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**INSIDE: OUR NEW SPORTS PAGE, HATE MAIL, QUOTES & MORE!!!**

## Prognosis Negative:

### The women's studies program at the University of Oklahoma

by Kyle Harper

The University of Oklahoma campus has seen the storm clouds rising over what has the potential to become a very controversial and bitter process: the elimination of the women's studies major. Within two years the program could lose its ability to grant bachelor's degrees. The program will be reviewed first by the Dean of Arts & Sciences and the University president. Ultimately the decision will hinge on a state regents' policy which requires that a major have 12.5 students enrolled in it.

Fortunately women's studies only has an estimated ten students majoring in the program. The history department has an estimated 201 students, political science 321, sociology 500, English 250, psychology 600, philosophy 75, and yet the women's studies has only ten. This should come as no surprise when a closer look is taken at the women's studies department.

The current mantra, which we are sure to hear repeated over and over, is that the women's studies program does not have enough participants because it doesn't have the funds. This is the typical, illogical, "if-you-build-it-they-will-come" approach - the usual argument used to explain the failure of social programs. But like social programs, the problems with women's studies is inherent. More people will not come, no matter how hard you try to build it.

One reason for the lack of students is that the field of potential students for this course of study is extremely narrow. A look at the course descriptions alone will likely shock many readers. And at the risk of violating the sacred laws of political correctness, it must be said that women's studies is not as benign as it sounds. It does not seem to be the home of the noble struggles for equal rights and suffrage of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Rather, it is the hiding place of the likes of Patricia Ireland, Barney Frank, and Ellen Degeneres who tear at the time-honored values of Western civilization. Before delving into some of the course descriptions, it would be unfair not to include a caveat - that some of the courses are extremely legitimate, especially in the history and literature fields. Remember, though, that these courses would remain if the women's studies major is cut.

One of the options for a student majoring in women's studies is "Rethinking Gender Roles in Counter Cinema," where students can "explore psychoanalytic film theory as the critical tool for examining gender construction ... including heterosexual, gay, and lesbian films." If that does not interest the average student, maybe a women's studies program with more advertising funding could lure students into "Sexism and Homophobia." **see Women, page 8**

## E-Week is here

by Beth Arnold

There's an air of excitement to the east of Oklahoma Memorial Union. This week, engineering students are shelling out money for mugs, banquet tickets, and T-shirts. All this is in celebration of one of OU's oldest traditions: Engineers' Week (affectionately dubbed by many as "E-Week").

Every year, it is placed near the birthday of George Washington, who is heralded as a great engineer and surveyor. Events include the Road Rallye, Blood Drive, Games Tournament, No Talent Show, Fluids Lab, Casino Night and the E-Week banquet. This year, the events will run from February 21 through the 28.

For many engineers, E-Week is just a welcome break from classes. The true engineer, however, sees E-Week - which is older than the Bedlam Rivalry with OSU - as a celebration of the profession and is very deeply rooted in

tradition.

The Engineers favorite tradition, as old as the college, is the ever popular rivalry with the lawyers. Over the years the lawyers have spiked the Engineers coffee at their annual banquet, stolen the Engineers Flag, kidnapped Old Trusty (the

Engineers' cannon which is now protected by LKOT), and even kidnapped The Engineers' Queen. The Engineers of course had to retaliate.

The revenge has taken many forms including dumping 1200-lb. of manure on the law barn steps, growing a field of clover in the shape of a s h a m r o c k , appropriation of the law deans diplomas, and releasing animals of all forms. And

best of all, notifying the graduating class of law students that they would have to restart law school due to a computer error and then giving the law dean's home

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## Back to the Folly: OU's decade of decline from football dominance

by Trey Raymer

Bear with me on this analogy. For all of you who grew up in the decade of perms and slap bracelets, the trilogy of movies referred to as *Back to the Future* still engender significant doses of nostalgia.

Let me take you back to a memorable scene in Part II where Doc attempts to explain to Marty how from one single event, all of history was irreversibly altered. "You see" he tells Marty, "at the point where the timeline skewed into this tangent...the time continuum [was] altered creating an alternate reality."

It's funny, that quote could easily be mistaken as the synopsis of the past decade of OU football. As the ten year anniversary of the hiring of former OU Head Coach Gary Gibbs approaches this year, there is perhaps no more appropriate a time to analyze the demise of our legendary football program than now. Let me take you back to that fateful day back in 1989.

The stage was set. The national spotlight was on Norman as this proud and storied football dynasty was set to announce its next head coach. At that moment, public

sentiment had turned against its legendary coach, Barry Switzer, forcing him to resign, yet the consensus was that his successor would be every bit as successful.

It was at this moment that the smooth line of history takes a wicked path towards mediocrity. You see, at this moment our proud football program faced a fork in the road. The "Hire Gary Gibbs" fork veered left. The "Hire Jim Donnan" fork headed off right. A momentous decision was about to be made. Unfortunately, the road less traveled proved less traveled for a reason as

then Athletic Director Donnie Duncan made the biggest mistake in the history of OU football and selected Gibbs.

You think I'm being too harsh? Well, let's just take a brief look back at the worst decade in OU football history, the 1990s. Just for kicks I'll also include the other two highly unsuccessful OU coaches (Howard Schnellenberger and John Blake) who help comprise the group which I'll affectionately label "The Three Stooges." And you know what, while we're at it, why not just bring

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**Correction:**

In the February 10, 1999 edition of *The Fountainhead*, the wrong name was attached to one of the Campus articles. The article titled "Temporarily Out of Order" was written by Jennifer Hunter, not Neal Conatser.

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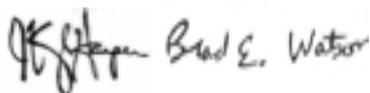
Hello University of Oklahoma! This is our third issue, and our staff continues to grow. Anyone interested in joining can still contact us at [jkharper@ou.edu](mailto:jkharper@ou.edu). We would especially like a photographer. However, we finally have a cartoonist on our staff – Karen Martin. She is excellent and we assure you that her cartoons are most amusing. Remember, she is a woman, so I don't even want letters to the editor calling the cartoon on page eight sexist.

We would also like to congratulate and say how thankful we are for Dr. Reed. He gave testimony before the state legislature about the possibility of a flat-tax last week. We are lucky to have him write for us.

As you noticed, in our last issue we added color. We will gradually be buying bins as well. But we will continue to distribute in the same locations.

A very worthwhile organization, Campfire Boys and Girls, is encouraging everyone to make a difference in one kid's life. One March 18 they will be hosting Absolutely Incredible Kid Day. If you are interested in helping out a kid by writing a letter, or volunteering in some other capacity, visit the Campfire website at [www.campfire.org](http://www.campfire.org).

Keep reading, and most important, keep the letters to the editor coming.



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## Letters to the Editor... and We Respond

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading my first issue of the *The Fountainhead* and could hardly put it down! I found it to be insanely witty, terribly inventive, and extraordinary thought provoking. Finally there is student voice that is absent of the liberal slant portrayed by the mass media. It has certainly been refreshing reading material that I and undoubtedly many (probably the majority) of OU students agree with.

I was especially entertained by the "Hate mail of the Week", "Signs of Intelligent Life", "Your Buck, Their Bang", and the "Verse of the Week" sections of the paper. Thank you and your staff once again for reviving the conservative media voice on campus. It was high time!!

Cheerfully,  
Eugene Soell  
Mechanical Engineering, Jr.

**We thought just about the same thing.**

Hello, my name is [deleted to protect anonymity]. I just finished reading your review of "She's All That" and, being a former [job omitted to protect anonymity] at the Hollywood Spotlight 14, was not surprised at all to read of your ordeal with the "managers" there. They treat their

employees the same way. Don't get me wrong, there are a couple of o.k. managers there but the majority are totally worthless.

Anyway, to the point. I'm here to help and to get one over on those managers that turned you down, even though it is a small thing that they will probably never notice, I'll enjoy doing it. If you provide me with your snail mail address I will send you some free passes to see movies at the Hollywood Spotlight anytime day or night. You may also see any movie, even if it is in its first day of release. I enjoy reading your reviews so keep up the good work!

[removed to protect anonymity]

P.S. If you can describe the manager, I know what vehicles they all drive and maybe some night we could smear pancakes and syrup all over their vehicle. Just a thought.

**Thanks for the help, but *The Fountainhead* has a strict policy against pancaking cars.**

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## Hate Mail of the Week

Your Paper Is Full Of \*&^% - Bet You Don't Have the @\$!&\* To Print This Letter

I always get a wierd pleasure from reading a conservative paper. It's comforting to see how ignorant the enemy really is. Let me touch up on the finer points of hypocrisy and ignorance portrayed in your lovely peice of \*&!# paper.

1) "Hang 'Em High" by Brian G. Hobbs quotes the Bible to defend capitol punishment. Isn't there a commandment that you Christians are always spurring out in one your holier than thou speeches about "Thou Shall Not Kill"? Does this not apply to the Oklahoma government? Or is our government, who speaks of Pro-Life, above Christianity?

2) "Mugged by Reality"-the authors of this crappy article say that "Hierarchy is based on ability and not upon birth." OH Really! Does that mean a crack baby growing up in the ghetto streets of Chicago has the same chances as all of those (white) kids who live in the Greek houses at OU?

3) "Recycling:A Waste of Valuable Resources"-It figures that a professor of Economics at OU would be more concerned about losing money than saving the environment. Besides, who losing money? Dr. Reed states that recycling costs more, but who pays the cost? If you mean a multi-billion dollar corporation, then I don't want to hear it. I'm sick of hearing corporations whine about costs, when they are costing us more in the big picture. Can conservatives even see the bigger picture, or are their heads too far up Reagan's Alzheimer infested !@\*?

Sincerely,  
Concerned Reader

**To call us ignorant and misspell hypocrisy in the same sentence - it's beautiful. At least we separate our insults and spelling errors. And you've read Hobbs' articles - we have the @\$!&\* to print anything.**

**The second winner of "Hate Mail of the Week" obviously had to resort to more choice language than the original winner, but for its clarity, its errors, and its hackneyed whining this letter is crowned the new recipient.**

## Another View: Eliminating Student Congress

by Brad Watson

On February 9, 1999 the Student Congress passed a controversial resolution supporting the establishment of a pub in the Student Union by a vote of 15-14, with no abstentions. *The Oklahoma Daily* expressed its disappointment in a February 17 OUR VIEW, entitled "Represent Us." But *The Oklahoma Daily* was not upset that the pub resolution passed. Instead the editorial expressed disappointment at the closeness of the vote, since the student body clearly wanted the resolution to pass. This raises an interesting question: from what source does the *Daily* assume that the student body wants a pub?

The *Daily* asserts that public opinion is behind the pub because of a poll conducted by the *Daily*. Apparently it is Student Congress's role to be in agreement with "informal polls" conducted by the *Daily*. But since six percent of responses were in favor of the "I don't care" option, I am surprised the *Daily* is not complaining that there were not at least two abstentions on the pub issue to represent the apathetic constituency at OU.

This is how the *Daily* describes their poll. "More than 300 students logged in to vote in our informal poll. The results were

overwhelmingly in favor of the pub." Since the OU *Daily* web site has such a scientific process, maybe the polling of the *Daily* could replace the Student Congress as the voice of the student body.

The *Daily* admits that their poll was "informal," which is a convenient way of stating that it is unscientific and their margin could reasonably be inaccurate by as much thirty, forty, or even more than fifty percentage points. In other words, the *Daily* poll showed that students favored the student pub by a three to one margin. In reality, students might favor having a pub by a three to one margin, or they might be against having a pub by a three to one margin. No one knows before this poll was conducted, and no one knows after the results of this "poll" were released.

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It is true that more than 300 individuals (less than two percent of the student body) logged on to vote in this poll. But not only

does the *Daily* have no idea how representative these 300 individuals are of the student body at OU, the *Daily* does not even know how many of these individuals are students. Anybody who has access to the Internet has access to the *Daily* web site. And anyone that can enter the *Daily* web site can participate in the poll. In Student Congress elections, there is a principle, which is normally upheld, called "one man, one vote." The *Daily* web site will actually count a person's vote more than once if he waits more than ten minutes. In other words, for all we know,

a senior citizen in London is sitting at his computer right now, entering his opinion on the latest *Daily* poll every ten minutes.

Since no other polling data is available on the pub issue, nobody knows how accurate it is. However, many online polls are conducted which ask respondents to name their presidential pick in 2000. One such web site, Elections USA, received more than 5000 responses. In an informal poll, Alan Keyes was the favorite of 22.33% of respondents. Paul Wellstone was next with 19.13% of respondents. Clint Eastwood received 208 votes, twice as many as Al Gore, and good enough for seventh place. Now before we all start packing for Australia, the obvious should be pointed out. Online polls are for entertainment only.

The OU *Daily* concluded by stating that Congress members should "represent the opinions of the students who elect them." Since the *Daily* doesn't have the slightest idea what the average student at OU thinks about putting a pub in the student union, maybe the title of this article should be considered in a different light. Perhaps "Represent Us" is really a reference to the opinion of *The Oklahoma Daily*.

## Faculty Spotlight

by Erin Hayes

As you walk into Dr. Lawrence Frank's office, you can't help but notice the little sign in the corner that reads "I'd rather be reading Jane Austen." But after talking to him for just a moment, you get the sense that he would rather be teaching it. No profession drew him like this one, he says fondly. He loves it, and so do his students, if they're "prepared" for him.

His goal in teaching, he explained, is to teach his students how to speak, and transfer the power in the classroom to them by letting them feel they can say anything--and he backs up his words. Just having him break his chalk and stick it in his ears once for a Frankensteinian-like pose is enough to make any student feel brave enough to blurt out what they think. This idea is also reinforced by the secondary material he assigns, containing mostly history. He does this so that the student can have the same information at hand as he does--and he has a lot.

Constantly referring his ideas to other authors, a student gets a sense of the hard work that goes into all his theories and methods. Not only that, but the student realizes he can do that too, which is another of Frank's goals: to let the students know that they can come up with something original, something new.

"They have to reinvent the wheel every so often," says Frank about his capstone course. He desired to teach at a public university

because he wants to work with people who want to change their lives; people of all socioeconomic backgrounds, who are striving to greatness, rather than the "children of privilege." And you must be prepared, for he is definitely still working on his genteel nature--it is not uncommon for him to purposely stir up argument; he wants students to disagree with him, and raise questions he may not be able to answer.

As a professor, it makes him proud that they can argue with him. His main concern is "the place of human suffering," the purpose of which he searches for still today. And although some students may define his class as such, Dr. Frank brings a dynamic personality and genuine concern for students who are prepared for the challenge.

### Fast Frank Facts:

- \* "Not raised" in Indianapolis, IN
- \* His wife says "his work is his life"
- \* Favorite hobbies: reading detective stories and watching American movies--he doesn't analyze them, but his wife does
- \* A. Gus Frank works as Assistant to Minority Recruiting
- \* Favorite quote: "I am a man, nothing human is alien to me" --Terence, Dramatist
- \* Favorite Author: Charles Dickens, says he agrees with his vision of the world
- \* Favorite work: David Copperfield

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number as a 24-hour help line. This has only made the rivalry more fun and entertaining.

The Rivalry is not meant to be mean-spirited, it is merely an 80+ year-old tradition that the Engineers refuse to give up. The law school on the other hand is afraid to follow the rivalry since they are afraid that the rivalry will hurt their image. They have gone so far as to threaten to expel any law student caught pranking the Engineers. This was put to the test in the early 1980's when the Engineers placed a headstone outside of the law barn which asked "is the rivalry dead?" The headstone was later found knocked over with the words "HELL NO!" spray painted to it. Clearly the law students do not agree with the antics of the current dean. The rivalry has lasted for more than 80 years and it does not show signs of weakening thanks in part to LKOT.

The Loyal Knights of Old Trusty, or LKOT is an organization which places service to the College of Engineering above individual recognition. This is demonstrated by their wearing of black hoods and robes while in public. The final semester that a knight is an undergraduate, the knight will fire the cannon one last time as an active member and then remove the hood. Only then will their number be associated with their identity. LKOT works behind the scenes to ensure the E-Club events run smoothly and successfully.

The Engineers Club, otherwise known as E-Club, is one of the largest organizations on campus. Founded in 1910, E-club was created to help Engineering students realize that there was more to an education than simply books and, at that time, slide rules. To this day E-club works as an umbrella organization over the college although know they now work to ensure students see more than calculators and laptops. E-club is responsible for managing the College of Engineering Open House (an 87-year-old tradition), the Engineers Week (an 87-year-old-tradition), Career Fair, Fall Festival, and the ever-popular Hamburger feeds for home football games. The College of Engineering with the cooperation seeks the best future for their students. This close relationship allows the college to place incredible responsibility with the students of the college.

Through the hard work of the students, faculty, and staff, the College of Engineering is an institution of which the students can be very proud. All of the Engineers know that the rivalry will never die. The college of law can look forward to the rest of this week and the pranks which will most certainly accompany it. So when you hear your favorite Engineer humming an Irish drinking song or plotting against the lawyers, take heed, they are only celebrating the traditions which they hold dear. ERIN GO BRAUG!

## Top Ten Ways to Recognize an Engineer

by Beth Arnold

So you're dating an engineer. I have a few words of advice for you: Run. Run as fast as you can and never look back.

Don't get me wrong. Engineers are wonderful. They're trustworthy, faithful, and friendly. I know; it sounds like I am describing a puppy. They are similar in many ways. However, engineers are also smart, and they are worth far more money than any mutt. I have been dating an engineer off and on for almost three years, and I wouldn't trade him for anything. However, sometimes he drives me absolutely insane. There are times when it takes all of my self-control to keep from ripping his head off and planting a fern in it. In order to put up with one of these strange creatures, first you must be able to recognize them. So I present to you:

### The Top Ten Ways to Recognize an Engineering Student:

10. Has developed an emotional attachment to his TI-85
9. Carries at least two bags at all times
8. When asked for a calculator, pulls out three
7. Hums Irish drinking songs and speaks in an Irish accent for no apparent reason; has been known to call people "lad" and "lassie"
6. Thinks everything should be in a shade of green
5. Can't go three weeks without wearing the same Open House or E-Week shirt twice.
4. Pays more attention to his laptop computer than he would to a lap dancer
3. Knows the location of every electrical outlet and Internet connection on campus
2. Is capable of the most complex calculus problems, but can't balance his checkbook
1. Contents of his backpack costs more than his car

## Letter from an Engineer: Look Out Lawyers!

by Chad Williams

A long, long, long time ago in a world not so far away, the engineers and the lawyers met for the first time. They did not like each other from the very beginning. While the engineers were trying to build bridges and buildings according to the laws of physics, our rivals simply tried to find loopholes around gravity. Thus the lawyers and the engineers were destined to hate each other.

The rivalry became heated when the engineers, simply to demonstrate the danger of the cannon, fired it toward Monnet Hall, the ambulance chaser's den. Although a few windows were broken in Monnet, a majority of Felgar's windows were shattered. Thus formalized the rivalry between our brave and courageous engineers and the sniveling law students down south.

Much to the chagrin of the lawyers, the engineers still honor our long-standing rivalry. Over the past few years the engineers have pulled many pranks which demonstrated the resourcefulness of the engineers, and the law school responded by threatening to sue. This total lack of imagination demonstrated from the law school shows it is clear that it lacks the self-confidence to try and retaliate against engineering. Surely if they put all of their minds together they would be able to come

up with something that is at least interesting. Perhaps we are expecting too much from them or possibly they have accepted their place in life as second class citizens behind the engineers. I challenge them to prove us wrong.

The biggest problem that the law students have now is the lack of support from their Dean. He is so afraid that they will embarrass the law school that he doesn't want them to retaliate against the engineers. Perhaps if the law students were more creative the Dean would allow them to make fools of themselves. As it now stands the Law School thinks so little of their students that they won't let them show a little pride.

This year the Law School has threatened to hire security to protect their building. Instead of wasting their money they should work to instill a sense of pride in their students so that they will protect their buildings. Make the rivalry with the engineers a big deal instead of trying to hide it to protect the fragile egos of their students. If the lawyers actually had any pride then they would be willing to come after the engineers instead of trying to hide and pretend that we will go away.

The lawyers need to understand that when asked "Is the rivalry dead," we say "H\*% No!" and we mean it.

## Mandatory Attendance

by Erin Ford

Do you tend to oversleep? Do you forget to set your alarm clock? Do you just not feel like going to class sometimes? Missing classes may ultimately result in a lowering of your grade, depending on the courses you are taking.

In some courses, such as English 1113 and 1213 classes, attendance is required. The policy on attendance for the first year English courses states that "students may miss the equivalent of one week of classes before the final grade is penalized. After that, the student's final letter grade will be dropped by one letter. After 10 absences, the student will fail the course." Other classes besides those of the English department, such as the Spanish 3423 courses, also abide by this policy.

Some courses, such as Accounting 2113 or Math 1823, have a different policy. These courses suggest that the students attend, but do not require it. Experience shows that the student's grade is directly proportional to the student's attendance. This policy, recommending attendance, seems to make

much more sense than the English policy of requiring attendance. We, as students at the University of Oklahoma, have paid to take the classes offered. Do we not have the right to skip class if we want?

When I approached Dr. David Mair, Director of first-year composition, and asked him this question, he replied that "Yes, the students have the right to skip class. However, the teacher has just as much right to enforce the attendance policy." Why? "Because a student has taken the class, the student has agreed to follow the classroom rules given out in the syllabus the first day of class," replied Dr. Mair. Dr. Mair believes that because the student is given the syllabus, he or she is responsible for knowing the attendance policy and following it. Dr. Mair believes that the English policy is fair because of the benefits that class participation will give the student. By missing a class, a student misses the chance to become that much better of a writer.

This may be a rational statement, but not see **Attendance**, page 12

## Eating Disorder Woes

by Jennifer Hunter

Everyday, on television and in advertisements, we see what is considered to be the perfect body image. And everyday more and more people strive to fit into this image, and in doing so, damage their bodies.

According to the American Dietetic Association, eating disorders affect an estimated 1 million or more Americans. Between 5% and 20% will die from medical complications as a result.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week is February 22-26. During the week there are seminars discussing eating disorders and body images. The seminars include topics such as "Do You See What I See?" and "How to Help a Friend."

What is an eating disorder? Anorexia, called the "starvation sickness," and bulimia, which is binge eating and purging, are two of the most common disorders. With increased numbers of such cases, more steps are being taken to inform the public of these disorders. These steps have often been discussed in after-school specials and Monday night movies.

One of the seminars on campus discussed some of the signs of these disorders. What are some of the signs? Victims of anorexia often ignore concerns about their body weight,

experience fatigue, personality changes, and go on strict dieting. Those who have bulimia often act the same but go on binge eatings and have recurrent vomiting. The question is, can you tell if your friend is having a problem? The models who are all skin and bones represent what young people today should look like. Magazines are always offering new diets so you can lose ten pounds. The media definitely has an effect on how young people view their bodies.

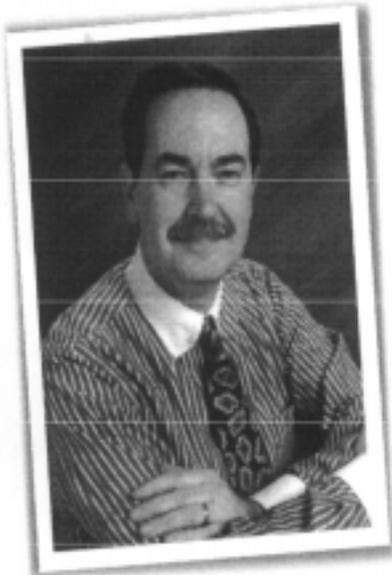
"All they [the media] pick are super skinny girls," Sandford said. "The images stick in peoples' minds."

A random survey conducted on campus concluded that most male students are satisfied with their body. Over half of the female students questioned were unsatisfied with their bodies. Whatever is causing them to dislike themselves has to be stopped.

Julie Dupell is a counselor here on campus that can help those who are concerned about a friend or themselves. She can be contacted at 325-2911. For more information on eating disorders, contact the Nutrition Center at 325-0513 or 325-0537.



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## I Planned on eating

by Brian G. Hobbs

As I walked into the Oklahoma Memorial Student Union last Wednesday, I anticipated seeing the usual sights. I expected to see the Chess Club sitting at one of the information tables along with Icthus' members at another table while I passed through on my way to Wendy's. But instead of seeing either of those groups sitting at the tables, I saw a sight that made me lose my appetite for that hamburger I was craving. I saw a table with a big banner above it reading, "Planned Parenthood."

I thought that my eyes were playing tricks on me, so I decided to take a closer look. I approached the table very slowly, and was greeted by a friendly young lady that said, "Would you like to guess how many condoms there are in the jar," as she pointed to a gigantic jar full of assorted condoms. I could only utter the first thing that came to my mind. I simply told her that "I'll abstain!"

The jar of condoms was only the beginning. There was a sea of information concerning condoms and sex. They also had bumper stickers with a picture of a condom on it and a slogan admonishing us to, "Just wear it!" It was a disgusting display, to say the least.

Evidently, Planned Parenthood thinks it is their job to hand out condoms to all University students to make sure that we are safely having promiscuous sex. But they would tell you,

"We don't encourage kids to have sex because they'll do it anyway."

Oh, really? Then why are they not handing out sterile needles with "safe" drugs and brochures telling us how to use them? Because after all, "kids are going to do it anyway," so why not make it safe for them? It's the least you could do, Planned Parenthood.

I have news for Planned Parenthood: handing out condoms does not solve the problem. It only makes things worse. By telling students they are "safe" by using their products gives them a false sense of security.

More people are having promiscuous sex because they have been fooled into thinking they are "safe" as long as they use a condom. Planned Parenthood is so enthusiastic in celebrating National Condom Week. How about a National Abstinence Week instead?

It is truly sad to think about all of the lives Planned Parenthood is responsible for wrecking (not to mention the unspeakable number of abortions they have encouraged).

The University of Oklahoma should send Planned Parenthood packing before any further damage is done. And the next time I walk into the Student Union, I hope not to see such a disgusting display again because, really, I do need to eat.

## Sooner Sports Ticker

by Zac Stevens

It's great to be a Sooner. I've known this for years, but it won't be long before Josh Heupel discovers it too. Sure, he's probably enjoyed his first semester at OU so far, but imagine what it'll be like for Heupel at the first public practice the Sooners have this spring. With the new coaching staff in place and the excitement level higher than it was last year with all the Wishbone hype, the first few practices (not to mention the Red/White game) will be full of fans. Now compare that to where Heupel is coming from. He's coming from a juco in Utah, which is basketball country, to THE major college in Oklahoma, right in the heart of football country. The last time Heupel had someone other than coaches at a practice was probably back in junior high when his parents came to pick him up. This is going to be exciting for him...and for us.

Speaking of excitement, let's talk about basketball. We are on a roll and our future is looking really bright! With our starting line-

up as young as it is and with just a few seniors on the team, it looks as if things will only get better. Not that they are bad right now. After some heartbreaking early season losses, Sherri Coale has helped turn things around as the Sooners are putting themselves in a great position to make the NCAA tournament, and possibly turn some heads when they get there.

And things don't look too shabby for the men either. A month ago there was very little to be excited about. We had lost four straight and still had a tough part of the schedule ahead. Then Coach Sampson shook up the starting line up. Now we've got every reason to be excited. Sampson began starting more scorers without compromising the backbone of the team: the defense and rebounding. It looks like the Sooners have played themselves into the NCAA tourney. The rest of the season and the Big 12

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out a few illustrations documenting the virtually flawless record shown by Coach Donnan during this decade.

Fifty-three percent. That's an "F" no matter how you look at it. Compared with eighty-three percent it fails in every way. Of these two juxtaposed numbers, one represents OU's combined winning percentage under Gibbs, Schnellenberger, and Blake, and the other OU's winning percentage under Switzer. If you can't figure out where these two percentages go, I suggest you flip over to the back and read the quotes page again. Any additional illustrations documenting how far our program has fallen pale in comparison with these simple figures.

Yes, Gibbs was forced to take over a program on probation, but this excuse (while certainly valid) is highly exaggerated. OU football was just coming off what the OU Football Media Guide calls its "Decade of Dominance," and the program could certainly have been labeled "Tier 1." Presently, anyone who tries to put this label on OU football is laughed at, and for good reason. I could give examples of how other college football teams have handled probation without spiraling into total chaos (such as Texas A&M, who was placed on probation in 1994 only to win the Big 12 Championship this past season), but the list is simply too long.

Enough about that. Here are just a few of Coach Donnan's biggest accomplishments since being snubbed by our university. Prepare to be humbled. After getting stabbed in the back by OU, Donnan went to lowly Marshall University, a Division IAA football program. Donnan there pulled off the equivalent of a coaching miracle by completely turning around that program, and in the process he took them to three national championship games, becoming national champions in 1992. Today, Marshall is a Division IA school (the highest level) thanks to Donnan.

Donnan is now the head football coach at Georgia. Similar to his days at Marshall, Coach Donnan has turned Georgia's program completely around. It is not an exaggeration to call them a top ten team now. That could not have been said prior to his arrival.

Things are only going to get better for Donnan, who just signed a stellar recruiting class which includes three of the top five wide receivers in the nation. This class includes Oklahoma's top receiver, Michael Johnson, from Tulsa Union.

So why beat on a dead horse? Sure it's easy to armchair quarterback, and it's a regular part of OU life to grumble about the mistakes of the last ten years. But, here we are again about to start with another new coach. The usual sense of optimism is here too. Maybe the Sooners were destined to experience years of shame, but Sooner optimism is everlasting and indomitable. That's a good attribute, though. The glory days will eventually come back.

Perhaps new OU Head Coach Bob Stoops will prove capable of the monumental task of reviving our football program. For the first time since Switzer, our football team has a coach with the knowledge of the game, the persona to motivate, and other talented coaches surrounding him to assuage the pressure. Hopefully, his leadership and coaching will bring our team (as Doc stated in Part II) "back to our reality."

Taking all of that into consideration, the fact still remains that the last decade of OU football was a total waste. Maybe some OU scientist will perfect the Flux Capacitor as Doc did in *Back to the Future* and go back to 1989 to correct the blunder committed by our university, but until that day comes, we must wake up to the fact that the mistake our university made back in 1989 could haunt us well into the 21st century. But we'll wait for the Sooner magic to come back, no matter how long it takes.

## Let the Madness Begin

by George Lawrence

March Madness! March Madness! It's almost here. I've got my cooler filled, my schedule cleared, and I'm planning on surrounding myself with eight tv's so I don't miss a single minute of action.

I am weary of being too Direct aboUt who I thinK will bE this year's national champion. So I think I'll start with who won't win the tournament this year:

—I praise the stars above that I won't have to hear about the Tarheels this year. They'll be lucky to make it out of the 2nd round.

—All of a sudden people are talking about Texas being a post-season threat. Are you kidding me? I've watched Rick Barnes coached teams for years and they always choke, no matter how good they appear to be. Besides, Ricky doesn't play basketball...the Horns will join the Heels as round two casualties. Rest in peace.

—I've heard that it isn't kosher to speak ill of OU athletics, but I believe my opinion must prevail. The truth is that while OU will make it out of round one, and maybe round two, I fear that the Sweet Sixteen will be the end of the road for the Sooners.

—The Auburn Tigers have risen from cellar-dweller to the top team in the SEC. One word for ya: over-freakin rated! Auburn's conference schedule is fairly difficult, but their out-of-conference

competition has been lame at best. Auburn will be the first #1 seed to fall; the dance card is empty by the Sweet Sixteen.

—This year's "jump up and bite ya" team is the Louisville Cardinals. Anybody who knows anything about basketball knows that Denny Crum can coach. The thing is that

nobody really paid too much attention to the Cardinals because the NCAA had banned them from post-season play this year. With the recension of the ban, Louisville is now eligible for the Dance, and coaches across the country are trying to figure out the other team from Kentucky.

Now, it is time to take a final glimpse into my crystal Ball...my picks for

the finaL foUr arE: StanforD, University of ConnEticut, Cincinnati UniVersItY and the mystery nationaL championS.

The final game will feature UCONN and Team K. I think it will be a good game, because these two squads are easily the best two in the country, but Coach K's boys simply have too many weapons. When it is all said and done, the boys will host a 3rd banner into the rafters of their notorious indoor stadium.

So there you have it. My choice for the national champion is ?. What, you don't really think I'm gonna tell you if you can't figure it out do ya...



## SPORTS UPDATE

by Greg Starling

- Former Denver Broncos lineman, Rylon Jones, was recently charged with aiding in the illegal shooting of a protected moose, and he faces up to six months in prison. Jones later explained, "It was an honest mistake." Apparently the 1000 pound animal snuck up on him forcing the action.
- A couple of obscure NFL team rules were cited last week when two quarterbacks were cut. New Orleans Saints coach, Mike Ditka, cited the team's 'No alcoholic, racist policy' when firing Kerry Collins, and the Seattle Seahawks cited the rare 'No nursing home resident policy' when cutting quarterback, Warren Moon.
- Motorist, Carl Carter, looking to rid the world of boring sports by taking out their athletes, was charged with aggravated assault after using his pick-up to attack cyclist, Lance

Armstrong.

- Tennis pro, Andre Agassi was removed from the Sybase Open for using obscene language. His opponent, Cecil Mammit, was upset; "I was cheated. I was playing well, and I wanted to find out the result of the match." At the time of Agassi's disqualification, Mammit had already lost the first set 6-0 and was behind in the second by a tie break.
- Ricky Williams, trying to keep up his All American image, decided to allow rapper, Master P, to become his agent.
- Claiming it was a perk of being a college athlete, Minnesota University basketball star, Mike Tarer, was cited for using a handicap parking permit. The power forward apparently could not walk fifty feet to the building.

## A Modern Movie Mystery: Quentin Tarantino

by Liz Kiser

He's the king of cult films, gangsters, vampires and trunk shots. He sucks us in with plots that make even the most psychotic movie-goers confused and bemused. He never fails to leave us wondering, 'what the heck was that all about?'

He's Quentin Tarantino, one of Hollywood's oddest, most obscure, abstract, and well respected directors and screenwriters. Who is he? Where does he get this stuff? Why are so many young people drawn to these films?

Tarantino was being hailed as the next Martin Scorsese when his first script, *Reservoir Dogs* hit the Sundance Film Festival in 1992. Just when those guys with the thumbs thought he couldn't do any better, he hit the Cannes Film Festival with *Pulp Fiction* in 1994. Since then, his credits include *From Dusk Till Dawn*, *Four Rooms*, and *Jackie Brown*. He sold two other scripts: *True Romance* and *Natural Born Killers*. His next film is rumored to be about the Vega brothers, (Vic Vega from *Reservoir Dogs* and Vincent Vega from *Pulp Fiction*).

So how does a former video store clerk come up with the most elaborate crime

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## If we don't choose, we lose

by Matt Pyeatt

"I oppose registration for the draft - because I believe the security of freedom can best be achieved by security through freedom - the defense of freedom can and will best be made out of love for the country, a love that needs no coercion"

-Ronald Reagan at Louisiana State University, September 23, 1980.

United States Congressmen have recently discussed legislation to reinstate the national draft. Senators John McCain, Republican of Arizona, and Floyd Spence, Republican of South Carolina, have made statements that speak of the implementation of this unconstitutional act.

The Military Selective Service Act expired in 1973 in the waning months of the Vietnam War. Fulfilling a campaign promise, Richard M. Nixon watched the draft become extinct with the conflict in Vietnam coming to and end. Today, fascist leaders of our nation envision the first peacetime draft since the

weeks prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. With war eminent in 1940, this would be the first real peacetime draft in American history.

The military draft is physical coercion. The government forces an individual to serve as a soldier in a branch of military service. This is illegal and unjustified. Many proponents for the national draft argue that the Constitution gives authority for the draft. However, conscription is not explicitly authorized in any clause of the Constitution. Advocates then must fall back on implicit powers that have been abused since the first national draft in 1863.

The draft of Americans is a sign of totalitarianism. A country that prides itself on the freedom of the individual cannot, rationally, establish another draft of our young men.

Our country is not a stranger to draft debate. A question and answer was brought to the House floor in 1814. Daniel Webster: "The question (of a military draft) is nothing

less than whether the most essential rights of personal liberty be surrendered and despotism embraced in its worst form. Is this, sir, consistent with the character of free government? Is this civil liberty? Is this real character of our Constitution? No, sir, it is not."

This sentiment comes from the very idea of patriotism that embraced our land in the Revolutionary War. Men stood at arms to fight for what they believed in. Today, men and women are still patriotic at heart. If our country were to be threatened the people are here to defend our land and ways of life. A government-adopted draft is the last thing that is needed for the young people of The United States.

If we are not willing, as a people, to fight for our freedom then it is possible that we, as a people, no longer deserve our freedom.

"We need a strong military. But strength depends on spirit and not merely numbers,"

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## Are YOU Liberal or Conservative?

by Brett Farley

Right-wing, left-wing, Bible-thumper, tree-hugger, fascist hate monger, and moral deficient. These are some of the many terms and phrases of endearment Americans have wielded in their plights against their foes of the opposing ends of the political spectrum. Americans wear the labels "conservative" and "liberal" as badges of honor while slighting the enemy with their own terms of self-identification. But I often wonder—do we as students, indeed citizens, really understand what is at the core of these ideas, conservatism and liberalism? In my crusade for truth, I feel it is my duty to relieve the agitation of ignorance for those who are not quite sure why they have so readily attached themselves to a particular political ideal, and consequently a world-view, which will determine the course their very lives.

Just out of curiosity, I looked up the dictionary definition of each as such should create a level foundation upon which we will build a more keen understanding. *Microsoft Encarta* defines each with the following: Liberal- 1.a. Open-minded; tolerant. b. Favoring civil and political liberties, democratic reforms, and freedom from arbitrary authority. Conservative- 1.a. Favoring traditional views and values; tending to oppose change. These definitions are not only somewhat vague, but completely inaccurate. They do not even begin to touch on contemporary applications of the words.

Modern conservatism is closer to classical liberalism than modern liberalism is. Over the years, liberalism has been linked with the struggle of the individual. According to liberal thought, the goal of government is the pursuit of the purest in individual freedom and rights. Liberalism seeks the freedom

from the restraint of authority, the right to determine and pilot one's own path according to the will and conscience of the individual.

Today, it is conservatives, not liberals who oppose higher taxes, more regulation, and more litigation. Liberals define liberty as freedom from want. Conservatives define it as freedom from control. I am a conservative because I want to defend the traditional concept of liberalism, which valued liberty, limited government, free markets, and individual responsibility.

The values, ideals, and principles which make me a conservative are the same values that served as the brick and mortar of a new nation that was to be known as the United States of America. America was created as the home of liberty. The most unique aspect of American government was that it was created to protect liberty, not violate it. The founders understood that this much liberty encompassed a large responsibility. Upon leaving the Constitutional convention, a woman asked Benjamin Franklin what type of government they had created. Franklin replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

The founders recognized the supreme importance of morality. This is why so many conservatives today are considered "social conservatives." It is no contradiction that conservatism is both the home of morality and liberty. The founders didn't think so either. I have studied hard to understand what it was that our founders risked so much for, that which they sacrificed fame and fortune for, that which some even died for. I concluded that our founders were, above all patriots, statesmen, scholars, and men of God. These individuals showed dedication to one true doctrine upon which this nation

was built, the Bible. Their words speak for themselves.

"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: ...it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity." -John Quincy Adams

"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." -James Madison

"It is rightly impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible." -George Washington

The founders quoted the Bible in their various writings four times more often than Montesquieu, twelve times more often than Blackstone, and sixteen times more often than John Locke. This then begs a question. Since we, as a nation, have moved so far in terms of morality, politics, and education from where the founders staked the cornerstone of this country, are we moving in the right direction? If our cultural landscape is changing from what it was at its inception, can that be good? I think not. I am conservative because it is the very principles that our founders stood for that are to be conserved, not changed. Those values include liberty, the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage, the right of the people to govern themselves, and a belief in God. It is for this reason that I will not give in to change, that I will never sacrifice truth at the altar of self-indulgence for a personal, so-called "right" (like welfare) that bears no responsibility.

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movies since the Godfather? While he certainly has a unique style for directing, his stories are compilations of influences from French and Hong Kong theater as well as our own Alfred Hitchcock. In fact *Reservoir Dogs* is almost an exact replica of *City on Fire*, a Hong Kong film directed by Ringo Lam.

Many of his film direction include techniques of other directors. For example, in *Pulp Fiction*, there is a scene when Marcellus Wallace is walking in front of Butch Coolidge's car, a scene that is taken from Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho*. However, it is Tarantino's popularity that has shocked the movie business more than his films. He has revolutionized the dark and sinister gangster movies of the seventies and eighties into elaborate, high action plots with a touch of twisted humor. His movies appeal to a large segment of the population under twenty-five with a good sense of humor, and a sturdy stomach.

Perhaps the Tarantino age will create not just a legend, but a new genre of movies that never forget to include the deranged and the bizarre. We can only count our blessings that Quentin Tarantino made it in Hollywood, giving such a criminal mind a more productive outlet.

**Double Barreled and Sawed Off**

by Karen Martin

Hi. I'm the artist behind 'Double Barreled and Sawed Off,' and I have something important to tell you.



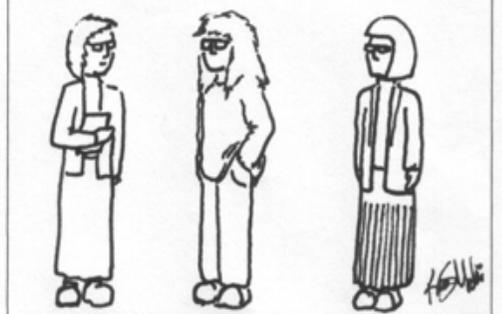
OU wants to cancel the womens' studies program due to low enrollment.



The consequences could be devastating....



Do you want a bunch of angry, unshaven, man-hating former womens' studies majors in your classes?

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Students who take this course can "familiarize themselves with the history of homosexuals, gay men and lesbians in the United States, to recognize homophobia and heterosexism in themselves..." Tax-payer dollars are hard at work. And these are just a few examples. The usual "sex roles," "sexism in curricula," and "alternative arrangements to marriage and family institutions," are all there. Perhaps the vast majority of students aren't ready to give up on traditional values like family.

In writing this article, a common question I heard was "What do you do with a women's

studies major?" As a political science major, I may have little room to talk - there is no such thing as a "political science firm" (this is why we have MSNBC). But this same question asked about women's studies takes on more significance. What jobs are there in this field? Revolutionary? That's not paying as well these days. Full-time feminist? I hear there's no shortage. Stay-at-home mom? I have my doubts.

Sacred cow that it is, the women's studies major could be hard to eliminate. Watch for the name-calling of anyone who advocates its removal. It's politically incorrect to think

such things. "It wouldn't be an issue if they were eliminating a men's studies program, which we don't even have," says freshman Justin Dutton. The excuses are already being made. It is already being said that the lack of funding stems from sexism.

If the women's studies program does lose the ability to grant majors, the university will be at no great loss. Sure students may be less able to "recognize homophobia and heterosexism in themselves," and it could forestall efforts to move to "alternative arrangements to marriage and family institutions." The world won't miss them.

# Way Down in Kosovo: With American Troops

by Gregory Laffin

"Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations-- entangling alliances with none." -- Thomas Jefferson

Do you hear that whirring sound? That's the sound of hundreds of thousands of fallen U.S. soldiers spinning in their graves. With the talk of deploying U.S. forces under NATO/UN command for "peace keeping" operations in Kosovo, a very small minority of Americans are contemplating the constitutionality of the proposition.

Such a move is arguably the largest forfeiture of American sovereignty in our nation's history. What have G.I.'s fought for if not America's ability to be a bastion of freedom acting in its citizen's best interests?

There is no conceivable reason not to keep U.S. troops under U.S. command and in U.S. uniforms unless you fear the loss of esteem from foreign countries. Otherwise, you would have to despise America's position as the most powerful nation in the world. Both motives could be attributed to our White House without much effort.

To talk of the legality of our military efforts only propagates the lie that the U.S. is acting in the interest of national security or in its best interests as a nation. No one would argue that innocent women and children being massacred is a good thing. But why do we favor Albania over the Serbs when the two factions have half a millenium of

bloody conflict behind them? French intelligence has proven that Bosnian Muslims have sniped their own citizens and staged massacres in an effort to gain western support. So how can we declare a bad guy?

Look behind any foreign policy of our President and you'll usually find monetary incentive for the President or his party's national fund.

Quiz: what petroleum corporation has donated \$25,000 to the DNC, claims David Bonier, Chris Dodd, and Dick Gephardt as beneficiaries, and holds the rights to 21% of Albania's underground oil and gas? Give up?

It's Occidental Petroleum, Inc. Occidental has admitted that there are 500 million barrels of oil and 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas sitting under the war torn Albania. Break out your *Wall Street Journal* and that makes a grand total of 9.8 billion dollars worth of rich resources waiting to be extracted. Any educated observer would see the motivation for intervention in an instant.

However, Americans won't do their homework, U.S. troops will lose their lives under false command, and the electorate will only rally around our President as he gathers the blood of young American men and

women on his hands from engaging in such a useless conflict. If you were wondering what an ugly mix of Vietnam and Somalia would look like, sit back and relax.

If there are people that ever thought this conflict was driven by Bill Clinton's passion for life and civil rights, I want to sell them my ocean-front property in Arizona. Before we, as college students, dismiss this issue as irrelevant, let us consider the words of President Herbert Hoover: "Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die."

**Double Barreled and Sawed Off**

by Karen Martin

The President's compromise between censure and removal from office did not go over well in the Senate.



No, Mr. President, a sound spanking by two buxom nurses is not a fair measure of justice for your offenses.



# The Overpopulation Bogeyman

by Dr. Robert Reed

Hilary Rodham Clinton recently addressed a United Nations-sponsored conference on world population. Call me paranoid. But anytime Hilary Clinton and the United Nations team up to address a world problem, I get a little nervous. And what was the message of the conference? Simply put, there's too many of us.

A typical "proof" that the world is suffering from overpopulation goes something like this. "In 1987, the world population was 5 billion. It is expected to hit 6 billion this year, an increase of twenty percent in just twelve years. We cannot survive if this trend continues."

As a testimony of man's ability to "be fruitful and multiply," this trend is indeed impressive. However, as a proof that we humans have a serious overpopulation problem, it is severely deficient. Consider this, world per-capita income is substantially greater now--with six billion people--than it was in 1987 with only five billion people. If having more people is bad, then why has the world's standard of living increased over the past twelve years? Or consider this for a trend. The history of mankind has been marked by century after century of inexorable

population growth. This population growth has been accompanied by unprecedented income growth. This is a trend we can manage to live with.

Here's a little test to determine your P.I.Q. (population intelligence quotient). Suppose each person in the world was assigned an area of one-square yard (i.e., a 3-foot

by 3-foot square) and the entire world's population of 6 billion people was gathered together in one place. How large an area would they collectively occupy? An area equal to the United States? The state of Texas? The state of Oklahoma? Would you believe that the entire world population would fit into a square of forty-four miles on each side? In other words, all six billion people would comfortably fit into an area smaller than the greater Oklahoma City metropolitan area. Surprised? If you've ever flown in an airplane you shouldn't be. Anybody who has ever gazed out an airplane window knows that the most prominent feature of the earth below is the incredible amount of wide-open space.

A number of years ago Paul Ehrlich, a professional overpopulationist who has made

a successful career of incorrectly forecasting doomsday scenarios, accepted a public bet with the economist Julian Simon. Simon invited Ehrlich to pick any five natural resources that he (Ehrlich) thought would be made scarce from overpopulation. For every resource having a higher price ten years later--indicating that they were scarcer--Simon agreed to pay Ehrlich \$1000. On the other hand, for every resource having a lower price ten years later--indicating greater abundance--Ehrlich had to pay Simon \$1000. The outcome? All five of the resources that Ehrlich picked went down in price. Surprised? Again, you shouldn't be. Despite numerous claims that the world is running out of oil, the price of oil today is at an historical low. When economists consistently misforecast the economy, they are ridiculed. When environmentalists consistently misforecast world crises, they sell more books. I knew I picked the wrong profession!

Well how about the argument that population growth causes overcrowding that ruins our quality of life? Consider the following thought experiment. You graduate from college and get two job offers. One is in Dallas, the other is in Rush Springs, OK (home of the renowned Watermelon Festival). Which job do you take? With all due respect to the citizens of Rush Springs, this is what is known in common parlance as a "no-brainer." If urban areas characterized by overcrowding are so unpleasant to live in, then why do they continue to grow while rural areas continue to decline?

So why are the global elites united in their opposition to continued population growth? One hypothesis is that they just don't like people and wish there were fewer of them. The proof goes like this. It is well known that the global elites are wealthy, and that wealthy people have fewer children than poor people. The fact that they have fewer children proves that they don't like children, and since children are people, it follows that they don't like people. Is this a convincing proof? Let's put it this way. Compared to most of the arguments that pass for "proofs" on this subject, it qualifies as a theorem. Q.E.D.

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said Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize winning economist. Do not for one moment think that opposition to the draft reflects, by any means, opposition to the defense of our nation and our liberty. An infringement on our liberty would be the implementation of a national draft. If The United States forces men to serve in the military what would prevent this government from forcing men to do other things? The draft is not something to toy with, for it precedes other infringements on our rights.

Officers in the military understand the dangers of a national draft. During World War II, Admiral Ben Moreel said he "wouldn't accept draftees because the draft is an intrusion on freedom, but more importantly it is militarily inefficient." Is the draft a fool-proof way of defending our nation? No, it is not. Admiral Jay L. Johnson, the highest ranking navy officer, leads our sailors, and the New York Times reported that Adm. Johnson would not pursue the draft but try new recruitment techniques.

The talk of draft is one thing, but the possibility of a fair draft is another. Will the draft take eligible women? Fourteen percent of the military is now composed of females.

With the January call for draft by the *Army Times*, what of the conscription of young women as well as young men? The answer for our depleted troops is not a draft, it is Adm. Johnson's idea of new recruitment techniques.

**"The American tradition is founded on an attachment to the principle of individual freedom. Imposition of a draft is contrary to that principle."**

An Act of Congress is required to reinstate the Military Selective Service Act. Congress will not, according to the New York Times, impose a draft due to the peace and prosperity of our nation.

"The American tradition is founded on an attachment to the principle of individual freedom. Imposition of a draft is contrary to that principle." Congressman Phil Crane said these words on the House floor reminding us that individual freedom is not a

thought of the past but the basis of our nation today.

If the United States wants to continue its history of individual liberty then it must do away with ideas about a national draft. The individual is capable of determining at what cost he will fight. Let free-will guide you, oppose the national draft and serve your nation because you are compelled, not conscripted.

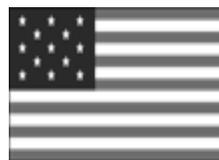
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By Erin Ford

Could you imagine life without half of the people you know? *Left Behind*, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, offers the reason for an occurrence like this, and also what life would be like after the Rapture of God's people.

The Rapture, or the calling of all of God's people to be in Heaven with Him, has taken millions of people all over the world. Although many ideas are used to explain away the disappearances, the main characters in the book realize the Rapture is the only true answer to the first problem.

The next problem these people face is how to live out the remainder of the seven years of Tribulation. Should they become

Christians like their friends and relatives had? Or should they listen to the new rising political leader, Nicolae Carpathia? Not only is the question of who to follow raised, but also how will the characters survive the horrible trials the Bible prophesies to happen? The answers to these questions are shown through interesting details and plot twists.

The sudden leaps from one story line to another right when the solution to a problem is going to be revealed keep the reader from being bored. Because of the unusual topic, the reader will never know what is going to happen next. LaHaye and Jenkins have created an exciting drama of events of what would happen after the Rapture of the church. *Left Behind* is based from the book of Revelation of the Bible, and the manner it is written in will keep the reader up late trying to finish it.

# A Prayer...

This prayer was given by Pastor Joe Wright to the Kansas Senate in 1996. Here is what he said...

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe on those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that:

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word, and called it pluralism; We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism; We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle; We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery;

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation; We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare; We have killed our unborn and called it choice; We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable; We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem; We have abused power and called it political savvy; We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition; We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression; We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free...I ask it in the name of Your Son, the Living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Your Buck, Their Bang

*The Fountainhead* salutes some of the greatest wastes of your money

For you, the tax-payer, the Government has spent.....

- \$46,100.00 to find out if environmental distractions such as sex, humor, and empathy would reduce the honking of frustrated drivers during city traffic jams.
- \$6,025.00 to study what burning paper in the sky looks like.
- \$38,174.00 to find out if run-off from open stacks of cow manure on a Vermont dairy farm was causing the pollution of the water in nearby streams and ponds. Duh!!! It doesn't take any more than basic common sense to figure that one out!

Source: William Proxmire, *Fleecing of America*.

# CULTURE...

# MOVIE REVIEW

by Zac the Blind Cajun

The Blind Cajun's Rating System

<b>Cajun</b>	The Best
<b>Well Done</b>	Really Good
<b>Medium Well</b>	Perty Good
<b>Medium</b>	Worth Rentin'
<b>Medium Rare</b>	Not Worth Seein' at all
<b>Rare</b>	DON'T See It!!
<b>Still MOOing</b>	I'd Rather Drill Holes in My Teeth Than Watch This Movie

*Office Space*

We gots a problem my loyal subjects. The Blind Cajun has received very little fan mail and absolutely NO hate mail. Either love me or hate me guys...but indifference is unacceptable. I tried making my review really controversial so as to upset many, many people, but after reading my first draft, the warden threatened to make me watch *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* so I toned it down a bit. The more upset you get, the better. Make sure you staple your eyelids to your forehead so you don't blink during something good.

Ya know how sometimes when you watch a movie, halfway through you are really into it and thinkin', "Hey...this is dern good," only to be extremely let down by the way the movie ends? Its kinda like when you look at a really hot chick only to later find out that she's a crossdresser...sure, you go ahead and hit on her, but you don't enjoy it quite as much. This was one of those types of movies. This movie was quickly working its way toward a Medium Well and maybe even a Well Done but then it took a turn for the worst.

In case you didn't know, the movie is about three guys who hate their jobs and are about to get laid off so they decide to screw the company out of some money. From the beginning, it is very apparent that these guys are your typical Bill Clinton loving, lazy bums, because only that type of person would want to get money for nothing, right? Plus, these guys are screwing the company out of money and we all know what Bill Clinton is best at. The movie is pretty funny at times

though. Not subtle, intelligent humor like you are reading now, though. Its more like the kind of humor that people who were dropped on their heads as children would think is really funny...them and my roommate, Trixiebell, who laughs hysterically everytime he hears the word "booger."

Well, like I said, the movie is pretty entertaining till you get to the end. The ending is just stupid. Its like they wrote the entire movie except for the end and then when it was time to film the last 10 minutes, they let my neighbor down the hall in the looney bin write it. It must be noted that my neighbor claims his name is Sir Jaervy Barzenblatz and believes that breathing through his back would be the best way to cure marsupials of their pouches. However, I'm sure most of America will like it. The worse things are here, the higher their approval ratings go.

**Rating: Medium**

Rentals:  
*Platoon*

I've never seen this movie but I've been told that it is VERY good. I've heard such great things about it, I've decided to give it a pretty good rating. If you haven't seen it, go rent it and let me know how it turns out.

**Rating: Well Done**

*Half-Baked*

I'm sure this movie was hilarious to everyone in the theatre department but trust me, this movie is horrible. At least the first 30 minutes is...I couldn't watch the rest. To find this movie remotely humorous, you have to have smoked more pot than the guys IN the movie.

**Rating: Still MOOing**

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This Review is Brought to you By: Betty's No Good Clothes Shop and Pancake House "Terrible, terrible clothes.....and pancakes."

The ideas expressed in this review are not necessarily those expressed by Betty's No Good Clothes Shop and Pancake House.

# Did You Know?

- Robert Morris, who was the richest man in the colonies at the time of the American Revolution, played a critical role in financing the Revolutionary War and died broke?
- George Mason, the largest slave-holder in the colonies, refused to sign the Constitution because it acknowledged slavery?
- Thomas Paine, whose writing inspired the Declaration of Independence, provided moral support to the Patriots, and denounced slavery, died a miserable and detested man in 1809?

## Live On University...

*The Fountainhead* hopes to bring you the interesting story of a different OU graduate each week. If you have anyone you would like to see here, let us know.

by Jennifer Butts

Four alumni have been named the 1999 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni recipients. Each year an alumnae is chosen from each of the four academic areas of the college, which are Humanities, Professional Schools, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. This year, Dr. Liba Taub was chosen from Humanities.

Dr. Taub received her Ph.D. in History of Science in 1987 with her dissertation, "Ptolemy's Universe: The Natural Philosophical and Ethical Foundations of Ptolemy's Astronomy," which was expanded and published into a book in 1993. She is

currently a curator at the Whipple Museum of the History of Science at the University of Cambridge in England. In 1998, she was awarded a Pilkington Teaching Prize there for her work. She also served as curator and head of the History of Astronomy department at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

Dr. Taub will be honored as an outstanding alumnae of the College of Arts and Sciences on Fri., March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. The Friends of the College of Arts and Sciences are sponsoring activities, and all proceeds from the event go toward student scholarship funding.

## Jokes of the Week

**Q: What do you call a criminal lawyer?**

**A: Repetitive**

**Q: Bill Clinton and Al Gore are trapped on a desert island with no way of reaching the USA. Who gets saved first?**

**A: The USA.**

## Verse of the Week...

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you...Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4: 7-8, 10



# Greek of the Week

by Lee Doherty



## The Triangle Fraternity

While all students at The University of Oklahoma are here to obtain a degree, the purpose is often lost in the journey. The men of Triangle Fraternity consider getting each member an engineering, science, or architecture degree to be the top priority within their organization. The support network they provide each other throughout the long and challenging journey of earning a highly technical degree has proved to be invaluable, as the organization regularly earns the highest fraternity GPA on campus.

Triangle is considered a Greek organization, and it's a member of IFC, yet Triangle has no Greek letters in its name. All potential members of Triangle must be majoring in engineering, architecture, or the sciences. Once a member, the men have the option of living in the chapter house.

It takes more than a bunch of guys to make a successful chapter. Chapter president Stephen Mercer cherishes the pioneering spirit of the fraternity, and he aims to keep that spirit alive through his term, and beyond. It is with this spirit that all members fulfill their chapter obligations with true dedication and commitment.

Members are not only dedicated to the chapter, they are active members on the OU campus. Triangle members offer support to many organizations on campus, support a strong academic focus, and provide a social outlet. One of Triangle's biggest events is the Welcome to Science and Engineering

party held at the beginning of every school year. This event welcomes students back to school and gives new students a chance to meet with older students in hopes of providing friendship and academic support.

When asked for one word that would best embody their organization Triangle chose 'individual'. Triangle prides itself on diversity and individuality. Members come from all across the United States, and have spread out across the world. Individuality is present though the different organizations in which the members participate.

All members enjoy group activities such as paintball, movie watching and road trips. It is said that the meteorology majors do an excellent job at predicting the weather for the trips but their flat tire forecast leaves something to be desired.

One of the most impressive achievements is the networking for future career positions that is provided as result of Triangle brotherhood.

Alumni members include Ellison Onizuka, one of the astronauts on the Challenger space shuttle, and the current Dean of OU's College of Geosciences.

Not only can these men tell you a whole lot about such things as infinite sequences and series, they can provide young men with skills necessary to successfully graduate college. For more information contact Neil Lovelace at 292-6723 or visit the Triangle website at [www.ecn.ou.edu/triangle](http://www.ecn.ou.edu/triangle)

## Alpha Kappa Sigma

A mosaic is formed of many different pieces of tile. Each piece has a different color, a different shape, some may have different textures.

Some pieces may have rough edges and some pieces may be a little shinier than others. No matter how different the pieces may be, they are held together by the same substance. This is how the women of Alpha Sigma Kappa would describe themselves in a word: mosaic.

Alpha Sigma Kappa was formed on the OU campus in 1997 and is only the second chapter of Alpha Sigma Kappa in the nation, the first being at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (founded 1989). With the sorority in its relatively early stages, the women of Alpha Sigma Kappa are off to a very promising start.

The sorority's handbook reads: "Our purpose is to promote friendship, academic achievement, unity within the organization, and philanthropy throughout the community." According to sorority president Eden Smith the time consuming commitments made to the sorority are well worth the effort. "It is labor of love," Smith explains. All members believe that they contribute to the campus community in a positive way through providing a network of support and creating lifelong friendships to women in technical studies.

With the harsh work load of such technical fields of study as meteorology, math, and

engineering, academic commitment is essential to the women of Alpha Sigma Kappa. While the women try hard to balance social and sorority activities, they know it is scholarship that keeps them in OU.

In aiming to create well-rounded women Alpha Sigma Kappa participates in several philanthropic events on campus. This year Alpha Sigma Kappa has hosted a food drive, a blood drive, and a clothing drive. They also support the Welcome Back to Science and Engineering party, along with Triangle fraternity, to welcome students back to school and give new students a chance to meet some students who have been at OU for a while. The major fund-raiser for the sorority is Borders Benefit Day which happens every fall. Borders book store donates a percentage of its earnings from that business to the Alpha Sigma Kappa sorority.

There may be a lot of diversity and individuality within Alpha Sigma Kappa, but the substance that brought the women together was a common academic interest, and the substance that will hold these women together for the rest of their lives are the friendships made within Alpha Sigma Kappa.

Questions about Alpha Sigma Kappa? All you have to do is "ASK." Contact rush chairman Amy Hausmann at 325-3465 or visit the sorority website at [www.coe.ou.edu/org/asktsig](http://www.coe.ou.edu/org/asktsig). Rush will be the first four weeks of next semester!

## QUOTES

### Useless, funny, outrageous, instructive, & informing

“It is impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and certainly not desirable, as one’s hat keeps blowing off.”

-Woody Allen

“I find nothing more depressing than optimism.”

-Paul Fussell

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

“A compromise is the art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes he has the biggest piece.”

-Ludwig Erhard

“Please let General Mills know that America’s breakfast tables are no place for the glorification of a violent activity like fishing.”

- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, online, criticizing “Wheaties” boxes showing a fisherman.

“In Hollywood a marriage is a success if it outlasts milk.”

-Rita Rudner

“The whole world is in revolt. Soon there will be only five Kings left—the King of England, the King of Spades, The King of Clubs, the King of Hearts, and the King of Diamonds.”

-King Farouk of Egypt

“Perhaps in time the so-called Dark Ages will be thought of as including our own.”

-G. C. Lichtenberg

“Smoking is one of the leading causes of statistics.”

-Fletcher Knebel

“Let us make a special effort to stop communicating with each other, so we can have some conversation.”

-Miss Manners (Judith Martin)

“I have a rock garden. Last week three of them died.”

-Richard Diran

“We were happily married for eight months. Unfortunately, we were married for four and a half years.”

-Nick Faldo

“I was asked to come to Chicago because Chicago is one of our fifty-two states.”

-Raquel Welch at a pro-choice rally

“A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned.”

-Thomas Jefferson

**“WORK HARDER: Millions on welfare depend on you!”  
-bumper sticker**

“If there’s a 50% chance we’ll have a repeat American League pennant winner, you gotta remember there’s also a 75% chance we won’t.”

-Yogi Berra

“I’ve read about foreign policy and studied – I know the number of continents.”

-George Wallace

“I think Jesus would have been a great basketball player. He would have been one of the most tenacious guys out there. I think he’d really get in your face. Nothing dirty, but he’d play to win.”

-Mark Eaton, NBA player

“Where liberty dwells, there is my country.”

-Benjamin Franklin

“Communism can never succeed unless Christianity fails.”

-Billy Graham

“Success does not so much depend on external help as on self-reliance.”

-Abraham Lincoln

“The single most exciting thing you encounter in government is competence, because it’s so rare.”

-Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

“A censor is a man who knows more than he thinks you ought to.”

-Laurence J. Peter

“Children from the age of five to ten should watch more television. Television depicts adults as rotten SOB’s, given to fistfights, gunplay, and other mayhem. Kids who believe this about grownups aren’t likely to argue about bedtime.”

- P. J. O’Rourke

“I see nothing wrong with giving Robert some legal experience as Attorney General before he goes out to practice law.”

-John F. Kennedy

“The sexual revolution is over and the microbes won.”

-P.J. O’Rourke

“I was gratified to be able to answer promptly. I said I don’t know.”

-Mark Twain

“Any fool can make a rule.”

- Henry David Thoreau

“I’m not a real movie star – I’ve still got the same wife I started out with twenty – eight years ago.”

-Will Rogers

“Ninety percent of the politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation.”

-Henry Kissinger

“The best way to keep one’s word is not to give it.”

-Napoleon

“You can tell a lot about a fellow’s character by his way of eating jellybeans.”

-Ronald Reagan

***The Fountainhead*, because students deserve a newspaper that doesn’t talk about the sexual orientation of Tinky Winky**

#### ATTENDANCE, from page 5

always true. Sometimes a class discussion may go off on a tangent, which we all know has happened at one time or another. By missing that discussion, the student should not have to worry about his or her grade being dropped. Each student has the right to miss a class period or two. Each student is paying for the classes he or she takes. Not every class is optional. Each major has courses that must be taken to fulfill

the requirements of graduating, and English is one of these. It is required for every student at the University of Oklahoma. The students do not have a choice in taking this. So should students be obligated to go to class when they could make just as good of a grade by not going?

I don’t believe that they should. The penalty for not going to class seems to be very harsh. If a student has earned a solid grade in a class, that is what I have earned. They did not earn a letter grade lower because

they missed one too many class periods. A true reflection of the student is not shown when the grade is dropped. The attendance record of the student might be shown, not how well he or she has done in the class.

While some classes at the University of Oklahoma have reasonable attendance policies, the English 1113 and 1213 courses do not. Dropping a final grade one letter because of attendance is not a just punishment.

But because of the statement in the 1998 Faculty Handbook, “Specific policy concerning attendance requirements and announced and unannounced examinations is the responsibility of the individual instructor,” the English department has the right to enforce this policy. So until the Faculty Handbook changes its view on attendance, every student at the University of Oklahoma will have to worry about missing class and having their grades dropped because of it.

#### SPORTS, from page 6

tournament will serve to let them try to get a better seed and maybe win a few championships.

But that’s just the start of it. Our wrestlers are ranked fifth nationally and have several All-Americans on the team. Even if you don’t know much about wrestling, it’s fun to go watch them. But you’ll have to wait until next year to see them here on campus. Their final home match was last week when they shutout UCO on senior night. The men’s and women’s gymnastics teams are also very highly ranked and it’s not too late to see them in action. Both squads have two more home...things, whatever they’re called in gymnastics. If you have a chance to go to one of these gymnastics...things...then go. It’s amazing what these people can do with their bodies. And it’s totally free with a student ID. I haven’t been able to take the Blind Cajun Movie Reviewer to one of these gymnastics things yet, but I’m sure that if the

asylum ever lets him go to one he’ll love it. He’s a pretty good gymnast himself when they let him out of his straight jacket.

It’s a great time of year for sports so go out and support your Sooners. There’s something for everyone right now and in our next edition we’ll fill you in on the sports we didn’t talk about this week.

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