impulsively. Measure three times, and cut once.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You're entering a phase when it's easier than ever for you to learn new skills. So get the instructions, and set yourself up to launch into a new project. You can do it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — The money's coming in, but don't waste a cent. The only way you'll make a profit is by cutting costs. And that includes not buying treats for yourself that you don't really need.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You hold yourself to high standards, which you make look easy. Actually, it takes a lot of practice and attention to detail. Good job.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Payback can be kind of grim, but this time it's more likely to lead to a profit. Give back what you owe, and you'll increase the esteem with which others regard you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — It looks like you won the argument, or at least made a good impression on the people who matter the most to you. Relax, and bask in the glory.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — A person in authority is not in complete agreement with new plans that you're postulating. Finish up an old project first.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Can you steal some time from your busy day to travel and visit with friends? Conditions are good for both endeavors. It's your excuse to contact old clients.

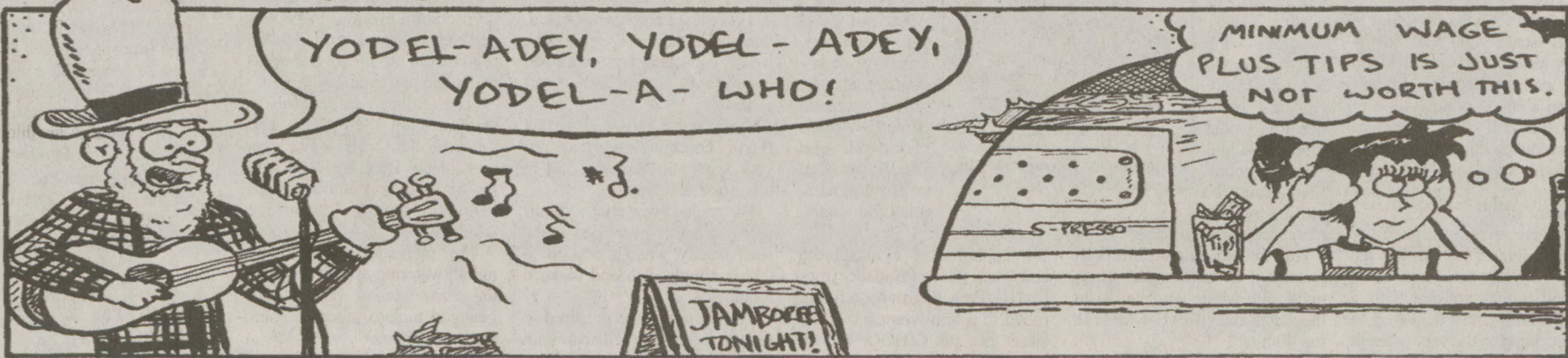
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 4 — Continue to stick to your budget even if you think more is coming in. The abundance you've been promised, or simply believe in, may take quite a while. Your ship may be coming in, but it's still outside the reef.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You can get further with a partner than you can on your own. Choose somebody who shares your goals and who will help you stay on track.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — You do the work to make the money, to stash it into savings. At least that's the goal after you get all the bills paid off. This will work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — If you're wondering whether you've found the right partner, ask yourself whether you can work together or not. That's a good place to start. Sometimes practice is required.

BREW-HA HA by Andy Moore



OU splits two at Classic

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Marquette was unable to find a way to stop junior forward Kristi Swaving, as OU rolled over Marquette 3-1 to get its first win of the season.

Swaving was everywhere from the beginning of the game. Thirteen minutes in, Swaving hit a shot from 20 yards out for her first goal of the season.

It didn't take long for Swaving to record her second goal of the season. Fourteen minutes after her first goal, Swaving struck again, sending senior defenseman Katie Arnett's corner kick into the back of the net to put OU up 2-0.

At the 46 minute mark, Swaving fired a shot off Marquette's senior goalie Katie Bissen's hands and sophomore forward Marianne Samdal was there to knock it into the back of the net, putting OU up 3-0.

Junior mid-fielder Heather Goranson attempted to get Marquette back into the game. Goranson hit sophomore forward Meghan Connelly with a pass that Connelly headed past OU freshman goalie Jessica Howard to make it a two goal game.

That was all the offense Marquette could manage against the Golden Grizzlies stingy defense as OU held on to win 3-1.

"We didn't start playing with any urgency until we were down 3-0," Marquette head coach Markus Roeders said.

Howard picked up her first win of the season, finishing with 12 saves and allowing one goal. Swaving led OU offensively with five shots including four



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior midfielder, Silje Peltopera, looks for an open Grizzly to pass to.

shots on goal.

Samdal finished with three shots to go with her goal.

In OU's first game of the Holiday Inn Select Classic, OU lost to Illinois State

University 2-1.

OU struck first when freshman forward Courtney McCracken found junior mid-fielder Silje Peltopera, who connected from 15 yards out. The Grizzlies went into halftime up 1-0.

The second half was all ISU. Midway into the second half ISU senior mid-fielder bounced a shot off Howard's hands and right to sophomore forward Jaclyn Ruckinsky, who knocked it in to

tie the game 1-1.

Two minutes later, Redbird junior Heather Forsyth headed a sophomore forward Meghan Boler pass into the net to put ISU up for good 2-1.

Swaving led OU with two shots on goal. Howard managed 11 saves and allowed two goals.

The Grizzlies will look to begin a winning streak when they head to Ann Arbor for the Michigan Classic.

Oakland 3

Marquette 1

ESPN-25: Best and Worst

BY MATT MARRONE

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (KRT)

NEW YORK-ESPN is celebrating its silver anniversary with all sorts of "best of" lists, marking the most memorable moments in sports since the cable giant first hit the airwaves on September 7, 1979. We thought we'd do our own version, honoring not the best and worst in sports, but the best and worst of ESPN itself.

SportsCenter anchor career move

Best: Craig Kilborn left SportsCenter to host fledgling Comedy Central program "The Daily Show," now an institution for quirky news commentary and the centerpiece of the network. On the other hand, he soon left "The Daily Show" for his own late-night talk show - not only proving that Jon Stewart could do cable comedy better, but that everyone else could do major network comedy better, too.

Worst: Keith Olbermann left SC to host "The Big Show," a news magazine program on MSNBC. It didn't last. Sick of covering Monica Lewinsky, Olbermann said he "missed sports too much" and left the channel for Fox after about a year. It couldn't have been that bad though: he's now back at MSNBC again, this time on "Countdown with Keith Olbermann."

Catch Phrase

Best: "Boo-yah!" - Stuart Scott. Annoying, maybe. Iconic, definitely.

Worst: "El fuego!" - Dan Patrick. Patrick was saying "the fire!" until a Spanish teacher wrote in to ESPN that "on fire!" was actually "en fuego!" (Honorable mention: "Sweet sassy molassy!" - Comedian Ray Romano, parodying SportsCenter in classic Saturday Night Live sketch.)

Chris Berman baseball nickname

Best: Can't pick just one. From a long list: Roberto "Remember The" Alomar, Joaquin "The Dog" Andujar, Bert "Be Home" Blyleven, Tony "Prehistoric" Fossas, Bobby "Seven Year" Grich, Rick "Innocent" Lysander, Al Osuna "Or Later" and Jamie "Men At" Quirk.

Worst: Jim "Home Thweet" Thome. At the same time, Jim Thome "Can You Hear Me?" was a bit better.

Classic '70s-holdover mustache

Best: Chris Berman. Bushy...yet understated? Well, it could have been worse.

Worst: Keith Olbermann. Real glasses and 'stache - or novelty mask?

Shining moment

Best: November 8, 1987. Jeff Rutledge, filling in for an injured Phil Simms, leads the Giants over the Patriots 17-10. The big deal? It was the first regular-season NFL game ever broadcast on cable - and ESPN did the honors.

Worst: Ten years later, Baseball Tonight host Gary Miller is arrested in Cleveland during the 1997 World Series after urinating out the second-story window of a night club - on two off-duty police officers.

SportsCenter commercial

Best: "Once we finish a show," says Bob Ley, "we do it all over again - for the overseas markets." Features Kenny Mayne (aka Kenny Maynski) and Dan Patrick (aka Boris Patrick) re-taping show in Russian, Mexican, Bavarian and Eskimo garb.

Worst: "Anchor endorsements" spot features Keith Olbermann playing the pan flute and Charlie Steiner plugging "Marji's House of Chicken and Donuts." Actually, it's pretty funny.

Original drama

Best: Playmakers. Critics and fans alike appreciated its "behind the scenes" take on the NFL, which delved into the seamier side of the pro game.

Worst: Playmakers. The NFL did NOT appreciate its "behind the scenes" take on the NFL. Yielding to the pressure, ESPN canceled it after one season.

Alternative sport covered

Best: X-Games. Motocross racing, skateboarding, bike stunts ... none of them mainstream sports, but too popular to be ignored anymore.

Worst: Munster hurling. An Irish game ESPN aired in the very early days. Eventually cut when ESPN found something - anything - to replace it.

Contribution to sports

Best: A sense of humor. Quirky catchphrases, nicknames and commercials (above) and witty commentary on espn.com's Page 2.

Worst: Lowered attention span. SportsCenter and ESPNNews, among others, often blamed for helping popularize fast-food video highlight clips - and the antics of showboating players - over more in-depth analysis. To be fair, the quick and easy access to information ESPN provides - from multiple TV channels to radio to the Internet to wireless cell phone updates - has delighted sports fans and revolutionized the industry.

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Senior Luke Williams competing in a race last season.

Redshirts win Open

BY DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

Oakland's cross country teams kicked off the 2004 season Saturday at the Golden Grizzly Open at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills.

The Grizzlies ran against Detroit Mercy and Macomb Community College.

The men's team was paced by senior Luke Williams, who finished second overall in the four-mile run with a time of 21:10.

Fifth place finisher, sophomore Chris Fecsek, came in with a time of 22:17. Teammates sophomore Tim Copacia and freshman Tim Rowland also placed in the top twenty for Oakland with times of 23:10 and 24:09.

Redshirting for Oakland this year, Adam Frezza won the race in 20:57. Fellow redshirt John Cook ended the race fourth with a time of 22:15.

On the women's side, sopho-

more Dayna Cline was Oakland's top runner in the 5K event, finishing third overall with a time of 19:58.

Junior Amber Nagel (20:25) and sophomore Laura Fischer (20:30) finished in sixth and seventh place.

Junior Julie Austin and sophomore Stephanie Pierce ran times of 21:27 and 22:25 to place in the top twenty.

As with the men, an Oakland redshirt won the event this year. Melissa Nasers finished in 19:02.

Both the men's and women's teams were picked to finish second in the Mid-Con this year, but it's nothing new to the team.

"We're used to the expectations with the success of the program the last few years," head coach Paul Rice said. "It doesn't effect the teams."

Cross country will begin team events Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Detroit Tommy Titan Invitational.

Coming up:
Men's and women's golf
begin their seasons.
Cross Country begins
team competition.



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Pageantry. Atmosphere. Tradition.

As summer brings 50 degree nights and autumn is ready to take the seasonal baton, those three words create an excitement in me that only a third grader on recess can relate to.

Saturday's become my recess. Everything that took place the past week, month, even year, can all be forgotten for three hours when schools around the country try to pull out a victory.

It's the start of the college football season.

Could I get this excited about the National Football League? How?

I'll give you atmosphere, but the NFL represents nothing of pageantry or tradition.

College football is rooted in tradition.

The University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin have played each other every year since 1907. They first competed for the "Slab of Bacon," a piece of wood that would go to the winner symbolizing the team brought home the bacon.

After the "Slab" was lost to history, the two teams have since played for Paul Bunyan's Axe.

Stories like this are abundant in college football.

Michigan plays Minnesota annually for the Little Brown Jug.

In 1903, the Wolverines thought the Gophers were going to pollute their drinking water in Minneapolis. A paranoid Michigan coach had his team manager go buy a water jug for his players that the home team couldn't get their hands on.

The football game itself was cut short due to a snow storm and Minnesota somehow retrieved the jug.

The incident and the game caused Michigan and Minnesota to sever athletic ties. When the schools renewed their rivalry in 1909, Minnesota claimed, "We have your Little Brown Jug, come up and win it."

The NFL's structure doesn't lend itself to this type of history.

Owners pick up their franchises and move them at will (see Art Modell). The salary cap has created a business void of any loyalty. With the new "win now" era in sports, coaches are hired and fired more frequently than FCC investigations.

Even with the structure of the NFL its biggest flaws are lack of heart and the players' "me" attitude.

Keyshawn Johnson, Terrell Owens, Joe Horn and now the redheaded stepchild of college football, Kellen Winslow Jr. These players turn the game into nothing more than a soap opera.

Football at the college level provides a consistent spectacle the NFL can't match. Doting the "T" at Ohio State, the Rose Bowl, the largest cocktail party in the world (Florida/Georgia), the list is endless.

Even the Bowl Championship Series, the controversial method of determining the national champion, has done its job perfectly.

School presidents and the NCAA want to generate revenue. The BCS has only brought more people into college football by creating a forum where journalists, alumni and fans can argue over who is the true champion.

The system may upset some fans, but they don't realize that the debate helps drive interest and push tradition.

No sport will ever completely please its most die hard fans. If I had my way there would be a college football playoff.

Regardless, the sport is still head and shoulders above where the NFL is.

Besides, do I miss anything by not watching on Sundays? With the presidential election going on I get my fill of overpaid criminals who abuse their positions in life.

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