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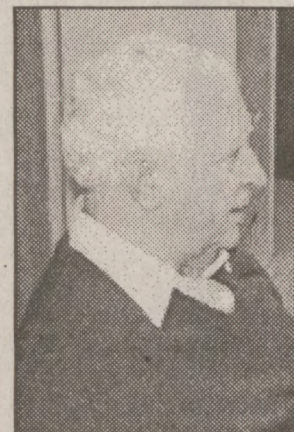
"I think the whole election process is really corrupted. I think that Bush will become president and that Gore is a cry-baby. And I believe that people just need to get over it. I just think he's a sore loser and he should just fess up to losing. I think Bush would do an awesome job for the country."

Rachel Anderegg, freshman, pre-physical therapy



"I haven't closely followed the newspapers like I might. But what I have closely followed is CNN. I thought CNN did a great job of keeping us up to date. The level of instant education that's happened... I think people have learned a lot. I think they've given us a better framework to understand what's going on."

Shea Howell, Professor of communication



"The problem the Republicans have with the districts that are being counted now, is they're Democratic districts. They then want to initiate some Republican districts. This could go on endlessly. It seems the outcome that the American people could be most comfortable with would be one where all of the state of Florida is counted by hand."

Bernard Brock, Professor of Communication and Journalism

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'Survivor' gives TV, OU reality check

Show's star says fame hasn't changed her

By Lisa Cali
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Jenna facts

- Name: Jenna Lewis
- Age: 23
- Born in Maine, but moved at age 12
- At 12-years-old she moved to New Hampshire
- Mother of two twin girls, age 4
- Jenna said she is most afraid of sharks when asked what she thinks the scariest animal is
- What did she enjoy eating the most while on the show, "Survivor?" rats

When Jenna Lewis of TV's "Survivor" walks into TGI Fridays, a young girl does a double take and then turns to her friend and starts whispering very obviously. According to Lewis, this kind of thing happens all the time, but she still doesn't consider herself a celebrity.

In front of mostly full Pioneer food court, Lewis and Detroit Free Press TV critic Mike Duffy spoke at OU last night about the scoop on reality TV.

Since Lewis returned from the "Survivor" island about six months ago, she has been traveling around the country for publicity events, a reunion show and meet-and-greets, but the OU event was her first real speech.

This might sound like something a celebrity would say, but Lewis insists she's still the same girl as before she left.

"I did something fun and I was on TV for it," Lewis said. "It doesn't change my thoughts of myself. I'm the girl that still gets up in the morning and eats cereal when I'm in my slippers and bleary-eyed, and I'm the girl that still stubs her toe walking in the hallway. No, I'm not a celebrity, not at all."

Celebrities or not, the cast of Survivor made a hit show. Reality TV has been growing in popularity over the past few years, beginning with MTV's The Real World. Soon after, shows like Road Rules, Who Wants to be a Millionaire and Big Brother were reeling in viewers. Survivor became the new big deal, but Lewis never expected it to become so huge.

"I thought people might tune in and be like, 'What are these stupid Americans subjecting themselves to?'" Lewis said. "It was groundbreaking, I knew that, so that's why I was interested in it."

On the whole, Lewis agrees with reality TV because of the fact that it's more real than any scripted show. However, she said that she would never have tried out for The Real World; it was the competitive aspect of Survivor that drew her in.

"Besides the physical content, you have to vote out



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
THE REALITY OF IT ALL: Jenna Lewis, of "Survivor" fame spoke to an almost full Pioneer Court last night in the OC. She and Mike Duffy, Detroit Free Press TV critic were here to give OU the scoop on reality TV.



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STAYIN' ALIVE: "Survivor" placed complete strangers on an island where they had to face many challenges.

your peers," Lewis said. "That right there takes a complete element that The Real World and them never accomplished."

She said, however, that there are misconceptions people might have about what really happens on reality shows as opposed to what is shown on TV.

For example, most people don't realize that there was a production tent just yards from the beach that had "do not cross" tape bordering it. If a cast member crossed the lines, they would be immediately disqualified. Also, all of the cast members had to sign a \$4 million contract saying that they would not reveal the winner to anyone.

It's things like these that Lewis spoke about to OU students.

"I really want people to understand sort of what they don't see," Lewis said. "A lot of the emotional aspect is what I really want people to get."

Other than that, Lewis said that they did a "fair representation" of what really happened.

As for Survivor 2, Lewis is unsure that it will be as successful.

"I feel like since there was ten times more applicants and since they saw the fame that we got, a lot of them applied to get the post-Survivor fame, when we really had no idea what would happen to the show," she said.

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SS number key to theft

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

Identity theft hit close to home when OU student Timothy Evans was arrested this summer for allegedly using the names, dates of birth and social security numbers of two students in a scam against the MSU Credit Union. He is awaiting trial in the Oakland County Jail.

Identity theft can happen to anyone, anywhere.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice officials, criminals can easily steal one's identity by watching someone punch in a credit card number on the telephone or an ATM personal identification number. Some criminals search garbage cans for old receipts, bank statements and credit card statements.

Even the internet can give criminals access to private information.

"The ability for people to get

credit cards online and through the mail is dangerous," said OU Police Lieutenant Mel Gilroy. "The technology shift had put a twist in fraud."

With this information, criminals can literally assume one's identity by making false applications for loans and credit cards, fraudulently using telephone calling cards, and, in the case at OU, allegedly making fraudulent withdrawals from bank and checking accounts.

"Someone used my Social Security number to get credit in my name. This has caused a lot of problems. I have been turned down for jobs, credit, and refinancing offers. This is stressful and embarrassing. I want to open my own business, but it may be impossible with this unresolved problem hanging over my head," said a consumer complaint to the

FRAUD continues on A8

False alarms annoy dorms

By Ashli Bobo
THE OAKLAND POST

False fire alarms this term have rustled resident students out of bed and irritated many.

Three residence halls have had false fire alarms. Hamlin Hall has had two false fire alarms out of four alarms. Vandenberg Hall has had seven fire alarms, three were false. In Van Wagoner House, two of three fire alarms were false.

Mel Gilroy, OU chief of detectives, said, "The problem with students pulling fire alarms is that other students will begin to take the alarms casually and in the possibility of a real fire, this could present tremendous danger."

Fires in both Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey and Hiedelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, claimed three lives and injured 50 students. Surprisingly, the incident could have been lessened had students respected the fire alarms, authorities

said afterwards.

Residence Halls Council circulated a letter to all students living on campus. The letter urged students to stop setting off false alarms, because if there was a real fire, some students may take the alarm as a joke.

Brandi Barwick, sophomore, elementary education, said, "This angers and annoys me, because I have to get up in the morning and someone has nothing better to do but play. I also expect college students to be more mature."

At this point no action has been taken to decrease the number of false alarms, according to Gilroy. Residence assistants and hall directors have been instructed to observe any suspicious activity within the halls.

OUPD urges anyone who has information about who is responsible for setting false alarms, please bring it to the attention of a resident assistant, hall director, the university housing office of OUPD.

OUSC stands ground on green space

By Tracy Minnis
MANAGING EDITOR

The grass is always greener on the campus side and Student Congress wants to make sure it stays that way. On behalf of feedback from the student body, congress stood firm on its save-the-green-space resolution at its meeting at 4 p.m. Monday.

In the reading of Resolution 01-02, OUSC stated, "Let it be resolved that the OU Student Congress does not support the proposed expansion site of a Research and

Development Park, (amendment) or any further development of that land, as stated in the draft of the OU's Master Plans."

This pronouncement was made in response to the much ballyhooed master plan for future campus construction that has been the cause of heated student concern and controversy.

Student congress legislator Desmond Van Houten announced that the intention of this resolution is to specifically negate the loss of

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GREEN PARTY: Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer stands firm on the resolution to save campus green space and natural areas from being targeted for future construction. Congress created this resolution based on feedback from the student body, and it was made in response to the master plan for future campus restructuring. Tracy Minnis/The Oakland Post



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