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Practice Test Offered!

Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Pre-Medical/Dental Society on campus, will be hosting a lecture on the Medical College Admission Test. A representative from the KAPLAN center will be available to answer questions on proper test taking, and a practice test will be administered. The lecture will be held in the Botany Lab of the Life Sciences Building, on Friday, January 24, at 2 p.m. Come and practice!

Prepare for your future now!

UDM students who are planning for graduate or professional school can prepare for admissions tests by taking a Test Preparation course through UDM Continuing Studies. This year's cycle of courses include the GMAT (5 Saturdays, starting February 1), the DAT (6 Saturdays, starting February 15), and the GRE (4 Mondays and 3 Wednesdays, starting March 10). NOTE: April 12 is the last opportunity to take the paper and pencil version of the GRE this year. Computer-based testing will continue to be available.

These university-quality courses feature personal attention, affordability, a free retake policy and excellent preparation strategies that boost scores. All instructors hold a master's degree or Ph.D. in the field they teach.

Call UDM Continuing Studies at 993-6205 for more information or to register.

Liberal Arts Basketball Night!

Please plan to join Liberal Arts alumni, faculty, staff and students at the Liberal Arts Basketball Night. This will be held while the Detroit Titans take on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 7:05p.m. on February 6.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 22
5:00p.m. Homecoming Court Nominations due, SLO
Thursday, January 23
12:00p.m. Mighty Mug and Churro Give Away, Fountain Lounge
2:30p.m. Exposing the Naked Truth, The Use and Abuse of the Internet, Marian Hall
7:00p.m. Mothers' Appreciation Night, Colleague Lounge
Titans At Cleveland State
Titan Women At Wisconsin Milwaukee
Friday, January 24
4:00p.m. Deadline For Coed 5 on 5 Basketball Sign-ups, Calihan 113
6:00p.m. Scrabble Tournament, Colleague Lounge
Saturday, January 25
3:05p.m. Titans At Northern Illinois
Titan Women At Wisconsin Green Bay
6:00p.m. Night of Diversity; A Family Event, Ontario Room
Monday, January 27
5:00p.m. Mandatory Managers' Meeting For 5 on 5 Basketball, Calihan 113
Tuesday, January 28
5:00p.m. Events Committee Meeting, Colleague Lounge Meeting Room

Time to Show Your UDM Spirit

Homecoming weekend to give students an opportunity to have fun

BY BETH MARRIOT
NEWS WRITER

Coming this February, students have a chance to make this year's Homecoming the best ever! There is a whole week full of exciting events to pump up your school spirit before the men's basketball game on Sunday.

The first event kicks off on Tuesday, February 11. On Candy Day, members of the Homecoming Steering Committee will be passing out candy to people on the UDM campus.

Wednesday, February 12, is "Wear Your UDM Colors" Day. Students should show your UDM spirit by wearing the UDM colors - red, white and blue!

Get ready on Thursday, February 13, for a Mini Pep Rally in the Student Union Fountain Lounge & Loft at 12:30p.m. Students can join the pep band and cheerleaders as they fire up everyone for the game on Sunday.

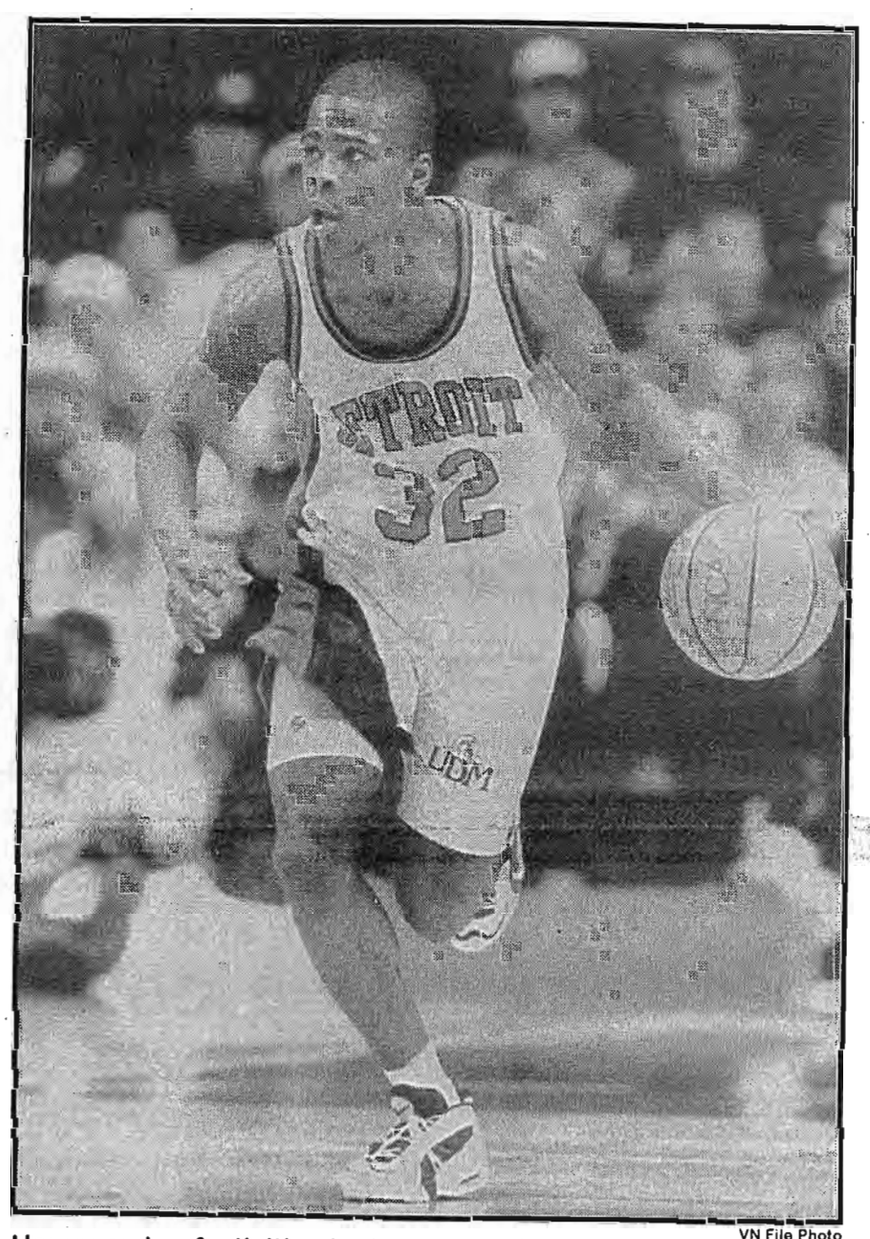
Friday, February 14, is not only Valentine's Day, but it is the day everyone has been waiting for; the UDM Pep Rally! The event kicks off at 11:30a.m. in Calihan Hall when Sodexho will begin serving lunch there that day, instead of the dining hall. At 12:15p.m., after the introduction, the pep band and cheerleaders will appear and begin firing up the crowd. There will also be promotional give-aways, so don't miss your chance at free stuff. The dance team will also be on hand to show their school spirit. Then, the men's basketball team will be introduced, followed by the introduction of the UDM Homecoming King, Queen, and Court! The will be a faculty and student king, queen, and court.

Later that evening, the Titan Homecoming Formal will kick off at 8p.m. at the Crown Plaza Ponchatrain Hotel in downtown Detroit. This is a black-tie optional event, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will be a D.J., for those who want to dance away their evening. Tickets are $25 for a single, and $50 for a couple. Students can buy their tickets by contacting the UDM Senate at 993-1493.

On Sunday, February 16, there will be a Processional from the Residence Halls to Calihan Hall at 11a.m. This is an excellent way to get ready for the big game.

The Homecoming Game will conclude this year's festivities. The big game kicks off at 12:05p.m. at Calihan Hall as the Titans square off against UW-Green Bay. Come out and cheer on your Titan basketball team.

This year's Homecoming will be an exciting and spirited event. All students are encouraged to attend these activities.



VN File Photo

Homecoming festivities include an action packed ESPN televised Men's Basketball game Vs Wisconsin Green Bay.

Cable stirs up trouble

BY ERICKA ROBERTS
NEWS WRITER

Resident students all across campus are complaining about their cable services. Some are angry about the fees they are being charged and some are angry with the cable itself.

The cable was supposed to be completely installed before students arrived in the fall. Due to technical difficulties, students were told the cable would be operational by early/mid October to early November.

While most students were joyful about the idea of finally getting cable, others were not. Many students say they don't have time to watch TV, let alone cable, and some don't even own a television set. But TV or not, every resident student will be charged $39 per double room and $75 per single room for cable and computer network installation.

"It's frustrating because I'm not able to receive this benefit that I'm paying for and I feel that everyone should have been given a choice," said a TV-less Dora Hermiz of West Quad.

Director of Residence Life, Jeff McDowell, commented, "it would have been prohibitively expensive to provide cable services based on individual room installation."

"The cable is just like the telephone that is installed in everyone's rooms. You pay for the telephone even if you don't use it and that will be the same for cable," said McDowell.

The average double room fee on campus is about $1214 per semester and about $2121 for a single per semester. Next year, expect an increase that will include the cable and computer network installation fees.

Some don't mind paying the fees but are having trouble with the cable itself.

"There are sporadic periods when I'm changing channels and my channels will disappear like I never had them," said Jamie Hickman of Holden Hall.

On top of the cable problems, if you live in the Quads, Reno, or Holden you are probably wondering when your room will have access to the computer network, which was supposed to be finished by mid-November.

"Everyone will have access to the network by the end of January," said Alex Pullukat, Director of the Computer Center. "Enertron is responsible for laying the cable and we are responsible for hooking residents to the network, so when the cable TV installation fell behind so did everything else."

Representatives from Enertron were unavailable for comment but if you have questions or complaints call (810) 756-0697.

ARRRRGGGH!

VN Photo/John Nguyen

A pie in the pace is always an exciting event for all involved. At last Wednesday's Women's Basketball game two dollars were rasied for each pie thrown into the staff member of your choice.

Black History Month

Plans for February's celebration

BY ERICKA ROBERTS
NEWS WRITER

The Black History Month Planning Committee met again on January 21. The committee was formed to plan and implement programs for Black History Month (February) that are inclusive to all races and cultures.

The committee announced Tuesday that the opening ceremony for the month will be held on February 5, at 7p.m. in the Colleagues' Lounge. The opening ceremony is planned to be a jubliant kick off of what is sure to be a great month of celebration and reflection.

The ceremony will consist of a brief overview of the month's upcoming event, poetry readings, storytelling, dance and drum with Kamaal Amen-Ra and a candlelight vigil. Also on tap for the month, the annual African-American Student Network Roundtable, A Soul Food Feast for both campuses, Poetry Contest, off-campus field trips to be announced and much more.

All suggestions and ideas are welcome. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, at 1p.m. in Room 203 upstairs in the Student Union.

"A Night of Diversity" Coming to the Outer Drive Campus

BY REBEKAH LANGRILL
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In the wake of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, UDM students are going to be given an opportunity to unite. On Saturday, January 25, Campus Ministry and the Student Life Office are presenting "A Night of Diversity."

This is to be a multicultural affair, encouraging students to accept and learn about each other's different backgrounds. Students and faculty alike are encouraged to come and bring their families, as this is a family affair. Both dinner and entertainment will be provided.

A glimpse into the entertainment portion of the program consists of a traditional African-American dance, an interactive folk dance, a Native American presentation, and Irish bagpipers. A cultural fashion show, entitled "A Parade of Nations", will also be presented. Interaction will be encouraged through the icebreakers and dancing.

Myra Tyler, a work-study student under Sylvia Shorter, of Campus Ministry on Outer Drive, and Alicia Bell, Student Life Activities Coordinator for Outer Drive, are the organizers for this event.

"Our goal is to get to students to be able to appreciate the diversity in our university," said Tyler. " We want to encourage an appreciation for each other."

The event will be held on the Outer Drive campus, at the Ontario room in the Ward Conference Center, from 6 to 9p.m. It is made possible by your Student Activity Fee, and is therefore free. Come and join in on the cultural festivities!

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President should be able to run the country, but not as a criminal

Every person in the United States who commits a crime is innocent until proven guilty and has a right to a fair and speedy trial. Unless, of course, you are the President of the United States.

The sexual harassment suit brought by Paula Jones against President Clinton, has finally landed in front of the Supreme Court. The High Court will have to decide if the President can be taken to court while in office. A lower court has ruled that Presidents are not immune from being sued for acts they commit as a citizen, and Clinton's defense has appealed that decision.

The court will probably decide now whether or not the office of President is immune to trials while in office, even though President Clinton will probably not have to deal with this trial while in office. Legal maneuvering by his lawyers could put off the case until he leaves office, but this decision could be crucial for future presidents.

We at the Varsity News feel that the President should be immune only in civil cases. In these cases, such as Paula Jones', the case is usually for monetary reasons only. Criminal cases, on the other hand, have more severe penalties.

The president is too busy tending to America's business to be bothered with cases that do not put a direct criminal charge on him. The issue is not his immunity, but whether the good of the country would suffer from his legal proceedings. A suspension of the statute of limitations for civil trials while a President is in office is appropriate and necessary.

If a President is indicted ...he should not be above the law.

On the other hand, the President should not be immune from felony, criminal charges while in office. For a criminal case to go to trial, the evidence must first face the scrutiny of a grand jury, which would hopefully screen out any frivolous or erroneous cases. If a President is indicted by that grand jury, he should not be above the law.

We elect a President to do his job as commander-in-chief of our country. He cannot afford to be distracted by matters that can be taken care of after he is out of office, as in a civil case, but any soldier committing a crime while in the service is prosecuted, and the President should be not different. Obviously, if we are at war, or in another national crisis, then exceptions could be made, but the principle remains the same: The President is not above the law.

When the Supreme Court writes its decision, the image and good of our country should be foremost in their minds. We need a country with a strong leader. A civil suit could hamper the President's ability to run the country, but having a criminal running our nation is much worse.

Homecoming dance looking good

Formal event should crown a well-planned Spirit Week

Homecoming brings to mind images from our high school days. We all remember the school spirit and the float parties. We remember the gossip about which girls from the popular crowd would make court. We remember the big game, and the dance that followed. Homecoming was an important part of our high school memories, and the Student Senate would like to make Homecoming an important part of our college years as well. Can it work, though? We at the Varsity News think the answer is yes.

This is the first attempt at a campus-wide formal that the University of Detroit-Mercy has ever seen. The Student Senate and its sub-committees are hard at work hoping to ensure its success.

"The biggest thing is to build campus spirit and make the dance a success," said Justyna Laska, co-chair of the Homecoming student committee and chair of the court committee. She's right. And if everything goes as planned, the King and Queen will be dancing the night away among their peers at the top of the Crown Plaza Pontchartrain on Valentine's Day.

There are some notable differences between our respective high schools' Homecomings and UDM's current hopes. Most of us remember spending lots of money on dresses and dinner just to end up dancing in an overly decorated gymnasium. That will not be the case here. The top of the Pontchartrain Hotel has been reserved for Friday, February 14. It will cost $25.00 per ticket or $50.00 a couple to join in on the festivities, but we hope that next year, those taking dates can save a few dollars.

We do wonder if the application process is a little much.

The sub-committees of the Student Senate are in charge of planning the events during Spirit Week, including the pep rally where the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced.

Each of the 88 student organizations on campus have been given the chance to nominate a male and female candidate based on leadership abilities, campus involvement and academics.

The nominees must then fill out an extensive application, obtain a faculty recommendation, attend a mandatory meeting, and pass an interview to become one of the twenty Court candidates. A campus vote will decide the ten members of the Court, including the King and Queen

The intent of the process is good, since the King and Queen and their Court should be contributors to the University, and not just popular students. We do wonder, however, if the application process is a little much. A simpler application for next year could still ensure that there are worthy candidates, and would encourage more students to apply.

The top of the Ponch for a night of dancing and ESPN covering our Homecoming game... Who could ask for a better way to promote school spirit?

UDM Q&A

"What should be used to fill the pot hole behind Shiple?"

by John Nguyen

Samar Fahim
2nd Year
Biology

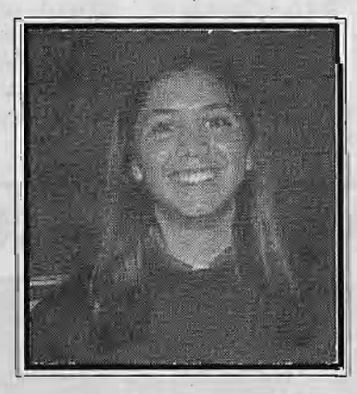
"We should fill it up with all the extra Flex money we never get to use."

Yvonne Villemure
3rd Year
Biology

"Who knows... Maybe somebody's car will fill it up."

Terrell Reber
1st Year
Criminal Justice

"Make it a little deeper, fill it with water, and make a swimming pool."



Michelle Molenda
1st Year
CIS

"Fill it up with all the Smurf salt."

Dan Jansen
3rd Year
Psychology

"Fill it up with all the non-working phones on campus."

Letters to the Editor

Recycling editorial was hypocritical

To the Editors:

This letter is in regard to Volume 79 issue 14 article addressing recycling at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM). I must agree that UDM and its student body need to engage itself in a campus wide recycling program in the resident halls, classrooms and Sodexho dining areas. I feel it is unfair for the VN to insist in a more aggressive recycling program when they discard excess papers every week. On many occasions I have seen a member of the VN staff throw away stacks of old issues in favor of the new edition. It is very hypocritical for the VN to insist on recycling when they are not recycling on a regular basis. Secondly, I have spoken on behalf of the Recycling Committee to Saundra D. Oates's, Director of Sodexho, lack of recycling program. Mrs. Oates pointed out the difficulty in participating in a recycling program without the full support of UDM and the members of the UDM community. Hopefully, in the next several weeks we can take steps leading to a recycling program. However, for this to be successful, we the students of UDM must support such a program. Use blue bins for paper only. Throw your regular trash in a regular trash bin. Furthermore, while eating meals in either dinning room request reusable utensils and dishware. If you are eating in the dinning room please do not ask for your food "to go." Lastly, if we are not in full support of a recycling program, how can we expect the full support from UDM and Sodexho?

Sincerely,
Jason Hendry

Editor's Note: It is VN policy to place unused VNs in the blue paper bins on campus for recycling.

Roads make a bad first impression

A Commoner's Sense
Column by Eric Darby

Another Insignis weekend has come and gone. A small horde of wondering high school seniors were treated to the wonders of college life. Some came to impress the interview teams, met the Dr.s and impressed them with their intellect and charm. Others came to party, met Dr. Hangover, and impressed nobody.

Most fell happily in between, getting a realistic slice of college life that will hopefully encourage them to join our fine University community. All that was missing was a good first impression and a good final impression. Our University fell flat on its face when it came to those all-important steps.

What's the first thing you notice about our campus? No, before the buildings begin, but after you wake up the slumbering gate guard to get directions. I'll give you a hint: it sounds something like: "Bang!" That's the sound of a tire hitting a pothole.

Who is impressed by the roads on campus? I think everybody is. Impressed by how **poor** they are. What kind of a message do our campus roads send to visitors? That we don't care about our University? That we don't bother to keep it up? If I was a visitor, that's what I would think. No matter how many tales of million-dollar improvements to the Architecture and Engineering buildings are told to wide-eyed high school seniors, their first experience with campus up-keep still sounds alot like "Bang!"

The roads that lead to our campus are not very well kept either, and that is even more reason to improve ours. Let's face it: the area around campus is not always pretty. Parents may be apprehensive about sending their children here after bumping over Davison and up Livernois Avenue, and then seeing the area that we live in. The prospective students are probably a little worried too. I'll be honest and tell you that I was

The broken storm drain by Commerce and Finance could swallow a Geo Metro in a single gulp.

scared witless my first night on campus. I had seen more burned-out houses in one day than I had ever seen in my entire life, and I went to sleep to the lullaby of gunshots. The further removed I thought I was from Detroit, the safer I felt. And when parts of campus didn't look too far removed, I didn't feel very reassured.

Detroit is a great city, and I'm not scared of it anymore, but it's still good to think of campus as a safe haven- an island in a sea of urban decay. When you drive from those same bumpy roads onto our bumpy roads, the transition just doesn't happen. Sure, it's a little psychological quirk, but I'll bet it happens to many of our guests.

There is a pot hole behind Shiple Hall large enough to fit the entire senior class of the average high school inside, with room to spare for their parents, whose first impression of our college also sounded alot like "Bang!." The section of road between Chemistry and Life Science is more patch than pavement, and the broken storm drain by Commerce and Finance could swallow a Geo Metro in a single gulp. If you were visiting campus for the fisrt time, and your car blew a tire on one of those hazards, would you be very impressed?

Every college I visited when I was a member of the Class of 1994 urged me to get involved, and be a part of campus. Who wants to be part of a college that doesn't seem to care about itself? Sure, we dump tons of money into our buildings so that we can show them off (as well as improve the quality of education), but that seems to end when it comes to something basic, like roads.

I was taught in speech class that your introduction and your conclusion were the two most important parts of a speech. If you didn't start off right, nobody would believe anything else you say, and the conclusion is the last thing that your audience will remember. Well, our roads are a bumpy introduction, and the conclusion of a prospective student's visit still sounds an awful lot like "Bang!" How impressed would you be?

What good is democracy?

Didacts and Narpets
Column by David Collver

It seems that anywhere you look these days, people are extolling the virtues of democracy. The end of the Cold War is often hailed as a triumph or victory for democracy. President Clinton uses the word democracy so often one conjures up an image of a Smurf saying the word "smurf" all of the time.

But, what is democracy? Why is it so great? Is it so great? The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle, who is often and widely credited with being the first political scientist, defined democracy as "rule by the masses," and explained that it was a degenerative form of polity, meaning "rule by the many."

Down through the ages, many ground-breaking political philosophers have expounded on the virtues -- and various shortcomings -- of democracy. This long, prestigious list includes: Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Thomas Hobbes, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, John Locke, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, to list just a few. Few political concepts have received so much discussion, so little disagreement, and so much misunderstanding.

Let me explain. To say that it has received so little disagreement is not to say that everyone likes it or dislikes it- quite the contrary. It is the definition, "rule of the masses," that most major political philosophers agreed on. To them, democracy meant majority rule with no exceptions. Hobbes and Rousseau theorized that the majority had the right to do whatever they wanted, even at the expense of the misguided minority. They didn't believe in rule by law, but only rule by the majority. Others agreed with that definition, but did not beleive that it was good.

...What is democracy? Why is it so great? Is it so great?

This seems somewhat far removed from our modern understanding of minority rights. The recognition of minority rights prompted the evolution of another form of government, the republic, a French word meaning "rule for the people." A republic is based on democratic principles, according to Jefferson and Madison, but is not a democracy. The simple majority doesn't always determine policy. Sometimes super-majorities are required. This means that minorities can prevent the majority from taking action in some cases. Most importantly, the majority doesn't rule- law does.

This seems closer to our system of government than does "majority rule." The Senate has a filibuster rule requiring a 60% vote to close debate. President Clinton was re-elected with only 49% of the popular vote. Furthermore, not everyone who is eligible to vote actually votes. (According to Rousseau, democracy requires everyone's vote.)

Democracy, on the other hand, is messy, so time consuming as to be impractical, and as Aristotle said, degenerative. Whoever can fool the most people wins absolute power. Even representative democracy, as is usually found in parliamentary-style governments (such as Britain's), gives way to rule of the majority rather than law. (Representative democracy might not even be the rule of the majority, depending on the electoral system.)

However, this having been said, if one were to ask the average person on the street their thoughts on democracy, they would probably have a generally favorable view of it. It's a shame these days that a word that is used so frequently is so misunderstood by so many.

What do you think? E-mail David Collver at collvedc@udmercy.edu

The Senate Scoop

Are you interested in helping revitalize Detroit?

Come to Student Activism in Metro Detroit: Creating Our Future. On Saturday, March 15th from 9-5, at the Ward Conference Center Outer Drive. Detroit Area activities and Detroit Political leaders will be coming together with Detroit area colleges to discuss methods of reviving Detroit. Keep a Look Out for Tickets: $10.00/person.

Have you bought your Homecoming Formal Ticket yet?

Tickets are going fast. Don't miss an elegant night to remember at the Top of the Pontch in Downtown Detroit on February 14th. Tickets are sold during lunch hours or just call the Senate Office at 313-993-1493.

Did you have books in the book sale?

If your books did not sell, stop by the Senate office to pick them up, along with a 25% refund on your asking price, since the sale did not go as long as planned.

Do you know your new officers?

In a recent meeting, Ray Apuda was appointed Secretary, and John Caruso was appointed Vice President of Finance. Both were appointed to fill vacancies, and will serve until the end of the term. Senate is also looking for candidates to be appointed to vacancies in the general Senate body. For more information, call 993-1493.

Internet access should be a right

Professor - Speak
An Opinion Column by UDM Staff
This Week: Prof. Robert Ross

The other day, American Online went down for several hours. While this on its own is not very interesting, it prompts the consideration of a couple of serious and important issues. These issues include those of fairness, access, and how, as a society, we choose to distribute resources.

America Online, like other Internet service providers, is in business to sell a product. What they sell is peculiar. Rather than selling information, they sell access to information. Information and the access to it are quite different things. Newspapers, for example, sell information. An Internet service provider is not like a newspaper. Instead, it's like a vending machine on a street corner that can decide who is allowed to open the door.

What will happen, in the not too distant future, when Internet access becomes necessary to participate in society? Already today, every ad is accompanied by at least one Web address. For convenience we have e-mail, electronic banking, and virtual shopping. They could very easily become necessities. You may soon need Internet access to pay your taxes, vote, attend a virtual school, or visit a virtual doctor. In the future, as companies and organizations lower costs by reducing the number of bank tellers, teachers, and sales clerks you could be faced with the choice of being connected or having the door slammed in your face. Imagine what it would be like not to have an address or a phone number. It could be just as difficult to function without access to the Internet.

What if a service provider decides to shut down service to a few selected locations for sinister purposes? Network service providers could shut down service in neighborhoods for political purposes. They can choose which areas to service based on class, race or religion.

Internet service providers can effectively isolate individuals and groups of people from performing informational transactions. They control the flow of information. These companies have managed to leverage themselves into powerful positions in our society. As our dependence on the Internet increases, the importance of these companies will also increase.

What prevents companies from offering access only through telephone exchanges which, on average, have families with high incomes? What prevents them from excluding various communities? Without local access numbers, people are effectively excluded. Can providers deny access to poor communities in order to maintain service to wealthy ones when the network traffic begins to overload the system?

Some people will argue that the competition in the industry is so intense that these problems could never occur. There are so many service providers that no single one could possibly have that affect. This could all change very rapidly. A couple of big companies could offer very low cost access and drive the smaller competitors out of business. Low cost access will be subsidized by advertising revenue. When this happens, service providers will have an incentive to maintain service only in those areas which are valuable to their advertisers.

The current trend in government is toward deregulation and less involvement in business. This may well be a good idea. There are, however, certain areas in which the public has very strong interests. Historically these areas included the sale and distribution of water, natural gas, electricity, and telephone service. As we deregulate these traditional areas we must consider how new resources will be distributed.

Robert Ross is an Assistant Professor in Department of Electrical Engineering and Physics.

Got 10 minutes?
File your taxes.

This year, millions will file their tax returns by *phone* — using TeleFile, a free service from the IRS. The call is easy and refunds are fast. Check your mail for a TeleFile booklet.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
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TeleFile
It's free. It's fast. It works.

Lyrical Androgyny
starring:
bret mantyk

Happiness is a warm gun...

Dear readers: The following narration is based on a true story. The incidents and the characters involved are completely real. If there are any similarities to fictional characters, living or dead, it is entirely coincidental and is not the responsibility of the newspaper, affiliated clients, or the writer. Thank you.

2:00a.m.

I laid dead under my covers, when I heard a noise. After gathering my senses into a coherent state, I concluded that the front door was opening.

I quickly dismissed it as my roommate coming home after an extended night of manic drunkenness. Silly me.

Approximately three seconds elapsed before I realized that I didn't have a roommate.

I shot up from my bed and cracked open my bedroom door. I could here a low rustling noise across the hall in my living room.

My heart was racing!

Within the time it took me to exhale, I had analyzed all of my options. Escaping through a window wasn't going to happen, since the only window in the apartment was in the living room. Calling the police, wasn't going to work either, since I doubted my new friends would be sticking around very long.

It was at that point that I dug through my underwear drawer for my gun.

I fumbled around for a few minutes with the clip, trying to figure out how to load the damn thing. The gun did seem a bit intricate for personal safety use, but the gun shop guy said it was the best one on the market. He said that you can't trust anyone these days, and if you don't have a fully automatic hand-cannon with you at all times, it's not even worth owning a gun.

Hey, it's either me or them, right?

So after I loaded it up and turned on the infrared scope, I crept into the hallway. Whoever broke into my apartment was still in my living room, and didn't realize I was awake.

I crawled on my belly, vietcong style, across the carpet, and held the gun with both hands in front of me.

Just before I was about to pounce on my unsuspecting guests, I remembered the home-safety gun class I was forced to take prior to buying my weapon:

Step 1: Identify the noise in your house as an irregular noise. The situation should now be treated as a "volatile" situation and should be handled accordingly.

Step 2: Obtain and load the gun as quickly as possible.

Step 3: Point the firearm in the direction of the noise and empty the clip.

With these rules in mind, I jumped out into the living room and emptied the clip at the figures standing before me. However, it wasn't until after the barrage of bullets, and a closer examination of the mutilated bodies that I realized it was two gentlemen I actually knew.

In fact, it was my two best friends!

A quick scan of the living room told me that they were decorating for a surprise birthday party for me.

Can you believe it?!

They actually went through the trouble to sneak around my apartment in the middle of the night just to surprise me in the morning! And here I am, puncturing all of their vital organs, allowing them to lose a crucial amount of blood within a matter of seconds.

Those guys...

MTV Star rocks Club UDM

UDM students dance and enjoy activities of second annual event

BY BRAD BOWMAN
SPECIAL TO THE VN

Posters and fliers started hyping the Second Annual Club UDM more than a month ago, promising students a chance to dance to the up-tempo East Coast deep House music of D.J. Lars of the London season of MTV's The Real World and to experience an interactive Virtual Reality video game.

Almost. D.J. Lars showed up, but the Virtual Reality machines didn't quite make it.

"Here's what happened," said Jenn Gressman, a member of the Event's Committee that organized Club UDM. "We rented the machines, but they broke on the way from Chicago because of the cold [weather]. So we made a few phone calls and rented the Bungee Run and got "Ya Dig Inc." to provide air brushed portraits."

While attendance didn't seem to reach the 400 expected, the Ballroom of the Student Union was packed, and space on the dance floor was dense. D.J. Lars kept energy levels high and feet moving as he weaved through a seamless set of the same songs that are filling the dance floors in Manhattan, New York.

The Bungee Run was also a huge success, as students, two at a time, raced down an inflated alleyway and marked their distance with a baton before getting yanked back by the bungee cord. A typical run consisted of students flipping, twisting, falling, and somersaulting back to their point of origin. Although many students asked about the absence of the Virtual Reality game, no one was disappointed by its replacement. Some students even felt it was a perfect way to wind down from their week of studies.

Ya Dig Inc. pleased many students as they created colorful and artistic signatures and emblems free of charge. All of the students that attended the event also received free memento cups, pop, and tasty munchies.

While discussing the planning of this event, Gressman and Luigi Coletta (of the Events Committee) let it be known that two other events are planned for the near future: Las Vegas Night and the Beauxart Ball.

Las Vegas Night will be held on February 27, and any students interested in helping plan the event are welcome to attend the planning meetings on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in Student Union Room 203.

"The Beauxart Ball is a 'Roaring Twenties' masquerade," said Coletta. "It's on March 22 at The Detroit Club. There will be jazz bands and will be presented by the AIAS [American Institute of Architecture Students], the ASCE [American Society of Civil Engineers], and the ABAS [Association of Black Architecture Students]."

Even though the Third Annual Club UDM is a full year away, these next two events should help fill student's social calendars. And maybe by next year the Virtual Reality Machines will have thawed out.

VN Photo/ Chris Carmody

DJ Lars of MTV's 'The Real World' spins his brand of dance music for students at UDM's Second Annual Club UDM.

VN Photo/ Chris Carmody

UDM Students (from left) Julie Renouf, Elisa Piccirilli, and Dora Hermiz dance to D.J. Lars' special brand of music along with many other students at Club UDM.

VN Top Ten

Top Ten Little-Known Majors at UDM

10. Gun Repair
9. Baby Seal-Clubbing
8. Jackassery
7. Pauly Shore-ology
6. Snow-Eating
5. Biblical Engineering
4. Booty
3. Random Screaming
2. Identifying Unidentified Flying Objects (with a minor in Probing)
1. Philosophy

'Mother' a definite cure for insomnia

BY KATHRYN RIBANT
FEATURES AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

There are two reasons why I wanted to shoot myself during the carefully counted 104 minutes of the movie "Mother," directed by Albert Brooks. One was because I didn't want to fall into such a deep sleep that loud snoring would occur and cause great embarrassment on my part. The second was because the incessant arguing and bickering between Brook's character and Debbie Reynolds, who plays his mother, was so annoying that I thought my head would explode.

Although I obviously did not enjoy the movie, I have to admit that the acting was good. Albert Brooks plays the role of a divorced man who, after losing his second wife, tries dating again to no avail, and then has a stupid revelation that the root of all his problems with women stems back to his decrepit relationship with his mother. Debbie Reynolds portrays his bargain hunting, self depriving, technologically impaired, bothersome, annoying, whiny mother. Funny moments were Reynold's tendency to freeze all of her food and her typical mother-embarrassing-the-son behavior. It was done appropriately if that is what you want to endure for 104 horrible minutes.

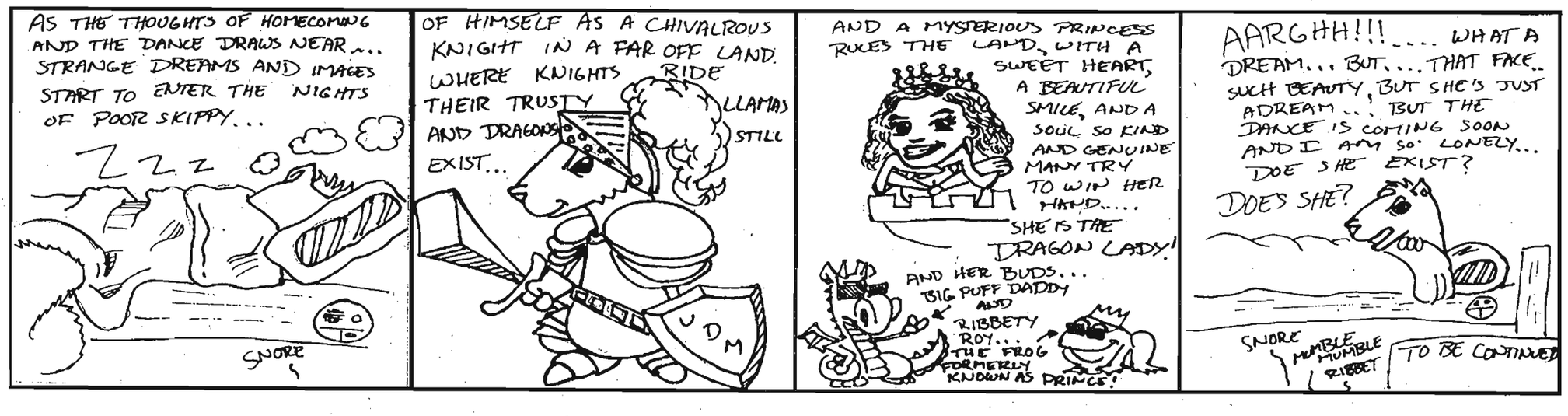
The supporting cast was on the border of being amusing. Rob Morrow plays Brooks' happily married, anal retentive, seemingly obsessive-compulsive brother who has a perfect relationship with their mother which in turn makes Brooks jealous. There is also quite the expected cameo performance by Lisa Kudrow, as a woman that Brooks takes out on a date. She plays this character as Phoebe, I mean the usual ditzy, spacy kind of chick.

The plot of the movie was one that I feel could have been covered in a half-hour situation comedy. When you've got something going well, such as the mother-son humor in the beginning of the movie, the last thing that you want to do is base your whole movie on that, assuming that it is charming, dragging it out until the audience just wants to vomit.

Obviously, I would not recommend going to see this movie without bringing along your gun.

SKIP'IN ON CAMPUS

BY RAY APUADA



This Week...

A calendar of what's happening in and around the Metro Detroit Area

Wednesday, January 22-
~Angry Salad / The Ark / doors at 7:30p.m., show starts at 8:00p.m., FREE!
~"A Clockwork Orange" View and Brew Movie Series / Magic Bag / doors at 8:00p.m., film starts at 9:30p.m., $2.00

Thursday, January 23-
~U.S.S. Ferndale Sci-Fi Night / Magic Bag / film starts at 9:00p.m., FREE!

Friday, January 24-
~"Freeway" / Detroit Film Theatre at The Detroit Institute of Arts / showings at 7:00 and 9:30p.m., $4.50 (student rate with valid school ID)
~Family Function / Magic Bag / doors at 10:00p.m., $6.00
~Psychedelic Funkification Project wsg. Clairmont Convenience Store / Paycheck's Lounge /

Saturday, January 25-
~20th Annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival / Hill Auditorium / doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8:00p.m.
~"Freeway" / Detroit Film Theatre at The Detroit Institute of Arts / showings at 4:00, 7:00, 9:30p.m., $4.50 (student rate with valid school ID)
~Howling Diablos / Magic Bag / 9:00p.m., $6.00

Sunday, January 26-
~"Freeway" / Detroit Film Theatre at The Detroit Institute of Arts / showings at 4:00 and 7:00p.m., $4.50 (student rate with valid school ID)

Monday, January 27-
~"Butterfly Kiss" / Detroit Film Theatre at The Detroit Institute of Arts / showing at 7:00p.m., $4.50 (student rate with valid school ID)

Tuesday, January 28-
~Cult Classic Double Feature - "Santo vs. The Vampire Women" and "The Brainiac" / Magic Bag / doors at 8:00p.m., 1st film at 9:00p.m., 2nd film at 11p.m., FREE!

'Metro': Lackluster Murphy causes viewer disappointment

BY MIKE JIRKANS
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

In his latest cinematic venture, Eddie Murphy once again attempts to take on the dramatic world, but must fall back on what got him into Hollywood, his comedy. "Metro," like "Beverly Hills Cop" and "Another Forty-Eight Hours," is the story of police officers and criminals and is filled with smash-em crash-em action.

Murphy plays Scott Roper, a San Francisco hostage negotiator who has supposedly met his match in clever jewel thief Michael Korda (Michael Wincott). When Korda kills Roper's boss and good friend (Art Evans), the always popular "this time it's personal" touch is added. Despite firm disapproval from his superiors, Roper becomes involved in the case. He is not alone in this endeavor, however. Roper recruits the assistance of his new partner, an eager, quick learner named McCall (Michael Rappaport).

The search ends abruptly when Korda is spotted as the suspect in Roper's next hostage negotiation. A mad chase scene develops after Korda is able to escape the lackadaisical efforts of the police. After stopping a runaway cable car (a must in any action film set in San Francisco), Roper eventually catches up to Korda and arrests him.

Since most motion pictures last longer than thirty minutes, the average moviegoer could probably guess that this was not the end of the film. Unfortunately, though, this realization quickly turned into confusion. After being undoubtedly charged with the murders of at least three people, one of whom being a police officer, Korda is allowed to talk to whoever he pleases. He first instructs his cousin to kill Roper's love interest, photographer Ronnie Tate (Carmen Ejogo). Korda later speaks to a bail bondsman, trying to arrange his release. After acquiring a position in the prison laundry, Korda promptly escapes.

When it comes to the procedures involved in the handling of people who have charged with crimes of this caliber, I am no expert. Why a man such as this was put into minimum security and allowed to roam free is beyond my grasp, but it sure does not seem like something that should be allowed. Then again, the story would not have anywhere to go with the villain behind bars.

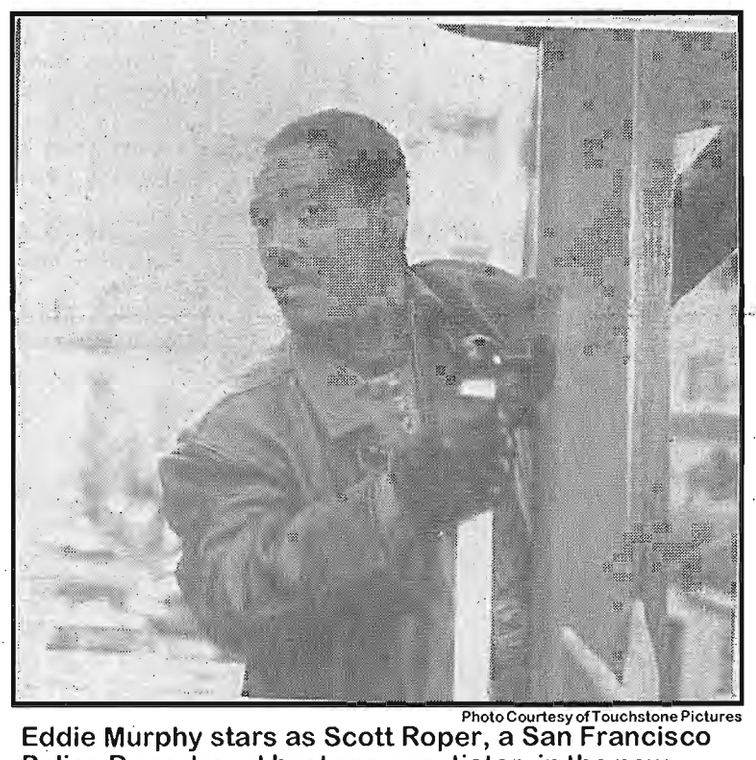


Photo Courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

Eddie Murphy stars as Scott Roper, a San Francisco Police Department hostage negotiator, in the new movie "Metro."

Although the script may leave one still hungry for more, the supporting cast does an adequate job of keeping some credibility in the film. Michael Wincott has the icy stare and raspy, haunting voice of a killer. He definitely fits the bill as a deranged psychopath. However, his talents are canceled out by the story's inability to portray him as a dangerous man to taken seriously. The inexperienced yet enthusiastic character of McCall is played well by Michael Rappaport. He is not on the screen enough to be thoroughly challenged, though. Carmen Ejogo does the damsel in distress act just fine, while her character's dog Troy lounges skillfully on command.

What "Metro" fails to do is pull the audience into the plot. Most people were more concerned with what hysterically funny thing Murphy would come up with next. Unfortunately, nothing from his bag of tricks seemed to be new. The obvious effort at comedy overshadows the next-to-nonexistent presence of suspense. This lopsided battle leaves the plot as the ill-fated loser. With all due respect given to his comedic talents, Eddie Murphy will never be taken seriously for his dramatic undertakings as an actor. He should stick to what got him in the door instead of trying to expand his repertoire.

Video Pick of the Week

GOONIES

The "Goonies," Sean Astin, Jeff Cohen, Robert Davi, Kerri Green, John Matuszak, Joe Pantoliano, Ke Huy Quan (Jonathan Ke Quan), Josh Brolin, Corey Feldman, Martha Plimpton, Anne Ramsey. Director: Richard Donner, 1985.

After finding a old map in the attic of one of their houses, a group of kids in a seaport town in Oregon search in the caves along the coast, looking for the buried treasure left by One-Eyed Willie, a seventeenth-century pirate. Much mayhem ensues on their search as they are trailed by three villains who want the treasure as badly as they do. After making it through every trap and plot to foil their efforts they find One-Eyed Willie's ship in an underground lagoon. They find One-Eyed Willie and with his help, they exit the cave and escape the wrath of the three villains with the treasure.

With Steven Spielberg serving as the film's writer and executive producer, "The Goonies" is sure to include high levels of adventure and excitement. Like a miniature version of "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," this movie is full of incredible sets, a breakneck narrative speed, and dazzling special effects.

"The Goonies" possesses the same slapstick calamity of an Our Gang episode. The viewer wants to cheer for the characters' success, as well as laugh at their mishaps. There is a smooth mixture of the usual ingredients from Steven Spielberg action movies, made special by the high-energy performances of the kids who have the adventures. This film must be looked upon as much more than a mere movie for kids. It is something to be enjoyed by all, from the age of four to one hundred four.

This week's pick written by Mike Jirkans

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This Week...Could there be a turn for the positive for Veronica when Kyle approaches her? Or is he just being a friendly and pleasant RA?

The Continuing Story at the Bottom of the Page

This Week's Installment By Russ Davidson

Veronica stood beside Stephanie in the center of a huge flock of freshmen, waiting for the bus to maneuver around the tight corner at the university's main gate. They'd been standing there for over half an hour now, watching the bus roll forward, scrape its way up the curb, then bounce back, two inches to the left of where it had started. and forward again, this time r ning back into the exact same place it had started from. The sun was beating down on them, radiating off of the concrete and making the exhaust fumes even more offensive. Veronica sighed, shifted the heavy weight of her overstuffed backpack on her shoulder, and dug a hand into her pocket. "Any day now," she said quietly, surveying the flock.

Suddenly something caught her eye. There, skirting the crowd's edge, he was. Kyle. That amazingly, stunningly, inhumanly beautiful hunk of an RA. Smiling that sweet, pearly smile at the other freshmen. Talking and laughing with them. What she couldn't get over was what a sweet guy he seemed to be. Not a conceited jerk like pretty much every other guy she knew. Kyle was humble and gorgeous. She could feel the butterflies in her stomach just by looking at him, standing there, illuminated by the sun's rays.

Stephanie chuckled and sat down on the curb. "Yeah, he is cute. Isn't he?"

"Well, yeah. Obviously," Veronica sighed, sitting down beside her roommate.

"Apparently, he's a transfer student. This is only his second term here."

"Oh yeah? Where'd he transfer from?"

Stephanie shrugged. "Nobody seems to know, really. Maybe nobody thought to ask... . He's from out of state, though. That much seems to be decided upon. Or at least, if he's from Michigan, he's not from the city."

"Well, wherever he came from, that's where I wanna live," Veronica said. "If there's more like him there, that is."

Stephanie put an arm around Veronica as the bus driver finally gave up on trying to make the corner without running up onto the curb, sending the bus lurching up, then bouncing back down again as it squealed their way. "You're really pathetic, you know that?" she laughed.

They followed the pack of freshmen onto the bus, allowing themselves to get caught up in the swarm. Air inside was refrigerated, cool and smelling faintly of freon. They snapped up a pair of off brown seats near the middle of the bus, Veronica stuffing her backpack down by her feet. Stephanie buckled the thick red belt around her waist, cranked the seat back into a slightly less uncomfortable position, put her headphones on, and promptly fell asleep, her head leaning against the window.

Veronica dug her belt out from between the seats, and was having trouble getting it buckled, when she heard that distinctively calm, melodic voice. Startled, she looked up.

And there he was. Kyle. "Can I help you with that?" he asked, showing her those pearly whites.

Veronica sighed, nodded ever so slightly, then blinked hard. "That's strange," she thought.

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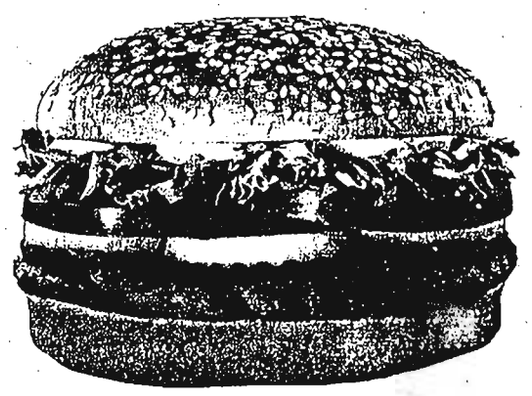

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January 27-29, 1997

University of Detroit Mercy will host a seven-member North Central Team from January 27-29, 1997. The purpose of the campus visit is to verify the *Self-Study* that was conducted in 1995-1996 by the University. A copy of the *Self-Study* is available for review in each of the four University libraries.

There will be open meetings with North Central Team members for all UDM students on:

Monday, January 27, 1997
7:15 - 7:45 p.m.
Commuter Lounge, MH 210
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Tuesday, January 28, 1997
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
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Lady Titans still perfect in MCC

Women (6-0) off to best MCC start in school history

BY STEVE CORDER
SPORTS WRITER

The Detroit Lady Titans continued to roll throughout the conference this week, winning three games against MCC opponents.

Last Wednesday, UDM played host to a solid University of Illinois-Chicago team that boasted last years MCC player-of-the-year, Joanne McCarthy. McCarthy was also picked as the preseason MCC player-of-the-year this season.

The Titans' defense refused to be intimidated and held McCarthy to just eight points, while forcing her to commit nine turnovers, en route to a 89-54 victory.

"We didn't have a game plan that focused on her," coach Nikita Lowry said. "The strength of our team is defense, and our defense was really aggressive."

The Titans' swarming defense was again the story. UIC's offense was out of sync all game, committing 28 turnovers. Illinois-Chicago had problems immediately into the game, as they were held to only 18 first half points. This laid the ground for a 40-18 halftime lead for the Titans.

The Flames troubles continued throughout the game as they connected on only 20 of their 58 shots, including 5-18 from beyond the three point arc.

Defense wasn't the only story in this game though. Detroit's offense hit on almost half of the 81 shots they put up. The main reason the Titans were able to outshoot the Flames 81-58 was offensive rebounding. Detroit pulled down 24 offensive boards, making it possible for many second chance opportunities.

Six of the Titan players scored in double figure led by Nina Rouser (17) and Stephanie Gray (16). Rouser, who also pulled down 11 rebounds, and Crystal Thorne, 12 points 12 rebounds both contributed double-doubles for the Titans.

The win improved the Titan record to 10-4 and 4-0 in the conference.

On Saturday, The Titans again played in the confines of Calihan Hall, this time against the Huskies of Northern Illinois.

The Huskies played tough against the Titans for the first 20 minutes, trailing by only four at the end of the first half.

The Titans took over in the second half though, blowing Northern Illinois out by a final score of 67-53.

The difference for Detroit in this game was their free throw shooting. The Titans shot .813 from the free throw line, hitting on 26-32 shots. The Huskies hit on 50% of their shots from the charity stripe, making two of their allotted four shots.

For the second straight game the Titans hit the boards, outrebounding the Huskies 48-39, including 19 offensive rebounds.

Autumn Rademacher scored ten points and grabbed 11 rebounds for her first double-double of the season. Jocelyn (J.B.) Boyd led the Titans with 15 points and five assists. Rouser contributed 14 points and nine rebounds for UDM.

The win was the sixth straight for the Titans increasing their record to 11-4 and 5-0 in the conference.

Photo by Steve Taylor

Rouser led UDM with 35 points this week as the Lady Titans improved to 6-0 in the MCC, the Titans best conference start in school history

Detroit finished their busy week with a trip to Cleveland State University to battle the host Vikings.

The Titans offense was not in top shape, but their fast break was too much too for the Vikings to handle. Detroit scored 17 points on the fast break and 21 total points off of Cleveland State turnovers.

Another key factor in the Titans' victory was second chance points. Detroit grabbed 22 of their 50 rebounds on the offensive end of the floor, leading to 17 second chance points.

The Titans' defense also played well, as they forced Cleveland State to shoot a miserable 34% from the field, including 27% from three-point land.

Detroit's total team effort earned them a 62-51 win.

Four Titan players scored in double figures, led by Shafarrah Hill, 10 points 12 rebounds. It was Hill's second double-double of the season, and the third straight game with a Titan double-double. Jeanie Hill added 11 points for Detroit.

The win increased the Titans' record to 12-4, and 6-0 in the MCC.

Detroit has two games this week. The Titans travel to Wisconsin this weekend to play at both Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

UDM Titans POTW

Nina Rouser

Rouser recorded 35 points this week, including a team-high 17 in UDM's win over Illinois-Chicago at Calihan Hall last Wednesday.

Against UIC, Rouser also grabbed 11 rebounds, including six offensive, and two blocked shots.

	G-GS	FG%	REB	AST.	BLK.	PTS.
Week	3-0	44%	14-15-29	3	3	11.7
Season	16-5	42%	39-72-111	11	17	9.3

Lady Titans Upcoming Schedule

January 23
@ Milwaukee

January 25
@ Green Bay

January 30
vs. Cleveland State

February 8
vs. Loyola

Despite injuries, men win two of three

Hayes' 74-point week leads Titans to conference wins over Butler and Loyola at Calihan

BY DAN HEMLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite playing without injured front-liners Carl Pickett and Leon Derricks, the Titans still managed to win two of three conferences games last week.

The bigger of the Titan victories came in the form of a 56-54 overtime thriller over the Butler Bulldogs at Calihan Hall on Monday.

That game will be remembered as the Derrick Hayes show as the junior guard exploded for 35 points on 11-20 shooting, as well as 12-14 from the free throw line.

"It was real important for someone to step up," sophomore Jermaine Jackson said. "Everybody is struggling right now, and with Leon (Derricks) and Carl (Pickett) hurting, it's important for someone to step up every game, no matter who it is."

The Titans led by three at the half, as Hayes scored 13 of the Titans 22 first-half points. The second half saw much of the same as Hayes hit for 18, as the Titans seemed to have the game won.

However, the Titan offense went cold near the end of regulation and Butler guard Jeff Rogers hit a lay-up with six seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

Neither team was effective offensively in the extra session as the Titans outscored the Bulldogs 6-4 to win the game.

Only four other Titans, Perry Robinson (8), Brian Alexander (7), Jermaine Jackson (4), and EJ Haralson (2) scored for UDM.

The Titan defense held the Bulldogs to 35% shooting for the game, as BU recorded only seven field goals in the first half.

Kelsey Wilson led the visitors with 15 points, and Dan Dudukovich added 11 points in 29 minutes.

Saturday saw the Titans only loss of the week as UDM fell to UIC (4-1 MCC) 66-53, at Calihan Hall.

UDM played well in the first half, trailing by only four after 20 minutes, but ran out of gas in the second half.

"We played terrible defense," Jackson said. "Despite our injuries, our defense has always remained good, but we just didn't play well against UIC."

Coach Perry Watson, limited in his personnel options, played only seven players as Flames coach Jimmy Collins played ten different players, eight of which scored for the visitors.

Hayes led the Titans with 18 points, but shot only 7-18 from the field, as the Titans struggled to find their offense, shooting only 35% from the floor.

EJ Haralson, starting for the injured Carl Pickett, gave Watson quality minutes, leading the team with eight rebounds while also chipping in 11 points in 32 minutes. Haralson also struggled from the field, however, shooting only 25% (3-12).

Mike King, the MCC's Player-of-the-Week (18 points, eight rebounds) and Mark Miller (17 points, five rebounds) led the UIC attack.

On Thursday, the Titans held Loyola to just 29% shooting in the second half, as UDM outlasted the Ramblers 69-62 at Calihan Hall.

Hayes led the Titans with 21 points on 6-9 shooting, and Brian Alexander recorded a "double-double,", adding 14 points and 14 rebounds to the Titans' cause.

Perry Robinson also scored in double figures (11) as he was a perfect 4-4 from the field.

The key to this game was that the Titans committed only eight turnovers in 40 minutes.

Guard Derek Molis led the Ramblers with 17 points, and forward Javan Goodman added 10 points and a game-high 15 rebounds for Loyola.

Despite the several unlucky breaks and key injuries the Titans have been faced with this season, the Titans aren't ready to be buried just yet in the race for the MCC regular season title.

"We have seven or eight conference games left," Jackson said. "We have a tough road trip coming up, but if we can win some game, and the right teams can lose, we should be right in the hunt for the conference championship."

The Titans will play their next four games on the road, beginning with Thursday's contest with Rollie Massimino and Cleveland State.

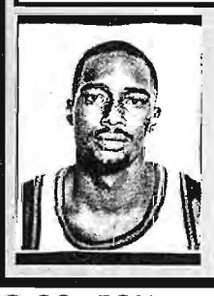
The Titans will then travel to Dekalb, Illinois to face the defending MCC Champion Northern Illinois Huskies on Saturday.

The Titans will face Wright State next Thursday at the Nutter Center and then travel to Indianapolis for a rematch with the Butler Bulldogs on February 1, at 2:00 p.m.

The Titans finally return home on Thursday, February 6, to face Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Calihan Hall at 7:05 p.m.

UDM Titans POTW

Derrick Hayes



Hayes led the Titans in scoring in all three of UDM's games this week, inluding a career-high 35 points in the Titans' win over Butler on Monday.

Hayes scored 21 in the win over Loyola and 18 in the loss to UIC.

	G-GS	FG%	REB	AST.	STL.	PTS.
Week	3-3	51%	3-5-8	6	6	24.7
Season	17-16	47%	35-46-81	35	23	16.3

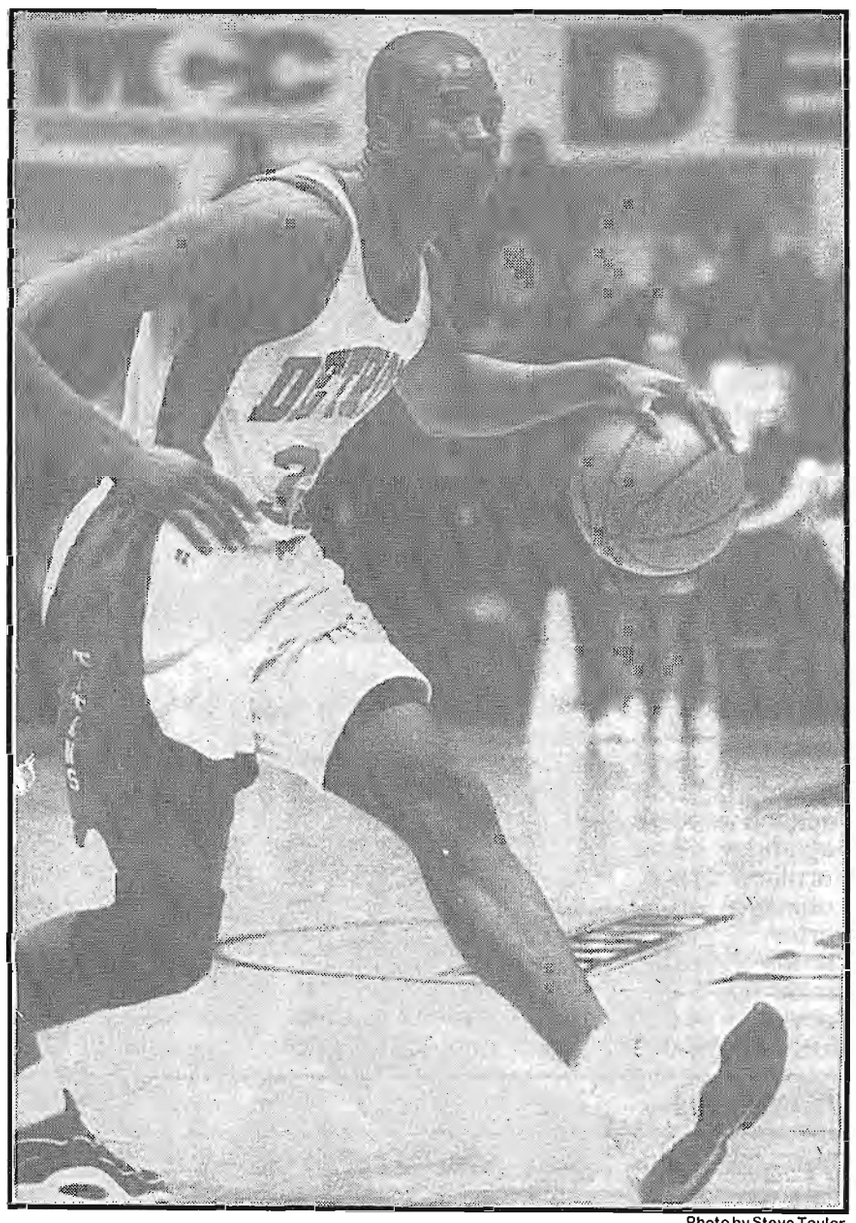


Photo by Steve Taylor

Sophomore guard Jermaine Jackson led the Titans with 11 assists this week, including five in the Titans' overtime victory over Butler on Monday

Pickett out two to three weeks

Torn cartilage in knee will sideline senior forward

Photo by Steve Taylor

Pickett smiles on the bench during Saturday's game at Calihan Hall

BY JAY SOMMERS
SPORTS WRITER

Titan forward Carl Pickett will be out ten to twenty days after an MRI revealed torn cartilage in his knee joint. Pickett underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair the cartilage Tuesday. The senior is the team's second leading scorer averaging 12.3 points per game.

Pickett's consecutive game streak of 101 straight constests was snapped when he didn't dress Thursday against Loyola.

The team has also been without the services of senior center Leon Derricks who has been sidelined with a high ankle sprain for the past three games.

Derricks was averaging 11.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

Despite the loss of Pickett and Derricks the Titans have posted two victories to only one defeat to Illinois-Chicago. The UIC game magnified the team's diminished frontcourt as the Flames outsized the Titans in the paint.

"We didn't have the bodies to beat UIC. We're only a shadow of our usual team without Leon and Carl," said head coach Perry Watson. "But this is only temporary. We're tired, but we have to hang on, until they get back."

Derricks will be back in action when Detroit opens a four-game road trip at Cleveland State on Thursday. He dressed Monday against Butler, but did not play.

"Being without Carl will affect us a lot offensively, just like it already has," sophomore Jermaine Jackson said. "But defense wins games, and as long as we play good D, we should be able to win some games."

Track and Field performs well at Michigan State

BY DAN HEMLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The UDM men's and women's indoor track teams traveled to East Lansing on Saturday to compete in a meet hosted by Michigan State.

The women's team, despite coming out on the short end of a 61-53 decision to Michigan State, had a good outing and lest coach Guy Murray optimistic about the team's future.

"We had a good meet and made some progress despite some sickness that is going around," Murray said. "We will need another step of progression this week as the Michigan Intercollegiates are always tough."

Freshman Shireese Statin continued her impressive early performance as she won both the 55 meter dash and the 200 meter dash.

Sophomore Michelle Moskai also was impressive, setting a school record of 35' 1-1/4" in winning the triple jump. Moskai finished second in the high jump behind teammate Rochelle Stansberry who set a personal record of 5' 4-1/4" in winning the event.

Sophomore Andrea Hutchins continues to lead the distance squad, finishing third in the mile run, running her second-best time ever of 5:19, and third in her debut in the 3000 meters.

The men were up against a strong field that included Michigan State, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Southwestern Michigan College, and Lansing Community College.

The Titans finished fourth overall, and look to improve for next week's meet.

"we had a decent day," Murray said. "It seems like every event we are strong in, the field is just as strong. We hope to match last year's 31-point effort at Michigan Intercollegiates."

Sophomore Ken Riley continued to impress as he finished third i the 55 meter hurdles and fifth in his first effort this season in the triple jump. He also ran a very solid lead-off leg on the third-place 4x400 meter relay squad.

"Ken is becoming a top-flight Division I competitor," Murray said. His relay leg was the most impressive on an otherwise good day."

Senior Eric McKeon is continuing to assert himself as the man to beat in the 400 meters in the MCC. McKeon finished second in the 400 meters, posting a season-best 49.52 in the race.

"The 400 meter dash was a great race and Eric nearly won it," Murray said. "He will look to defend his Michigan Intercollegiate 400 meter title this week. His time at this meet indicates he is ready for the challenge."

McKeon and Riley joined teammates Mark Risch and Chris Imber in nearly winning the 4x400 meter relay, finishing third in 1 time of 3:22.96.

The Titan men and women return to action at the Michigan Intercollegiates. The men travel to Ypsilanti on Friday, while the women return to East Lansing for a competition on Saturday.

UDM Sports Calendar

Men's Basketball
Thursday, 23 7:35 p.m.
@ Cleveland State

Saturday, 25 8:05 p.m.
@ Northern Illinois

Women's Basketball
Saturday, 25 4:00 p.m.
@ Green Bay

UWM PANTHERS
Thursday, 23 8:00 p.m.
@ Wisconsin- Milwaukee

Women proving pollsters wrong

Picked to finish third, Titan women remain undefeated after six MCC contests

BY STEVE CORDER
SPORTS WRITER

The last time the Lady Titans lost an MCC basketball game, Nikita Lowry was an assistant coach at Ohio State University.

Half a year, and six MCC contests later, Nikita Lowry's squad is off to their best conference start in school history.

Detroit sits atop the MCC with a 6-0 conference record, and a 12-4 overall record.

What's surprising is that Detroit was picked to finish third in the MCC during preseason voting, but the Titans have already beat preseason favorite Butler University.

"We don't read too much into preseason polls," coach Nikita Lowry said. "All they do is give opinions about the players' abilities, they can't determine the players' heart and determination."

The Titans have a winning record at home (5-2), on the road (5-2), and at neutral sites (2-0).

They have four road wins in the MCC, compared to 2 at home.

At present Detroit is outscoring their opponents by an average of 12.2 point per game.

What is even more surprising than the Titans' success is how they are winning.

Detroit doesn't have a leader who scores all their points, and they don't have a unstoppable offense that rolls over opponents.

Instead, the Titans have a deep team with great chemistry.

"We dress nine players," Lowry said. "We have nine players who are capable of playing and impacting the game immediately."

The Titans pride themselves on defense and hustle.

"The players get excited by disrupting their opponent's offense," Lowry said.

This is displayed by the fact that Titans' opponents are shooting a miserable 37% from the field on the year.

Anyone of their players can lead the team in scoring on any given night.

"It doesn't matter whose doing the scoring," Lowry said. "All our players get excited when somebody hits a shot."

Detroit has three players averaging in double figures, led by Autumn Rademacher with 12.9 PPG. Two other players average over 9 points a game.

"Opponents' defenses can't key on just one player," Lowry continued. "Somebody is usually open to take a shot."

One part of the Titans' game that is improving is rebounding.

Detroit has pulled down 153 rebounds in the last three games, including 65 offensive boards.

"I believe that offense sells tickets, defense wins games, and rebounding wins championships," Lowry stated. "One thing we needed to improve on was rebounding, and I think we are starting to do that."

Although the Titans are excited about their success thus far in the season, they are by no means content with it.

They have set a goal to win the MCC championship, and they will settle for nothing less.

The whole team truly believes that there is always room for improvement, and hard work is the best way to improve.

Boyd has stepped up her game in '97, a major reason why the Titans are 6-0

Men's MCC Leaders
(as of January 19, 1997)

STANDINGS	
UIC	4-1
Butler	4-2
Green Bay	4-2
Loyola	2-2
Detroit	3-3
Cleve. St.	3-3
Milwaukee	2-3
Northern Ill.	2-4
Wright St.	1-5

SCORING	
Coleman, NIU	18.2
Hayes, UDM	*16.3*
Lux, NIU	15.8
Neuhouser, BU	15.2
Goodman, LU	13.9
Wilson, BU	13.3
Sims, CSU	13.3
Miller, UIC	13.3
Brooks, WSU	13.1
Molis, LU	12.9
Madison, CSU	12.8
Pickett, UDM	*12.3*
Lowe, UIC	12.3
Graves, BU	12.2

REBOUNDING	
Lux, NIU	9.6
Lowe, UIC	7.8
Goodman, LU	7.8
Coleman, NIU	6.7
Alexander, UDM	*6.6*
Derricks, UDM	*6.6*
Bush, LU	6.4
Bowens, CSU	5.8
Van Rijn, BU	5.7
Neuhouser, BU	5.2
King, UIC	4.9
Sims, CSU	4.8
Brooks, WSU	4.7

ASSISTS	
Rogers, BU	5.7
Brooks, WSU	4.5
Sims, CSU	4.5
Olm, UWGB	4.4
Coomes, UIC	4.3
Jackson, UDM	*4.2*
Welch, WSU	3.9
Minter, NIU	3.7
Caldwell, UWM	3.7
Parker, NIU	3.4

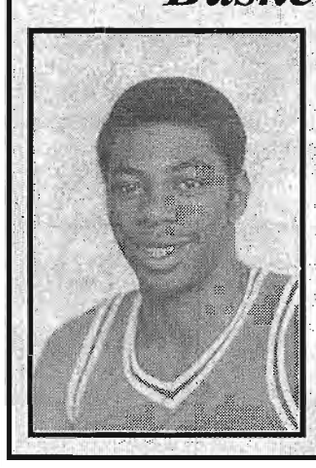
Game of the Week

Men @ NIU

The Titan men will travel to defending MCC Champion Northern Illinois with hopes of avenging last season's loss in the finals.

Titan Star of the Past

Earl Cureton
Basketball 1979-80



Earl Cureton played just two years at Detroit but made quite an impact. In 1980, his senior season, he led the team in scoring (19.9 ppg), rebounding (9.1), and blocked shots (47).

Over his two year career, Cureton shot 52% from the field, good enough for 8th all-time at UDM. He also registered 79 career blocked shots, placing him 7th in school history.

Cureton went on to play in the NBA for the 76ers, Pistons, Bulls, Clippers, Hornets, and Houston Rockets where he won an NBA title. He currently plays for the Toronto Raptors.

Men's and Women's Updated Statistics

PLAYER	GP-S	FG%	FT%	RPG	AST	BK	ST	MIN	PTS	PPG
Hayes	17-16	.467	.826	4.8	35	3	23	567	278	16.4
Pickett	15-15	.408	.785	4.3	30	12	19	428	185	12.3
Derricks	15-15	.484	.672	6.6	29	8	9	483	168	11.2
Jackson	18-18	.360	.692	3.8	77	3	17	636	149	8.3
Alexander	18-18	.370	.551	6.7	10	9	4	492	121	6.7
Haralson	18-5	.337	.688	2.4	25	0	7	359	97	5.4
Robinson	18-3	.509	.769	4.5	11	4	6	351	79	4.4
Porter	17-0	.361	.750	1.1	10	0	5	214	74	4.4
Turner	13-0	.667	.455	0.8	2	5	3	105	13	1.0
Smith	3-0	.500	.000	1.0	0	2	1	16	5	1.7
Sabree	4-0	.000	.667	1.3	0	0	0	11	2	0.5
Morrison	9-0	.333	.000	0.8	1	1	0	37	2	0.2
TITANS	18	.414	.708	36.7	230	47	94	3700	1173	65.2
Opp.	18	.412	.667	34.8	216	60	100	3700	1158	64.3

The Titans are second in conference games in team defense (Green Bay, 56.2), allowing only 56.4 PPG in five conference games in 1997.

PLAYER	GP-S	FG%	FT%	RPG	AST	BK	ST	MIN	PTS	PPG
Rademacher	16-16	.437	.667	5.3	49	2	28	516	207	12.9
S. Hill	16-15	.423	.745	5.3	43	5	29	509	195	12.2
Gray	16-15	.468	.545	6.6	16	23	11	400	175	10.9
Rouser	16-5	.419	.574	6.9	11	17	27	390	149	9.3
J. Hill	16-1	.382	.875	1.8	25	0	23	308	149	9.3
Boyd	16-16	.422	.704	3.8	81	1	33	525	137	8.6
Thorne	16-7	.513	.630	5.8	6	28	13	285	97	6.1
Banks	12-0	.296	.706	2.2	17	0	10	111	28	2.3
Dinges	16-5	.256	1.00	2.3	5	4	8	182	22	1.4
Terenjuk	0-0	.000	.000	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Titans	16	.423	.669	42.9	253	80	182	3225	1159	72.4
Opp.	16	.370	.639	41.4	208	35	122	3225	963	60.2

Titan women (6-0) are off to their best conference start in school history.

Lady Titans are outscoring their opponents by an average of 12.2 PPG.