



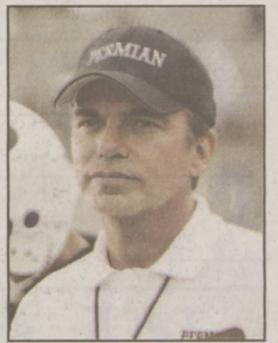
OU graduate Jason Perry had to learn along the way when he joined the professional ranks.

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Registration drive flops

BY LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Somebody dropped the ball and because of that some OU students won't be voting in the November election.

Freshman Bre Kopson, who turned 18 in May, said she thought it was great that she could register at school and was excited to vote in the upcoming election. Kopson registered in September during OU's voter registration drive.

Her excitement faded when she found out she was not registered

to vote, even though she had registered ahead of the Oct. 4 deadline.

Kopson, who spoke during Monday's OUSC meeting, said she learned she was not registered after she and a friend looked online.

"This is a very, very important election year," Kopson said at the meeting. "I'm wondering if there is anyway you guys (OUSC) know what happened ... and why we aren't registered."

Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development, said the Center for Student Activities is aware of the situa-

tion and is in the process of finding out what happened. She said they are not sure whether the problem was a result of actions at OU or of Project Vote, the company who assisted in the drive.

"Unfortunately, I don't know if we have a lot of answers right now, but we're definitely working on it," Crampton said. "We don't want to create mass chaos until we find out what really happened."

The issue was referred to the Research and Review Committee, which will report its

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Freshman Jonathon Dalton takes the time to register to vote on Sept. 6. Some of the students who participated in the registration drive are not eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

Roqaya Eshmawi/ File Photo

Acorn Tour visits Meadow Brook



Meadow Brook Hall hosted a reception and tour of the 110-room Tudor period mansion for the Acorn Tour last Sunday. Owners of any make of classic cars built before 1955 were invited to park their vehicles outside Meadow Brook Hall. Participants visited the Walter P. Chrysler museum, downtown Clarkston and toured the former residence of Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson, founders of OU. - Roqaya Eshmawi

Profs agree Kerry will be victor

ALLISON BRUNNER
THE OAKLAND POST

Democratic Party candidate Sen. John Kerry will win the election, political science professors Peter Trumbore and David Dulio speculate.

Kerry did exactly what he had to in order to make himself tough competition for the presidency, the two agreed.

"His ship was sinking, but now he's rising," Dulio said. "Anyone who doesn't think it's close is naïve. It will be a fight to the finish."

Trumbore, who leans more Democratic, and Dulio, who leans more Republican, engaged in a panel discussion last week concerning the first presidential debate.

Trumbore was critical of the Republican party, as well as Bush.

"Bush could've fallen over, he could have some fit at the podium, and he still would have had Friday morning, the typical Republican organs saying 'our man did the job, our man won even if he repeated the same line 28 or 29 times,'" Trumbore said.

He also asked the audience, "Are we supporting Kerry because we like him or because he isn't Bush?"

The audience seemed to agree it was because he isn't Bush.

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BOT meets via telephone

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Held via teleconference, the OU board of trustees went along with its scheduled formal meeting Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the Elliot Hall Auditorium.

With only chair Penny Crissman, Vice Chair Dennis Pawley and President Gary Russi, along with General Council and

Secretary to the Board Victor Zambardi, in attendance, the remaining board members communicated by phone.

First on the agenda was the addition of a footnote to one of the items on the consent agenda, which stirred up some conversation.

Board member Henry Baskin said he was not at ease with the audit report presented by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP,

and voiced his opinion when a change in the footnote was brought up.

Every board member voted to accept the annual financial report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2004, with the expectation that the footnote would be changed, except Baskin, who contested the report. The motion still passed.

Later in the meeting, Baskin, the former chair of the board, was recognized

by the board for his service to OU and its community.

Pawley read the resolution, officially recognizing Baskin's "outstanding service as chair and as a board member."

"(Be it resolved) that the board of trustees, President Gary D. Russi and the entire Oakland University community publicly express their deep appreciation

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Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post
Junior Mark Bahoura uses the ATM located in the Oakland Center. With the switch, that ATM will soon be the only one of its kind on campus.

Partnership will bring funds, scholarships

BY LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students might see an addition to the OC and their wallets sometime next year.

The university has established a new partnership with Credit Union One, which is tentatively scheduled to be up and running in May 2005, but is pending approval by the board of trustees.

OU's partnership with the Oakland University branch of MSU Federal Credit Union ended last year.

With the new partnership

comes funding to put a Credit Union One branch in the OC, new Spirit Cards equipped with debit MasterCard access and new Honors College scholarships.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs, said that Credit Union One would take over the ATMs in May, but MSU Credit Union will be able to maintain one ATM on campus for one year after the switch.

The two credit unions are on the same network, so students and staff with MSU Credit Union accounts can use Credit Union One's ATMs without facing charges, Snyder said.

At last week's Senate meeting, Richard Fekel, director of the OC said "this program will provide \$445,000 in Honors College scholarships over the next seven years."

Four new student internships will be available at the new Credit Union One branch, which will be located in the space that used to house Copystop, he said. Snyder said the closing of CopyStop had nothing to do with this new partnership.

Last February, Fekel said at the meeting, "the division of Student Affairs in conjunction

with the division of Finance and Administration distributed a request for a proposal to a variety of financial institutions."

A committee was selected to review the four proposals that were received, and "Credit Union One of Ferndale, Mich., was selected, through (the) competitive process to provide bank related services to the university and community," he said.

"Over the next seven years," Fekel said, "Credit Union One will be providing a minimum of four ATMs on campus."

Students and staff that open

accounts with Credit Union One will also be able to access their accounts through their Spirit Cards. The new, redesigned Spirit Cards will also double as a debit MasterCard.

Another possible addition to OU as a result of this partnership will be the capability to direct deposit student payrolls and financial aid refunds to students' bank accounts, regardless of which bank students open accounts through.

The details haven't been worked out, Snyder said, but OU

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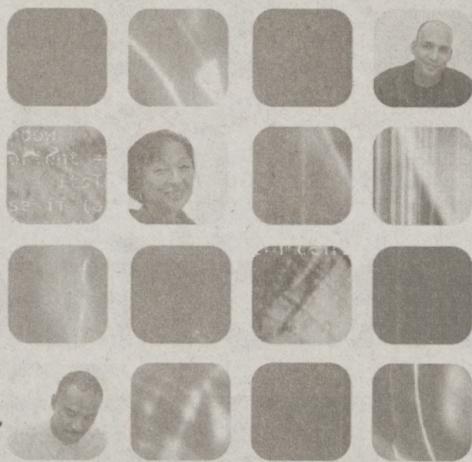
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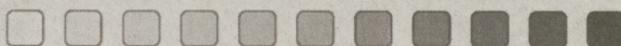
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Our goal this year is to provide quality, inspirational, and educational programs and activities that support the theme. The participation of the entire university (students, faculty and staff) is important in gaining a better understanding of the struggles, frustrations, and triumphs African Americans have and continue to encounter.

The coordinating committee has met and generated ideas about potential programs and/or activities that include:

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These are just a few of many wonderful ideas we have shared and hope will entice you to think about your role and the contribution you, your class, department or unit will make to enhance the understanding of "African Americans: Voices and Visions—Past, Present, and Future."

In submitting your proposal, please bear in mind the following criteria:

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- Include Program Budget information (from Program Proposal Form) in the narrative
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Depression could surface in college

Health Wise

Editor's Note: This is the first in a continuing series about health issues that concern college students.

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Last week, 151 students participated in the National Screening Day at OU. "It's part of a program going on across the country, many universities and colleges are participating," said Pamela Marsh, a Psy.D. licensed psychologist at the Graham Health Center.

In any given year, approximately 19 million American adults will suffer from depression, and it will interfere with their normal functioning and will cause pain and suffering to them and their families.



Dr. Marsh talks with a student, who has just taken the depression screening test, about her results. Five to 10 percent of students screened were referred for counseling.

Research reveals that the most common age for onset of depression is between 15 and 21.

"It is not uncommon for adults to experience their first episode or to be diagnosed while in college," said Debra McGinnis, assistant professor of psychology.

Recent evidence "from university counseling centers suggest that somewhere between 10-13 percent of college students experience depression," she said.

The term depression is used to signify a mood disorder. The National

Institute of Mental Health defines a depressive disorder as "an illness that involves the body, mood and thoughts. It affects the way a person eats and sleeps, the way one feels about oneself, and the way one thinks about things."

Marsh, along with several other professionals, set up a table in the OC to inform students about depression. They also offered depression screening tests for students to take.

The goal was "to talk to as many college students as we can, about their moods and educate them on depression, different symptoms of anxiety, and give them feedback ... (on) how your mood functions and is it getting in the way of your daily living," Marsh said.

Between five and 10 percent of the students who were screened were referred for follow-up counseling.

"Most students endorsed having some feelings of depression," Marsh said, but it becomes an issue "when it interferes with your daily living, when you feel that way all or most of the time."

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Students come out at OU

BY LIZABETH DUEWEKE
THE OAKLAND POST

Instead of participating in a nation-wide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) boycott, Jeff Montgomery, executive director of the Triangle Foundation, spoke at OU last Friday.

To take part in the boycott, individuals would inform their occupations of their absence and would then stay home to demonstrate the impact of GLBTs on society and the economy.

"I'd rather be here to speak on Coming Out Day," Montgomery said. "It's so important that people on campus know what's going on. You have the power to make a great change, much more than generations before you."

"Celebrities, neighbors, lawmakers, colleagues, they're all coming out," he said. But still, "we can't be honest about these kinds of things," because "culture (today) is in this weird



Students, staff and faculty gathered between the OC and O'Dowd for a Coming Out Day Potluck on Monday. A candlelight vigil, also part of Coming Out Week 2004, was held that night to remember those who have been affected by hate crimes.

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Electoral College loses luster

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
THE OAKLAND POST

Forget about Florida during the 2000 presidential election, "it's irrelevant," Todd Estes, a history professor, said at a lecture last Wednesday.

If it were not for the Connecticut Compromise, he said, who won Florida's votes in the 2000 election would not have mattered, because former Vice President Al Gore would be in office today.

The Electoral College, Estes said, which put former Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes, Woodrow Wilson and current President George W. Bush in the White House, put the wrong candidates into office.

His lecture, titled "How the Small

States Have Twisted the Outcome of Three U.S. Presidential Elections and Why We Can Blame Connecticut," focused on how the Connecticut Compromise was used to develop the Electoral College.

After the controversial 2000 presidential election in which Gore won the popular vote but lost the electoral vote to Bush, Estes became more interested in the Electoral College.

He said he wondered how it was possible for a candidate to lose the popular vote and become president and "did the right candidate really win?"

Estes began extensive research and crunched a lot of numbers. The end result revealed the potentially incorrect presidential elections of 1876, 1916 and 2000.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE

They should have resulted in the elections of Tilden, Hughes and Gore, not Hayes, Wilson and Bush, respectively, he said.

He based his analysis on the history of the Electoral College, which was created by the Committee of Unfinished Parts.

When it came to decide on the distribution of electoral votes, the committee based its decision on the Connecticut Compromise, which had been agreed

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History Comes Alive Series Schedule

The Victorian Séance: Faith and Fraud in the Late 19th Century Speaker: Ronald C. Finucane Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in rooms 128-130 of the OC.

From Containment to Occupation: The U.S. and Iraq, 1990 to 2004 Speaker: Weldon C. Matthews Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the OC's Oakland Room

Please refer to future issues of The Oakland Post for further information on upcoming lectures.

Russi discusses university issues

While Gov. Jennifer Granholm was in the process of signing an official budget for higher education, in which OU promises to cap tuition rates, OU President Gary Russi met with managers from across campus to discuss the university's state appropriations, enrollment, the capital campaign and research support.

Donating to help hurricane victims

All week long, each OU student, staff and faculty member is asked to donate \$1 to help hurricane victims in Florida, the Bahamas and Haiti.

Students interested can donate at one of the tables set up in the main hallway of the OC. The goal is to raise \$10,000.

Ramadan Fast-a-thon

The Muslim Students Association (MSA) and the Honors College Students Association (HSCA) invite students to fast on Thursday, Oct. 28.

For each non-Muslim who pledges to fast, local businesses promise to donate money to The Food Bank of Oakland County, a non-profit emergency center. The goal is to raise \$3,500.

During the Islamic month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset in worship of God. They also fast to remember the poor who go hungry every day and to exercise self-restraint. Muslims believe that if they abstain from that which is permissible during Ramadan, they will be able to abstain from that which is sinful throughout the rest of the year.

Students interested in pledging can visit one of the MSA/HSCA tables in the OC Oct.11-22 or contact MSA at msaoakland@yahoo.com.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi
Campus News Editor

Police Beat

Sugar is sweet, but it sours in your gas tank. A student loaned her car to some friends to go to Meijer and when they returned without her car, the student knew something was wrong. The friends said the car stalled a few times and finally died on Walton Boulevard. The owner of the car called OUPD and they went back to the spot

the car was originally located in, p-16 parking lot. There, they found the gas tank-tainting paraphernalia, a pile of sugar and a funnel on the ground.

A female student has been receiving some strange phone calls in her dorm room. She said the caller has a high-pitched voice and mumbles on the other end of the line.

Strange things like "tinky winky tinky winky" and "I have a pony" are just some of the statements the girl could remember when she called OUPD to report the harassing calls.

After a high-speed pursuit of two cars over a curb, onto the grass and back

onto the road of

Golfview Lane, the offenders were finally pulled over by OUPD behind the university greenhouse. Each driver was questioned. Both smelled of alcohol, but they both denied drinking more than two drinks. Numerous sobriety tests were given

and both drivers failed. They were taken to the police station, their cars were impounded and they were issued DUIs.

A student passed out in Dodge Hall for apparently no reason Tuesday, Oct. 5. The student then regained consciousness and was asked if he needed help. He refused to go to the hospital and said he would

drive himself home. The student was not on any medication and did not have any past medical problems.

A girl was swimming in the pool at the Aquatic Center when she dislocated her shoulder. She was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital by the Auburn Hills Fire Department.

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Detroit 'Paradise' lost, but could be regained

By ROXANNA RIVES
THE OAKLAND POST

A proposal that claims to increase the economic development to Detroit has been brought to the city.

African Town, as it is being referred to, would consist of a business development plan in Detroit to increase African-American owned businesses.

The development would have all black-owned businesses, including a fishery, a black hair care supply store, a popcorn factory and fruit juice suppliers to name a few.

The whole idea of the plan is to create more businesses, more jobs and more economic growth for the population-declining city.

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has vetoed the plan, but the same seven council members voting for the plan, overrode the veto.

The whole plan has been presented to the Detroit City Council by Claude Anderson, a Maryland-based economist who was hired by the City Council for \$112,000.

Anderson's idea is to economically and socially improve the area for African-Americans, as well as other traditionally disadvantaged groups.

Other city councils have used him in the past. Three years ago, Anderson tried to propose an all black indoor fishery to the city of Akron, Ohio. The project never moved beyond the idea.

Some people feel African Town should let other ethnic groups in, such as Hispanics, who make up roughly five percent of Detroit's population and Arab-Americans who also play a large role in the city's culture.

People are concerned this plan will make it difficult for other ethnic groups to start businesses.

Seven out of nine council members voted yes in July to go ahead with plans for African Town. Two council members that do not support the plan are Councilwoman Kay Everett and Councilwoman Sheila Cockrel.

Cockrel voted against for many reasons.

"I'm not prepared to support an economic strategy that has the unintended consequences of putting people against each other. At the end of the day, the plan advocates exclusionary classifications and illegal set-asides that only serve to divide and polarize the city and the region, and we have plenty of that already," she said.

Everett has referred to the plan as "reverse racism." She said that people are simply not thinking of Detroit as a whole and that if others are being discouraged from trying to bring the city to its feet, then it is racist.

If the African Town plan is a success, this would not be the first majority-black business community Detroit has ever known, according to the council.

In the 1920's, Detroit had an area where black business thrived, called Paradise Valley.

It was a cultural and economic growth area for African-Americans until the 1950's. It included large hotels and theatres, where blues and jazz musicians visited frequently.

Black migrants from the south were forced to live there due to deed restrictions that made it illegal to buy or rent property elsewhere in the city.

After World War II things were changed, and there was



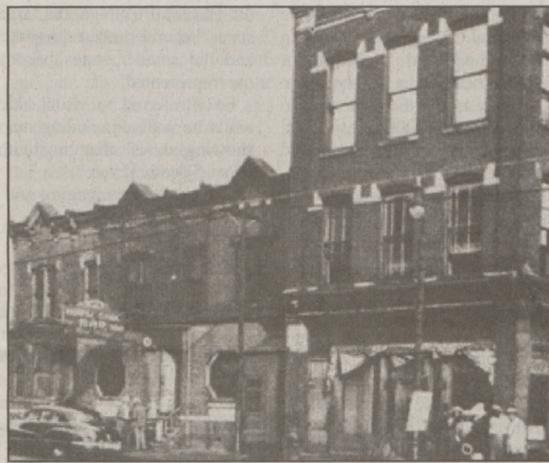
simply too much competition for the small businesses to keep up.

Those who support the plan, such as Anderson, said they feel every individual will have their own opinion on the development of economic growth for the City of Detroit.

However, critics wonder if African Town is followed through with, who would come out a winner and who would end up losing.

This plan could help many prospective business owners thrive, and it could also diminish efforts made by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to get funding for additional projects for the city, such as the renovation of Cobo Center, according to the council.

The city's population is declining, and this would be one of the many ideas to bring the population back, the majority of the council said.



Photos courtesy of the Detroit Writer's Guild
Top: This is what the Detroit Opera House looked like in Paradise Valley in the 1950's.
Above: The Horse Shoe Bar on E. Adams was a popular bar in Paradise Valley.

Global Glance

Election controversy

The U.N. has assembled a panel to investigate complaints about Afghanistan's presidential election last week. Some candidates complained that the ink used to stain voters' hands was easily washed off and some people may have voted multiple times. The panel includes a Canadian diplomat, an election specialist from Sweden and a third member not yet identified. Interim President Hamid Karzai is expected to win the election, which marked the first time the nation directly elected their president.

Seven Iraqi mosques raided for weapons

U.S. Marines, troops and Iraqi security forces raided seven mosques in Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday. The mosques have been used to store illegal weapons and promote violence against the Iraqi people. The raids are an attempt to search the mosques for insurgents, weapons and propaganda. On Monday in Sadr City, militia loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr began handing over their weapons. The handover is part of a truce between al-Sadr's forces and the Iraqi interim government. An Iraqi official said Tuesday that the number of weapons accepted since Monday had doubled.

Dehydration saves life

A 17-year-old girl from Washington was found eight days after her car crashed and fell 200 feet down a ravine. Laura Hatch, last seen at a party on Oct. 2, was alive and conscious, but severely injured and dehydrated when she was found in the back seat of her car on Sunday. Physicians said Hatch had a blood clot near the right side of her brain that could have been fatal had it grown. The clot most likely remained small because of her dehydration. Hatch has been in intensive care since Monday.

Group steps up for health

By ADESINA WHEELER
THE OAKLAND POST

Who's on the move? America is. On the way to becoming healthier, that is.

America on the Move (AOM), an organization that promotes a healthier lifestyle by encouraging people to take 2,000 more steps and eat 100 calories less per day, is entering its second year and is focusing on expanding its network of affiliate states.

That's why this year, AOM has decided to declare Nov. 5, 2004 National America on the Move Day.

Backed by a network of 20 states, the day is designed to encourage people to take part in AOM to move toward a healthier lifestyle.

Americans from any state can pledge to live a healthier lifestyle by following AOM. Pledges are accepted by calling 1-800-807-0077 or by signing up online at www.americaon-themove.org. The pledges will be tallied by state, and the state with the most pledges will win the title of "Healthiest State on the Move." Participants will also be



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Global goof

Museum yanks naked Bush

A nude painting of President Bush is a little too funky for the "Funky Furniture" exhibit. The City Museum of Washington had scheduled an exhibition called "Funky Furniture." A cartoonish painting showed a nude President Bush reclining on a couch. It's a take-off on Manet's Impressionist masterpiece, "Olympia." But museum officials have pulled the plug on the entire exhibition. They say theirs is a history not an art museum. One member of the museum board tells The Washington Post they thought the exhibit was going to be about furniture.



Compiled by Libby Baker and Elizabeth Gorecki

Information taken from various news sources.



Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post

The Kmart in Rochester Hills is one of the two Mich. locations that will be closing at the beginning of 2005.

Kmart sells to Sears

By TRACY ESTES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Judy Wuornos of Rochester was shocked to hear her long-time shopping venue, Kmart in Rochester Hills, would be closing in a few months.

In September, the Kmart Holding Corporation finalized its sale of 50 stores to the Sears Corporation, for cash proceeds totaling \$545.9 million, and 18 stores to Home Depot.

Kmart spokesman Stephen Pagnani said the reason for the sale was not publicly announced, only internally. He said the sale had nothing to do with past bankruptcy issues.

"We emerged from bankruptcy in May 2003 ... We are very financially sound as of now," he said. "Kmart is just looking to maximize its value."

Two stores were sold in Michigan, including the Rochester Hills location and a store in

Woodhaven. There were also stores sold in 14 other states as well as in Puerto Rico.

Pagnani said Kmart employees in the stores being sold to Sears would be taken care of.

"Sears said they (Kmart employees) will be offered positions within the company," he said.

The Kmart Holding Corporation currently employs 140,000 people, with 100 associates per store, said Pagnani.

"Sears was looking to buy stores and Kmart was looking to sell," said Pagnani. "Discussions have been going on for quite some time."

Like Wuornos, many customers were surprised after 32 years in business, the Rochester Hills Kmart on the corner of Rochester Rd. and Avon would soon close its doors for the last time.

Rochester Hills resident Sam Johnson takes a trip to Kmart once or twice a week for spray paint, used for murals that he creates.

"It's not that big of a deal to me," he said.

"Kmart does have cheap paint, but it looks like I'll have to go somewhere else."

Johnson said he isn't a big fan of big corporations like Sears or Kmart.

"I'd rather support small businesses... maybe I'll find a little local store to shop at now," he said.

Corinne Gudovic, spokesperson for Sears, said the corporation was looking to accelerate its growth.

"We had the option of opening new stores from the ground up or buying existing stores," she said. "It takes about 18 months to build a new store...instead of waiting, we found Kmart was available."

The new stores will be more in-depth than regular Sears department stores.

"They will be more like our Sears Grand stores, including many of the same conveniences as the department stores, but with much more," said Chris Brathwaite, spokesman for Sears. "It will be all based on

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and gratitude to trustee Henry Baskin for the dedicated service he has rendered as chair of the board of trustees," Pawley said.

To commemorate the event, Baskin was given a copy of the resolution.

Baskin served two terms as chair, with his last term concluding at the Aug. 4, 2004 board meeting.

The board also voted on the entire consent agenda, which approved, recommended or

accepted 10 separate motions in one fell swoop.

Among the items approved were the minutes from the Aug. 4 meeting, university personnel actions effective Aug. 15, the appointment of Kenneth R. Hightower as dean of the School of Health Sciences, the granting of an honorary degree to writer Elmore Leonard, the recommendation of the final undergraduate and graduate school reports and the board member for public school academies.

The board accepted a number

of gifts and pledges to OU and the OU Foundation for the period between July 1 and Aug. 31.

Total, OU received \$210,136 in outright gifts from 179 donors, with \$170,285 of that coming from 20 donors of \$2,500 or more. There was another \$254,500 pledged by 12 donors.

In that same time period, OU was also given more than \$2 million in grants and contracts from nine sources.

The National Institute of Health awarded a total of \$961,628 and the National

Science Foundation gave \$664,437, making them the two largest contributors.

The National Council for Community and Education Partnerships and SBC, the American Heart Association, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, the National Writing Project Corporation, the United States Army, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and General Motors Corporation also contributed.

The Meadow Brook Subdivision, which was devel-

oped to assist faculty and professional staff with housing, was also part of the consent agenda.

Two mortgages were awarded for houses within the subdivision. As of Sept. 20, 2004, the board was the guarantor of 25 mortgages with balances totaling more than \$2 million, a level that does not compromise the fiscal integrity of the accounts relating to the subdivision.

The final point of the consent agenda was the approving of the installation of an updated telecommunications network for

east campus, with a budget not to exceed \$229,979.

To conclude the meeting, Russi brought a resolution forth to commence all new, but not yet started, capital projects. Those projects have been halted because of the 90-day stay placed on such projects while waiting for the state's higher education budget, which return three percent of the five percent December 2003 cut, to be finalized.

The board will hold a working session at 2 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Elliot Hall Auditorium.

DEBATE
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Some students said they saw posters and signs saying "Anyone but Bush," at the presidential debates.

The pair also discussed economics and whether President Bush could blame his \$700 billion loss in three years on Sept. 11.

Trumbore said 9/11 is the catchall excuse. "Everything has come down to 9/11 with this presidency; when you listen to the rhetoric, this administration blames all that is wrong with the country today on 9/11."

"How can you say an event such as 9/11 didn't affect the rest of his presidency?" freshman

Elyse Hyde said. "If that's what he's spending his time on, then how could you expect him to spend time on anything else."

Trumbore said the president is focused on leading "us" to war, rather than focusing on his responsibilities.

However, Hyde also said "three years seems like such a short period of time when you talk about how many jobs have been lost, but it's such a long period of time for a president to have not done anything."

Trumbore and Dulio disagreed when it came to the politicians' view of the general public's intelligence.

Trumbore said politicians

think the general public is "stupid ... if you want sophisticated answers, you have to get them yourself."

"(If) Kerry gives more than five words, people think this man can't be trusted because he speaks in sentences," Trumbore said.

Dulio, however, said politicians shrink down information because "we have better things to do," not because they think the general public is unintelligent.

Another issue they discussed was which presidential candidate has a better plan for dealing with North Korea.

"(The) last time we talked with

North Korea it became a bad deal, so why should we do it again," Dulio said.

"It is very easy to go back and say it was a bad idea in hindsight," Dulio said in regard to North Korea and many other decisions the president has made.

Both agreed that Kerry should give up his "I was in Vietnam" platform.

Trumbore has been teaching political science for five years, three of which at OU. He received his doctorate in political science from the University of Connecticut.

Trumbore has published an article in the Journal of Peace Research, titled "International

Crisis Decision-making as a Two-level Process," and is currently working on three articles.

Dulio is in his third year teaching political science. He received his doctorate in political science from the American University in Washington D.C.

Dulio is also adviser for Pi Sigma Alpha, OU's chapter of the National Political Science Honor Society.

Current event panels will be held at OU throughout the year inviting interaction between panelists and audience members.

The next current events panel is scheduled for Nov. 10 and will discuss the presidential election.

In last Friday's second presi-

dential debate, the setting was more like that of a town hall meeting.

The third and final debate will take place tonight at 9 p.m. EST at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Economic and domestic policy will be the focus for the debate, which will be moderated by Bob Schieffer of CBS News, and is scheduled to last 90 minutes.

The addressed candidate will have two minutes to respond to questions, with the other candidate allotted one minute to respond. Discussion can be extended by one minute by the moderator, beginning with the candidate originally addressed.

ELECTORAL
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upon decades earlier.

The Connecticut Compromise of 1787, created the Senate, an upper house which would have equal representation, and the House of Representatives, a lower house subject to proportional representation.

The committee decided to allocate each state a number of electors based on the number of representatives it had in both the House and the Senate.

Estes said he considers the two electoral votes that come from the Senate "bonus votes," and the main causes of the tilted outcomes of the three elections he put in question.

"He really helped clarify the Electoral College and made it so I can understand it," said senior Vanessa Brinker, a history major.

Estes asked the audience to consider the 2000 presidential election. The most populated state was California, with 53 representatives in the House and the

least populated state was Wyoming, with one representative in the House, for a ratio of 53 to 1.

Adding in the "bonus votes," the ratio became 18 to 1. With the Electoral College, the larger states become underrepresented and the smaller states become overrepresented.

Estes referred to visual aides while he spoke, including maps showing states' changing numbers of electoral votes.

"He was very engaging and I

liked how he explained everything thoroughly, the use of visual aides helped people who may have been dozing off," said Barbie Newton, a senior majoring in both history and political science.

"He wasn't really lecturing in his lecture, he knew how to bring the audience in," said junior Steven Noell, a computer science major.

It's "remarkable that things decided in history may affect the upcoming election. Our forefa-

thers planned it and didn't even realize its effect," he said.

Most elections, Estes said, did not result in close popular votes and thus the effects of the Connecticut Compromise were not realized.

However, the three elections he mentioned resulted in close popular votes. In all three cases, the defeated candidate had won the popular vote but lost the electoral vote.

"I had no idea the effect of the Connecticut Compromise on the

presidential elections," said junior Erica Trelfa, a biology major.

Estes is currently drafting an article on his research, which he plans to submit to a scholarly journal for publication.

His lecture was the first in a series of six lectures, entitled "History Comes Alive."

The series is presented by the Department of History and the College of Arts and Sciences.

For more information on the series, please visit OU's Web site or call (248) 370-3510.

OUT
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place ... mention Walt Whitman was gay, and people get unhinged."

Montgomery also called out to straight individuals to stand up for the gay community.

"We need our straight allies to come out and support us as active political voices."

"It's important what he said about straight people also coming forward," said senior Sarah Cook, a member of Students, Administrators and Faculty for Equality (S.A.F.E.).

Stressing that "coming out" isn't just a once in a lifetime

event, Montgomery used his own life and coming out as an example.

"I've been out so long I can't remember being in," he said. "But there have been places and times in my life where I feel like I have to come out all over again. Coming out is a never-ending process, a political process and an uncomfortable process."

"(Montgomery) said so many important things, especially when freshmen come to college," senior Elizabeth Corner said. "High school is really hard, and college is a whole new experience, and a safe place to come out."

Montgomery also praised OU's Student Congress for encouraging students to vote "no" on Proposal 2. If passed, the proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

He also encouraged young adults to voice their opinion for change in society by voting this November. He did not, however, endorse either candidate.

"If you don't do anything else today, make a promise to yourself to vote," Montgomery said.

His focus was on GLBTs in today's society, and the struggles and discrimination that they face daily.

Before the lecture started, 11 student actors, clad in black, performed three scenes from OU's Music, Theatre and Dance department's production of "The Laramie Project."

Coming Out Week 2004 and "The Laramie Project" took place during the same week that Matthew Shepard, an openly gay college student in Laramie, Wyo., was the victim of a deadly hate crime in October, 1999.

Freshman Brandon Glatfelter, a newcomer to the Gay/Straight Alliance, said that Montgomery

"said a lot of important things, but he made people laugh and relax. That's important because these can be really tough subjects."

Sophomore Mark Ewing, president of the Gay/Straight Alliance said he was pleased that Montgomery was able to attend.

"With all the work for November and the legislation, I'm really happy that the Triangle Foundation could make it out," he said. "It's really important too because there is no hate crime legislation in Michigan at all."

The Triangle Foundation is a Detroit-based civil rights advocacy program which began 14

years ago, first dealing with survivors and victims of hate crimes.

Today, it works for civil rights legislation for GLBTs, and those who have been discriminated against, looking to live complete lives.

"When people discriminate, it starts from a place of fear," Montgomery said.

Coming Out Week 2004 was sponsored by S.A.F.E. and the Gay/Straight Alliance.

For more information please visit: Triangle Foundation, www.tri.org and The Laramie Project: Thursday -Sunday, at Varner Studio Theater, tickets at the Varner Box Office.

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Treatment for depression involves a therapist working individually with a patient in psychotherapy, helping the patient to look at his or her mood and situation. Treatment can focus on interpersonal, intrapersonal or cognitive aspects, or a combination of aspects.

"When necessary, and when it makes sense, we refer the student for medication," Marsh

said. "If they're not eating, not sleeping, not going to classes, (we) look to have a pharmacological intervention because the person isn't functioning."

"Because of increased awareness of depressive disorders in college students, most counseling centers have increased efforts to treat college students," McGinnis said.

"In addition, counselors who work with college students often have expertise in how depressive disorders manifest

in college students - and students should avail themselves of the counseling opportunities," McGinnis said.

Marsh said that most of the students who visit the health center complain of depression and anxiety. They're "the top two things we see here."

"Depression at any age should be taken seriously because treatment is often effective," McGinnis said. "Untreated depression is a very common cause of suicide in adults."

Common signs of suicide include giving away possessions or saying things like "I just want to go to sleep and never wake up."

Marsh said she "always encourages folks" who see such signs from a friend or loved one to ask if the individual is considering suicide.

"Don't be afraid to ask, you will not put the idea into their head," she said. By asking, there is a higher chance of help-

ing the individual if he or she was contemplating suicide.

Depression is more accepted in today's society than it was previously.

"In our society, people are increasingly likely to view depressive disorders as due to neurotransmitter imbalances, (having a biological cause,) instead of viewing them as reflecting weaknesses or other defects," McGinnis said.

"This perceptual shift has resulted in a change in the stig-

ma associated with depressive disorders, with people more likely to talk openly about depressive symptoms and to seek treatment," she said.

Marsh said she agrees. "I think it's getting better, but we had plenty of folks who were anxious," about seeking counseling, she said.

Some students feel that if they seek help, it means they're "crazy or weak," she said, "we still have a ways to go."

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Pre-registration is not required. For further information, please visit the Career Services website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices/ or call our office at 248-370-3250.

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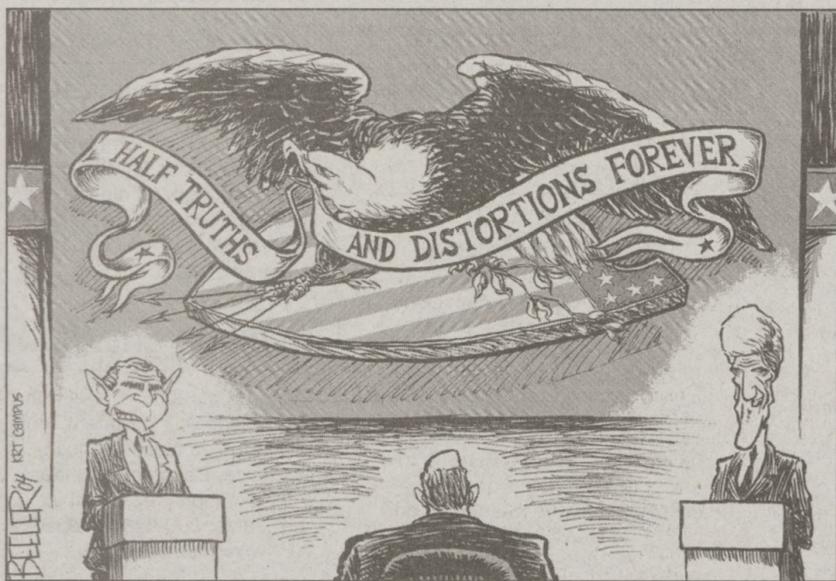
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Michael C. Anthony is recognized as one of the most successful stage hypnotists in the world today. An every performer he is not. His show is an avant-garde blend of the human psyche and eye-popping theater. Imagine a world where volunteers fall asleep at the snap of his finger and will obey the most hilarious and ridiculous hypnotic suggestions.
Free admission and refreshments.

CAMPUS RECREATION

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Wed. Oct. 13 at 12:10 p.m. in the Rec Center
This program will focus on Organic Foods - Everything You Need to Know. Laurie Stern from Whole Foods Market will be presenting material as well as providing samples of organic foods. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mila Padgett at 370-4910. For additional information about the Recreation Center activities please visit the website www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec/.



EDITORIAL

Superman was truly super man

Some superheroes wear capes with emblems.

Others shoulder enormous trials with formidable valor.

Christopher Reeve did both. Though he gained notoriety through his roles as an actor, especially for "Superman" and its sequels, Reeve will forever be known for the way he responded to an equestrian accident in May 1995 that left him paralyzed.

By late 1995, Reeve was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Paralysis Association (APA), which he became chair of in May 1996.

In January 1996, Reeve and his wife Dana founded the Christopher Reeve Foundation (CRF), a nonprofit organization with a mission of fighting paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries.

Continuing his work and giving increased hope to those suffering from spinal cord injuries, Reeve pioneered the merger between the APA and CRF, forming the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. The foundation is a national, nonprofit



KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY NICOLAS KHAYAT/ABACA PRESS

Christopher Reeve arrives at the 2004 Tribeca Film Festival for the screening of his new film "House Of D," held at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center in New York, on Friday, May 7, 2004. Reeve died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, of complications from an infection caused by a bed-sore.

organization which encourages and supports research to develop effective treatments and a cure for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury and other central nervous system disorders.

The foundation also gives part of its financial resources to fund grants set on improving the

quality of life for those people with disabilities.

These accomplishments alone warrant Reeve's standing among the great humanitarians, not just of our time, but of any generation.

But his desire to improve the quality of life for all people predated his tragic accident.

Reeve was an activist speaking on behalf of the arts, finance reform and the environment, serving on and leading many organizations geared toward those purposes.

While Reeve's passing will be mourned by many, his life should be one celebrated by everyone.

Not only did he fight his paralysis to live an ordinary life, he committed all he was to live a life far beyond anyone's expectations.

Special effects may have been what put Reeve in the clouds as Superman, but his heart, will and sheer determination will forever cement his legacy among the great heroes of all-time.

One thing is sure, in whatever guise, his badge was courage.

Corrections: Sept. 29 – The jump for the front page story about the new Coldstone Ice Cream eatery was incorrectly labeled, "A?" The jump portion of both the Financial Aid and Printing Fees stories were incomplete, resulting in the loss of text from the main body of the article to the jump.

Corrections: Oct. 6 – On the jump portion of the front page OUSC had an incomplete deletion, resulting a floating "W" on A6. Allison Brunner, not Roqaya Eshmawi took the photo for the Carville/Matalin story on the front page. In that story, on the jump portion, Carville helped put former President Bill Clinton in the White House, as opposed to merely helping him while he was in the office, as the story stated.

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GUEST COLUMN

Candidates must address hidden costs

By SILVIO LACCETTI (KRT)

I can't afford to live much longer. Not if food prices keep going up the way they have been in the past five to six years. Sure, all our indicators show a cost of living increase of approximately 16 percent since September 1998. But America's food shoppers have seen price increases of 40 percent, 50 percent and more in too many products. Such increases are 250 percent to 300 percent more than the inflation rate!

Yet, this matter of food price increases is almost totally ignored by social commentators and it is rarely alluded to in presidential campaign politics. Voters of both parties feel this choking economic reality, because we all have to eat. We ask that the candidates pay attention to this widely felt distress.

Just how bad is the situation? I begin with my own "survey" using saved receipts, which indicate purchase prices for the same brand item. Sizes and weights are the same for every item compared. Prices are regular shelf prices from two New Jersey supermarkets.

From the fall of 1998, receipts from late September and October, to the week of Sept. 20, 2004, I find the following: At one market, Post Banana Nut cereal up 43 percent to \$4.29; a package of six Kaiser rolls up 116 percent to \$2.79; Progresso soup up 41 percent to \$2.39 a can; a package of house brand spinach up 54 percent to \$2.29. At the other market, Kellogg's Crispix cereal up 39 percent to \$3.89; a can of house brand sauerkraut up 48 percent to \$0.49; Herbox bouillon packets up 51 percent to \$1.19. Broccoli is up 100 percent to \$1.99 a bunch; Swiss

Chard up 39 percent to \$1.29 a pound; a quart of Parmalat milk up 46 percent to \$1.59.

Comparisons from September-October 2000 reveal similar outrageous price inflation. Sliced Italian style Wonder Bread (on sale) is up 51 percent to \$1.50. All brands of bread are up drastically in the past few years. Mini-danish breakfast treats were up 33 percent to \$3.99. Most snacks have followed suit.

Beyond my own survey, I have collected data from other shoppers whose figures are based on "dead reckoning memory", that is, they know what they paid for a particular item. A mother of two children, a toddler and a four year old, states that baby formula is up nearly 100 percent in four years and that Gerber baby food is up 28 percent while the jars are now smaller in size. Eye Round Roast Beef on sale is up 53 percent and lamb chops (loin) are up 50 percent.

From Iowa, a shopper researched same store product price increases in the last 10 years. Inflation for the Iowa region was 26 percent for that period, but: 5 lbs. of homemade noodles were up 133 percent; a 16 oz. can of pork and beans was up 72 percent; a 32 oz. jar of molasses up 40 percent; Swiss cheese up 82 percent; and cherry pie filling up 188 percent.

After you buy your food, you have to cook it. Gas, cooking and heating, from my utility is up 34 percent since January 2001.

Well, what is the situation in your neighborhood?

Hyperinflation of food prices erodes the quality of life for a great majority of our citizens and belies many myths about living in America. It seems that we are a nation of food shoppers dependent on flyers announcing sales, coupons offering bar-

gains, and "price club cards" which track every item we ever buy with them. Such devices tell us what we can afford to eat in any given week.

Why is this terrible inflationary situation overlooked? In good part, it is because of the way we define a "Market Basket of Goods and Services."

Food counts for only 16 percent of the cost of living. Funny things are found in hidden corners of this basket under Miscellaneous Goods and Services: for example, golf club memberships, chainsaws, DVD players and other now cheap high-tech gizmos. Declines in these costs bring down the overall rate of cost of living increase.

Another reason for overlooked hyperinflation lies in a game of hide-and-seek between chain store food executives and Department of Labor field workers. The government specially trains its inspectors to look for the loaves of store brand bread that are on sale for \$0.99 or less. Trained store personnel make sure they find them. Hence, in the mythical market basket, bread has been \$0.99 for years. This game has to end.

Perhaps we can do a few things to improve the situation. One would be to take advantage of the free products of nature. Grasses and leaves can replace green-leafed vegetables. Acorns may be a good source of protein. And bark from trees and woody plants (a super delicacy) might be employed in various gourmet ways. But as the disclaimer states, I wouldn't try this at home.

A Marie Antoinette, noting that the price of lemons has remained unchanged for 6 years, might graciously tell food eaters: "Let them eat lemons."

Well, I don't want lemons. I want a lemon-meringue pie.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I do not wish to insult you or anybody else that works at "The Post", well, maybe I do. The way I see it, a worse newspaper, student or otherwise, has yet to be printed. This thing is such a piece of crap that using it for toilet paper would be an insult to my a%&. Let me give you a few examples of what I mean.

In regards to your September 29, 2004 edition, the front-page story that gets the most space is about an ice cream shop opening. Usually, the largest amount of space on the front page of a paper is reserved for what the editor deems to be the story most important to the readers. In this case, the editor seems to think that ice cream is more important than a Financial Aid system that needs to be fixed more than a St. Bernard lothario who humps your leg at parties, a flood in one of the student apartment buildings that nobody seems to be taking responsibility for, brand new printing fees that cost even more than last year, and the thirty year anniversary of the Oakland County Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Apparently it slipped past the editor that those who could truly appreciate the article, those who patronize and benefit from the library, can't read the article BECAUSE THEY'RE BLIND!

In any event, since it was assumed that ice cream is more important to me than any of those other stories (it's not in case you were wondering), I decided to read it. When I got to the end of the portion of the story that's on the front page, I

discover that it is continued on page A7. For those of you who think I made a typographical error, I did not. At the end of the front-page portion of the article, the newspaper read, in bold print mind you, "Please see Ice Cream A?" I'll give you a minute to let that sink in.

Now, I'm all for bringing the mentally handicapped into the work force, but give them jobs they can (expletive deleted) handle! Editing a newspaper is not one of those jobs. Before any of you get upset thinking that I'm demanding perfection, I'm not. I'm just demanding competency. I understand that mistakes happen, that's why all newspapers have a section for corrections. Your corrections section the following week addressed only one mistake and it wasn't this one. But enough about ice cream, let's see what else you screwed up.

The article by Laura Angus titled "Aid changes needed" ends on the front page with the beginning of a quote by Cindy Hermesen, director of the Financial Aid office. The quote begins "I would like to see students get". The paper then directs me to AID on page A6. Being the rational human being that I am, I expect to see the end of Cindy Hermesen's quote. I am instead greeted with the beginning of a brand new sentence. I'm left to wonder if these two sentences were battling it out between pages A1 and A6 for dominance or if the editor is just a moron. I'm still wondering.

A similar thing happened with an article by Libby Baker titled "Printing fees anger students". The article finishes on the front

page with "The" and the article is continued on A6 with "May 1, 2005." Now, I haven't taken an English class in quite a while but to the best of my recollection, "The May 1, 2005." isn't a sentence. I could be wrong.

I know that you suggest letters to the editor be limited to 350 words and that this one is probably much longer than that. I'm actually surprised that you've read this far. I hope that you do print my letter and I also hope that if you do, you do so without editing it. I know I've sworn a couple of times and that those at "The Post" may find the content of my letter offensive. Good. They should find it offensive. Maybe a little shame will get you folks off you're a%& and force you to start printing a paper that's actually readable.

Aaron R. Eastman
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KMART
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the location and need of each store." "There will be exiting cashiers like in a supermarket," he said. "Instead of having a cashier in each department, these stores will have cashiers in the front of the store for convenience." The stores that were sold are located

in areas with other Kmart's nearby. Pagnani said there are several locations in Oakland County and Michigan alone, as well as all over the United States.

"Customers won't have to travel far...there isn't a huge radius between the sold Kmart's and other locations," he said.

The nearest Kmart for Rochester Hills citizens is located in Troy at 15 Mile and Livernois or in Shelby Township at 23 Mile and Van Dyke.

"I like Martha Stewart products from Kmart," said Wuornos. "Sears is a more high-end retail store and I'd probably go there if I needed appliances, but otherwise, I like Kmart."

AOM
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entered into a drawing for a chance to win prizes such as an iPod Mini, AMEX gift cards or gift certificates for activewear, according to the AOM Web site.

AOM, as well as the Michigan affiliate, Michigan on the Move, have been successful so far and Nichole Kelley-Korson, the director of

Michigan on the Move, said she hopes this event will draw more people.

But so far, Michigan is not a leader in AOM Day pledges. As of Tuesday, Michigan had less than 50 pledges.

AOM Co-founder James Hill Ph.D. said he had hoped that the day would encourage people to take part in AOM.

"All it takes is a commitment to walk an extra 2,000 steps, about one

mile, and consume 100 fewer calories for one day, on Friday, Nov. 5th," Hill said.

"If we can convince people to make this change for one day, they'll see how easy it is and hopefully, make a habit of it. Doing so could go a long way in addressing our nation's obesity epidemic."

To find more information about America on the Move, visit their Web site www.americaonthemove.org/mi.

OUSC
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findings to congress during next Monday's meeting. In the meantime, students who registered during the drive are encouraged to check online, at the Secretary of State Web site, to verify their registration status.

"The right to vote is precious," legislator George Nahas said. "Don't let anyone disenfranchise you."

In other OUSC business:

• Anne Switzer, outreach librarian at Kresge Library, and Julie Voelck, interim dean of the library, spoke to congress regarding new library servic-

es for students and faculty, including wireless capabilities, online resources and new "laptop friendly" furniture in the student lounge.

• Bill 05-14, fall/winter budget redistribution, failed.

• Congress approved members for the Constitutional Commission.

• Bill 05-16, amending the OUSC bylaws, was tabled until next week. The amendment proposes that, in the future, congress will not be able to make resolutions regarding social issues. The proposed amendment was written in response to congress' approval last week of a resolution urg-

ing OU students to vote no on Proposal 2.

• OUSC President Jonathon Parks and Student Services Director Sarah Cook attended a meeting today with representatives from the Financial Aid department to discuss student concerns.

• Brandon Galbraith is the October Legislator of the Month.

• WOCOU events are taking place all week around campus. Congress encourages students to participate in these events.

• Congress will meet next on Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

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should have that capability after the switch is made. "There are a lot of pieces that have to fall into place."

She said that students would be informed once direct depositing starts.

All of these changes are optional, said Snyder. Students and staff will not be forced to open Credit Union One accounts, or close their established MSU Credit Union accounts.

OU's partnership with the Oakland University branch of MSU Federal Credit Union began in 1996, when Spirit Cards were first introduced.

Many staff members and students have accounts with MSU Credit Union, and those relationships will not end because of the switch, said the credit union's Vice President John M. Savio.

"It is still disappointing," he said. MSU Credit Union will try to remain involved on campus, he said, helping students and offering accounts at tables in the OC, which it has been doing for the past 20 years. "I would hope that we still have the opportunity to do that."

Sharon Howell, chair of the rhetoric, communication and journalism department said during the meeting

that her concern is "who was on the committee and was one of the criteria whether or not there was an existing relationship with any of these folks."

"I don't know what the criteria was that was used," she said. Fekel said that he could provide that information to her.

During the senate meeting, Snyder said MSU Credit Union will still have that access, and is confident the good relationship with it will continue.

"We felt that going forward we would be gaining far more than we would be losing with the proposal that was given to us," Snyder said at the meeting.

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Trendy grows into manly

Metrosexual (met•row•SEK•shoo•wul) n. An urban male with a strong aesthetic sense who spends a great deal of time and money on his appearance and lifestyle. Abbr. Metro.

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

The definition hasn't hit most dictionaries yet, but the term and the way of life have hit the streets and become mainstream among college students and young adults.

Spas, manicures, shopping, matching belts and shoes, facials and hair stylists; these things were all once reserved for women. But many once unkempt men are joining a new breed of Renaissance man—the metrosexual.

So what makes a metrosexual?

Definitions vary, but many agree the main characteristics include fashionable, appearance-conscious and sensitive. He may go to the spa for a weekly massage and pedicure, and he might prefer to have his tips frosted by a stylist rather than a barber, but true interpretation is left to the man himself.

Senior Al Garbacik, 22, may look like a metrosexual to the uninformed observer, but he said there is more to being metrosexual than just appearance.

"A metrosexual would have to be a well-groomed man, who obsessively grooms himself," said Garbacik. "And while I like to look good, being metrosexual would involve a lot more taking care of myself than I do."

Garbacik said he doesn't do a lot of the things he generally associates with being metrosexual.

"I don't get my nails done, I don't use lotion and I've never had a pedicure," he said. Actually, he stammered 'ped-ah-eh-uh,' showing just how far from metrosexual he is.

Despite his efforts, though, Garbacik does have one feature that even he admits is a little 'metro.'

"I get my hair done every two or three weeks and yes, I do dye it," he confessed.

He downplayed his emphasis on hair care by saying that it doesn't take him long to style his hair.

"It's like BAM, BAM, BAM, done," he said, making elaborate hand motions

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through his highlighted, styled hair.

His girlfriend, Kristen Jacobson, agrees that Garbacik is not the epitome of metrosexuality.

"He dresses well, but he doesn't get manicures, doesn't own more than five pair of shoes, he drinks beer, and aside from his hair, he's not overly obsessed with his image," she said.

Although, she did point out that she does have to leave the bathroom while he does his hair.

"Big elbows," she said. Garbacik attributes his emphasis on appearance to his lifestyle.

"The whole reason I take care of myself, is because I work in the public eye as a bartender or server," he said. "It's not for me, but mostly for the job."

Jacobson had a different reason explaining Garbacik's lack of metrosexuality.

"I think his biggest fear is being too much of something, like wearing all Guess, and being labeled," she said.

There are those, however, on the opposite end of the metrosexual spectrum—those who strive to be metrosexual, and take the time to work on their appearance and lifestyle as well as display pride in their metrosexuality.

Deep in the hair-care product aisle comparing fragrances of pomade, or in

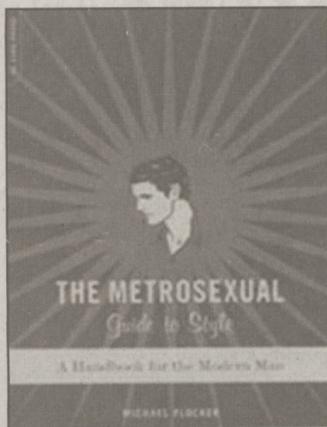


Photo courtesy of amazon.com
New books are coming out in Paperback on metrosexuality.

front of the mirror deciding whether his shoes and belt match, is the fashion-conscious 'metro-man.'

"Men are just becoming more interested in taking care of themselves," said junior Paul Mueller. "I would consider myself metrosexual and I'm not ashamed of it. I like to look good and that takes time. There's nothing wrong with wanting to be stylish."

Mueller said he takes about an hour to an hour-and-a-half to get ready to go out, as opposed to the half-hour it takes the non-metrosexual Garbacik.

"I do use a lot of products, but what's



Dave Pemberton/The Oakland Post
Al Garbacik does not really consider himself a metrosexual. He admits going to his hair stylist every two to three weeks, but spends a very short time grooming daily.

wrong with that?" Mueller asked.

He said his daily routine consists of washing and conditioning his hair, using moisturizer on his hands and feet, using gel on wet hair, blow-drying and then shaping. Then comes the most important act of the day, according to Mueller: Finding the perfect thing to wear.

"The goal is to look cool and attractive, without looking like you're trying to look cool and attractive," he said. "And that's a long process."

Mueller said being metrosexual is just as much about lifestyle as it is about looks.

"A guy who likes to look good or is attractive isn't necessarily a metrosexual," he said. "I think there's more to it. You have to want to take the time to care about your appearance and not be ashamed to do things some people con-

sider non-masculine, like using conditioner or spending time on your hair."

Being metrosexual isn't just physical, according to Mueller.

"It's men who take an interest in the arts, men who want to be sensitive, men who enjoy cooking—it's the way people perceive a lifestyle."

Mueller said that metrosexual may be a new term, but the idea has been around for a lot longer.

"Men probably always wanted to take care of themselves, but in the past, they would have been seen as weak or feminine," he said. "It's nothing new for a guy to get his hair done, or care about what color

his shoes are. It's just more apparent now."

From beauty products aimed toward men, young and old, and their need for how-to books, it appears that the metrosexual man is here to stay.



TRIVIA

HOW METROSEXUAL ARE YOU?

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4. You shave more than your face.
5. You drag your girlfriend to the mall to go clothes shopping.
6. You can prepare an elegant dinner for two without calling mom.
7. It takes you longer to get ready to go out than your girlfriend.
8. You only wear Calvin Klein boxer briefs.
9. Your bathroom counter is crammed with anything that smells like lavender, vanilla or cocoa butter.
10. You own "dress" khakis and "casual" khakis.
11. You prefer a glass of chardonnay to a bottle of beer.
12. Any of your living room accessories are from the 'Martha Stewart Collection.'

— Elizabeth Gorecki
Local News Editor

TRIVIA RATING

0-4: **Minor Metro-** Nevermind if you do your hair before class, do you even shower? A little more work might go a long way. If you're trying to scare the girls off, you're probably succeeding.

5-8: **Middle Metro-** You seem like a pretty normal guy. You care about your appearance, but you're not obsessive. One wrong move, though, could either have you window shopping for pink shirts, or back on the couch alone with your beer-so beware.

9-12: **Major Metro-** You moisturize so you have soft hands and your clothes match when you go out in public? Who cares if your friends laugh at you for being metro. You could get with any one of their girlfriends.

— Elizabeth Gorecki
Local News Editor

Homegrown artist releases first album

BY MICHAEL WILLIAMS
THE OAKLAND POST

For us music fans out there, we tend to focus on the artists who have garnered national attention or those who have reached celebrity status.

By falling into that mindset, we sometimes miss superstars who are emerging in our own backyards. If people in the Metro Detroit area don't wake up soon, we might miss local star Tamara Bedricky.

Named "one of Detroit's most promising singer-songwriters" by the Detroit News in 2002, Bedricky is a local pop-rock artist on the rise.

Her full debut album entitled "Through These Eyes" was released Sept. 27.

The album was recorded in 2003 during tour breaks. As the title hints, the CD is full of songs describing things from the artist's personal viewpoint.

It has an extremely strong

sense of emotion with a lot of songs touching on intimate matters.

The opening track "Head Over Heels" describes her coming into a new relationship feeling true love for the first time in a long time.

On another track entitled "Beautiful," Bedricky talks about her unconditional love for her partner.

With lines like "from your brown eyes and brown hair/ the way you smile and the way you stare/... Need you like I need to breathe," it is easy to see how emotions can be struck.

Back in 2002, one of Bedricky's songs, "A Million Miles," received national attention and was chosen from more than 2,000 entries for the 2002 National Pantene Pro-Voice competition. The song, which made it to the top 10, is featured on this album.

The tour celebrates the release of this first album and will run through the middle of

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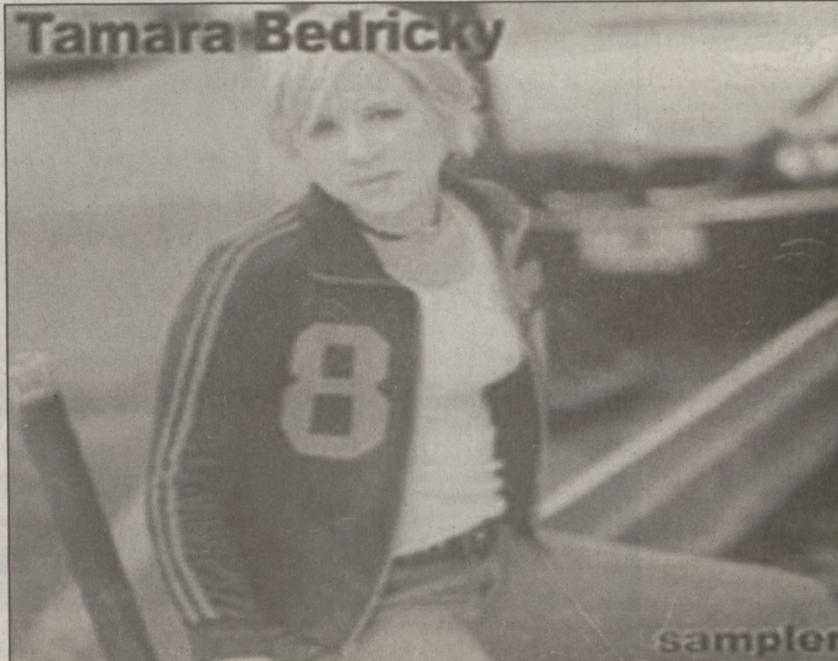
November. Bedricky kicked off her tour with a release party at The Magic Bag in Ferndale on Oct. 1. Upcoming concerts will include venues in Illinois, Wisconsin, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Florida.

Bedricky performed at the 2003 Detroit Music Awards, where she earned a reputation for putting on great shows for her audience.

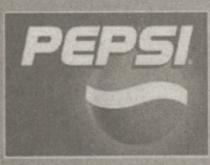
She has also performed opening parts for artists such as Ari Heist and has hit many colleges headlining shows.

So Detroit, let's make sure we don't let this homegrown artist slip by.

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Billy Bob Thorton plays coach Gary Gaines, a man under intense pressure. The residents of Odessa are watching his every move. Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Football reigns

By ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

This film, "Friday Night Lights," may just be the next great sports movie. Based on the book by H.G. Bissinger, "Friday Night Lights" tells the story of the 1988 Permian High Panthers football team.

The movie's setting is the small town of Odessa, Texas, where football is everything.

Parents help their sons study playbooks instead of textbooks. All the town's businesses shut down on Fridays so the propri-

etors can attend games. When we are first introduced to the town, the words "unhealthy obsession" are the only ones that seem to fit.

Billy Bob Thorton gives a phenomenal performance as coach Gary Gaines, a man who lives in a town where everyone is trying to do his job for him.

All the while, Gaines, despite his job, seems better adjusted about football than the people he works for. These are people who will ignore doctor's orders to keep someone in the game and put for sale signs on Gaines' lawn if the Panthers lose a game.

Some of the key players include Mike Winchell (Lucas Black), who is just as afraid of leaving Odessa as he is of staying there. The father of Don Billingsly (Garrett Hedlund), who won the State championship when he was at Permian, won't accept that his son won't do the same.

Then there's Boobie Miles (Derek Luke), who's already getting major scholarship offers, but has no backup plan when he's injured in the first game.

But "Friday Night Lights" is not your typical football movie in that it's only partially about

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football. The movie's strength comes from focusing on the burden the town's football obsession has placed on the shoulders of young men.

As the movie progresses, it becomes clear the players aren't playing for glory, but to avoid the angry repercussions of a town that has nothing else to



The boys of Odessa become the focus of the town every Friday night. Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

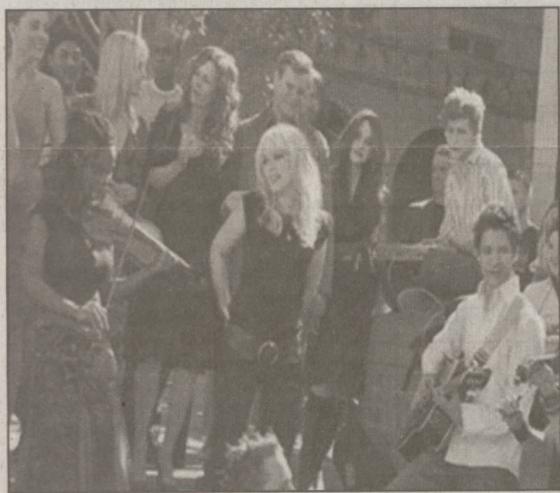
live for.

At the beginning of the movie you may find yourself hating the citizens for their narrow-mindedness, but by the end, that anger will turn to pity.

High school football is the town's drug and everyone is addicted.

The sport could have been anything; it didn't need to be football for this movie to work.

Regardless of the given sport, director Peter Berg keeps tensions high with extreme close-ups coupled with unspoken angst that always comes to a boil on game day.



Terri Fletcher (Hilary Duff) spends her summer in a music camp. Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

Voice falls short

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By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

The star of "Lizzie McGuire" creates a dramatic performance in her new movie "Raise Your Voice."

Hilary Duff is Terri Fletcher, a 16-year-old, traumatized after the death of her brother in a car accident.

Terri's one true love is singing, but since the trauma, she has no taste for it until she's accepted into a prestigious musical summer program in Los Angeles.

Protective dad (David Keith), refuses to let her go, saying: "You know what happens to girls who go to L.A."

But Terri's mom and aunt (Rita Wilson and Rebecca De Mornay) convince her to fulfill

her dreams and manage to send her to the school. They tell her that her brother would be proud of her and that she should do it.

The audience sure learns that Duff knows how to cry after seeing this movie. Most of it is spent watching Terri freak out and lose it about her brother's death.

Every time she sees a bright light, she runs away and starts crying, until eventually someone makes her feel better.

After an adjustment period, Terri gets used to the place and falls for a British heartthrob (Oliver James).

At the end of the movie, they even perform a duet together trying to win the \$10,000 scholarship.

In "Raise Your Voice," the plot line is not brought to its full potential. The acting is

weak and there is no major thrill happening.

Duff tries to show off her excellent vocal range and talent throughout the whole movie, which simply does not work. She does not seem to have enough practice as a singer and actress together to pull off a good movie with that combination.

Duff's voice is too raspy and nasally to sing some of the tunes that she sings in the movie. It's obvious that what she is trying to sing doesn't fit the pop princess that she is.

The only good thing about Duff is that she tries to demonstrate the good side of Hollywood.

She is cute, sweet and innocent looking. With her angelic face and blonde locks, this movie is pure enough to take your 8-year-old daughter to see.

Dip into Detroit's salsa scene

Latino rhythms are becoming the center of Detroit's dancing scene

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

The lights are flashing, the music is pumping and the alcohol is flowing, but it's not just another night at the club.

A new craze is sweeping the dance scene and local bars and nightclubs are more than eager to jump on the bandwagon.

Salsa, merengue, latin pop and techno are just some of the sounds that draw hundreds to Latino discos and hispanic-themed fiestas each night at clubs around the city.

Bongo's, located in Pontiac, is a small Latino bar that is well known among Hispanics of the area.

"Most people who come are Mexican or Puerto Rican, but we have had some white, black and middle eastern patrons, also," said Enrique Marquez, who works at Bongo's on the weekends. "They usually come with someone who is Mexican or Puerto Rican," he said.

The main reason people choose Bongo's is for the atmosphere and the dancing, said 19-year-old Julio Juarez.

"Bongo's is the only Mexican club I go to," Juarez said. "It's just like American clubs. You go to have fun and dance. They play mostly Mexican music so it's better if you know how to dance to Mexican music, but you don't have to."

Josefina Garcia, 21, from Mexico City, but now living in Shelby Township, agreed and said she especially likes Bongo's because she likes to feel at home.

She said they play not only traditional Mexican music, but Spanish pop and rock as well as mainstream American dance music.

"Everyone likes the same music and dances the same way," Garcia said. "Dancing American looks hard, but I want to learn."

But the music and dancing isn't the only reason she hits Bongo's every Friday night.

"Hay muchos papactos," she said.

Traditional Hispanic clubs and bars aren't the only places the latino beats are coming from.

Many local nightclubs have begun having salsa or merengue night



Several clubs in the metro Detroit area offer salsa nights. Photo courtesy of salsadetroit.com

for their patrons and owners say the dance floors are heating up.

The Sangria Sky Club, located above the restaurant Sangria in Royal Oak, has added some spice to their nightlife with free salsa lessons Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Starting at 8:30 p.m., Elaine Marrero, owner of Troy Dance Studios and a World Salsa Champion, teaches club-goers from beginners to professionals how to dip and one-step like a native.

Paul Kromer, owner of Dance Detroit, is an independent promoter who works to bring latin nights to clubs around the area.

Kromer said that the salsa-themed nights have drawn many fol-

Latino Fiestas Hangouts

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Envy
234 W. Larned
Detroit
(313) 962-3689

Sky Bar
401 S. Lafayette
Royal Oak
(248) 543-1964

Half Past 3
2554 Grand River
Detroit
(313) 965-4789

lowers who chase the parties to different clubs in the area.

"Free salsa lessons are offered Wednesdays and Thursdays at Sangria Sky Club, Fridays at Envy at 9 p.m. and Saturdays at Half Past Three in Detroit at 9:30 p.m.," Kromer said.

"I've never set foot on a dance floor before but it looked like fun," said Bryan Yeates, 25, who took part in the salsa lessons at Sangria Sky Bar. "I had no idea what I was doing and I'm sure I looked ridiculous trying, but it was a great way to be part of the salsa atmosphere."

While Yeates doubts his own salsa skills, he said he will probably go out to salsa night again.

"About 60 percent of the same people follow the salsa scene religiously. They love to dance and we see a lot of familiar faces from night to night," Yeates said. "The other 40 percent are new faces interested in learning salsa."

Kromer said that the free lessons are a big incentive. "At a studio, the same lessons would cost between \$10 and 30 per class, depending on where you go," Kromer said.

But the Latin dance fever isn't a new trend, according to Kromer. "About 600 people came out for the grand opening of salsa night at Envy last Friday," Kromer said. "We've been at Half Past Three for about a year and we're having an anniversary party in November to celebrate five years at the Sangria Sky Bar."

For more information, log on to salsadetroit.com or danceindetroit.com.

New game slam dunks

BY DAVE PHILLIPS
THE OAKLAND POST

Finally the Detroit Pistons are getting the respect they deserve.

Not only will they kick off the NBA season with a nationally-televised game and are ranked number one in the latest ESPN NBA power rankings, but perhaps most importantly, Ben Wallace is featured on the cover of the new game ESPN NBA 2K5.

The game plays very well. The players move fluidly, the controls are well assigned and the turbo capacity is very reasonable.

A player cannot run up and down the floor with the turbo button pressed down.

There is a meter and when it runs out, the player can only jog until it replenishes.

It is easy to call a play on offense or set your defense and coaching strategies, timeouts and substitutions are all easily done.

But any basketball game can have decent game play.

What makes ESPN NBA 2K5 stand out is the price, \$19.99, and also the fact that the game has some creative and exclusive features.

In "street" mode, players can choose games that range from one-on-one to five-on-five.

Any player in the game is available in these modes, talks trash and wears regular gym clothes during the game.

The street options give this game a good deal of longevity, as playing buddies in one-on-one or two-on-two will never get boring.

Also in the street setting is the new "21" mode. Most people who have picked up a basketball in their life have played "21" at the local playground or in the driveway.

ESPN NBA 2K5 allows you to take on three other players in a game of 21.

For added fun, you can create your own character in create-a-player mode and play against three of your friends.

This mode allows you to choose from a number of different looks, accessories and skill levels.

The shoe selection screen is as comprehensive as any I've ever seen, allowing you to choose the style, color, tongue, heel and shoelaces you want to sport.

One beef with the create-a-player mode is you can only store 10 created players at a time, affecting people who like to fill their whole rosters with created players.

ESPN NBA 2K5 features an "association" mode, which allows you to control your fran-

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chise for years at a time. Players approach you every week, seeking advice.

Give the right advice and your team morale is boosted. Answer incorrectly and your team will become more dysfunctional than the Portland Trailblazers.

The association mode also allows for trades, free agent signing and an annual NBA draft.

While these things are nothing new to sporting video games, they are certainly a feature nobody wants to be without.

There's also a mode called 24/7.

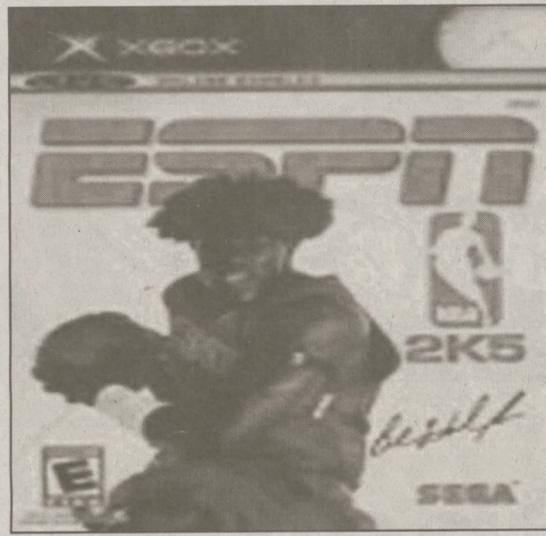
This is a mode in which you create a player and you go through numerous training sessions to improve attributes and play NBA pros in one-on-one to gain their respect.

Everything is on a time schedule that relates to the time clock programmed into the console.

You must play your character daily or his attributes actually deteriorate.

It's as close as you can get to basketball training while sitting in the comfort of your own home and eating junk food.

ESPN NBA 2K5 does have its



flaws. Bill Walton's color commentary gets old.

For example, he says the phrase "That wasn't an easy layup by any stretch of the imagination" about 472 times per game.

It sometimes seems too easy to score on the computer.

If you get the ball inside and make a halfway decent juke move, you should have no problem making a layup. A player who is a decent jump shooter can make mid-range jumpers all day long.

However, the strengths of the game outweigh the weaknesses.

There's an impressive amount of alternate jerseys. There are also all-star teams for each conference from the '50s to 2004, allowing you to be Larry Bird, Pete Maravich, Julius Erving and several other stars from various decades.

If you must have a slam-dunk contest and you need a three-point shootout, then perhaps you should buy NBA Live 2005.

But if you have 20 bucks burning a hole in your pocket, ESPN NBA 2K5 is definitely worth checking out. The threat to EA sports is real.

THE LOW DOWN

WOCO Week Events

Wednesday, Oct. 13

OU Bingo for prizes from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC and from 9-10 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.

OU Community Service Project through Oct 15 from noon-1 p.m. in the main hallway of the OC. OU student, faculty and staff member are asked to donate \$1 to help the hurricane victims in Florida, the Bahamas and Haiti. The goal is to raise \$10,000.

"ART" by Yasmina Reza runs through Nov. 7 starting at 8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets are on sale at the box office.

Thursday, Oct. 14

One Minute Speed Dating for OU singles from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

OU's Ice Cream Extravaganza: Root Beer Floats over Root Beer Lake at 8 p.m. between Vandenberg Hall and the OC.

The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will be hosting a study jam at 7 p.m. in the OC for all OU students. There will be free tutors and refreshments courtesy of the Academic Skills Center.

The "Laramie Project" continues at the Studio Theater in Varner Hall at 8 p.m.

The Tuba Euphonium Studio Recital will start at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. This concert is free and open to the public.

Friday, Oct. 15

Show your OU pride and wear your OU gear!

Free tour of Meadow Brook Hall for students, faculty and staff at 1:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall.

Friday Night Live welcomes hypnotist Michael Anthony to OU. The show starts at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.

The "Rock the Rooftop" tailgate party is from 7-11 p.m. on the roof of the parking structure across from Pawley Hall. This is a non-alcoholic tailgate party.

Sixth annual Midnight Madnezz: Rock the O'Rena is from 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m. in the O'Rena of the Rec Center.

Saturday, Oct. 16

There will be a course on crisis intervention at 9 a.m. through Nov. 6 at OU. For location and more information, call (248) 370-3033.

Monday, Oct. 18

S.A.F.E. On Campus welcomes anyone interested in becoming an ally to an information session from 3-5 p.m. in the OC.

The First-Year Transition Workshop on exploring your options and get advising for students from noon-2 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

The Ladies of Alpha Sigma Tau present Singled Out at 7 p.m. in Pioneer Food Court of the OC. This will be a dating game show similar to MTV's version of the show. The cost is free and there are no obligations.

-Compiled by Tracy Estes

HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday (Oct. 13). You'll have an easier time finding exactly the right words. If you start telling stories about yourself, however, take care. Think about how you can teach others not to make the same mistakes. You'll do it through love.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8: As negotiations go on, continue to stay in the background. Your past deeds speak more eloquently than any argument you could provide. Make sure the competition knows what those are; then keep your mouth shut.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 5: The objective is not to work harder even though that may seem like the only way to get the job done. Use your brains, and save your back.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 10: They say the most erogenous area in the human body is actually the brain. Use yours to make tonight especially remarkable.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5: A family meeting leads to a conversation that's long overdue. Tempers may flare, but don't worry. Cookies and milk solve the problem.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is an 8: You're smart and getting smarter, with all the reading you're doing. If you're not, get started. Conditions are perfect. You haven't a moment to lose!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5: You could do well financially with a project started now. Do you have a business of your own? Do you have a passion? Put them together in writing, and catch the good luck of this moment.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 9: You have a way of telling stories that captures the imagination. You mesmerize, but that's not the point. Your objective should be to teach them how to think on their own. That's more fun, and more important.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 4: Clean out your in-basket, your garage and even your closets. Make room for all the new activities you'll be thinking up soon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7: The party goes on, and you're apt to discover some valuable information. Keep them all talking, and you'll learn more than you ever wanted to know.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 5: Sometimes you may be considered a little bit bossy, but that is actually one of your natural talents. Help a confused person make a decision.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8: You have a dream that's your motivation. This may seem a little strange since you're generally a rather analytical type, but don't worry about it. Keep the faith.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 4: Pisces is the sign of giving. You can think of a person who'd like just about every item you see in the store. Stay within your budget! It's the thought that counts!

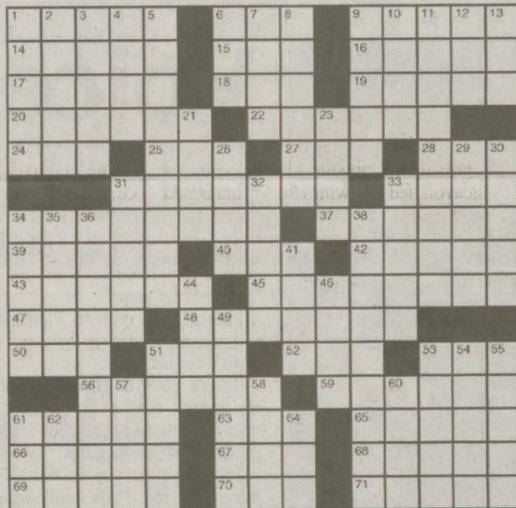
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- 16 Avoid
- 17 Itzhak of Israel
- 18 Traveler's guide
- 19 Tex-Mex order
- 20 High-altitude cloud
- 22 Extravagant
- 24 Actress Claire
- 25 Galley blade
- 27 Scam
- 28 Dada founder
- 31 Melodious
- 33 Toledo's lake
- 34 Evaluator
- 37 Propagate
- 39 Element category
- 40 Hanoi holiday
- 42 Dreadlocks wearer
- 43 Novelist Waugh
- 45 Statue's base
- 47 Group of birds
- 48 Run
- 50 Exist
- 51 Fifth of the scale
- 52 CO clock setting
- 53 Greek letter
- 56 "Deliverance" author
- 59 Get in the way of
- 61 Old-style poetry
- 63 Man about the house
- 65 America's symbol
- 66 Bridge maven
- 67 Wildebeest
- 68 Silvery food fish
- 69 Honkers
- 70 Stretch (out)
- 71 To the point

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- 1 Thanks, Jacques
- 2 Actor Delon
- 3 Serengeti equine
- 4 Qatar leader
- 5 How a snake moves
- 35 Cut off
- 36 Dock worker
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- 41 Part of the school year
- 44 Recess
- 46 Short race



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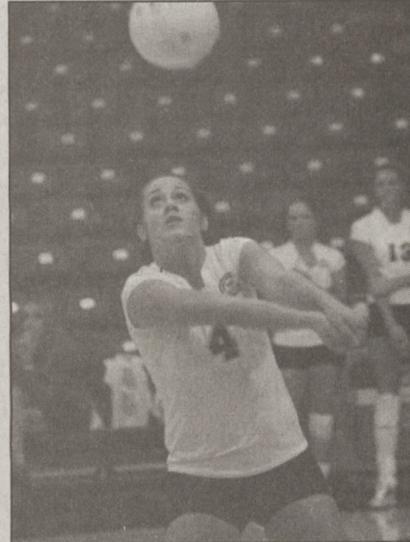
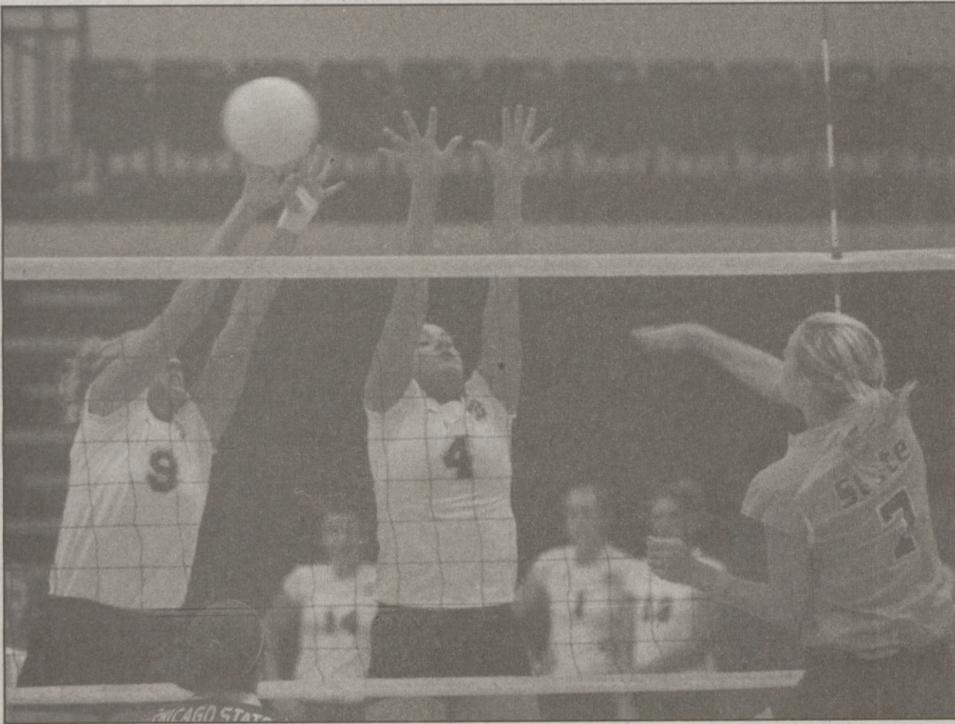
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- 26 Public disorder
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- 49 Word of honor
- 51 Act component
- 53 Lawn tool
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Cougars outlast OU



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Above: Freshman Chelsea Licavoli prepares to send a pass to an OU teammate

Left: Junior Erin Palmer and Licavoli attempt to block a Chicago State attack.

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

With Chicago State University (CSU) leading 32-31, OU and the Cougars were exchanging shots when the Golden Grizzlies sent its third hit toward the net. The ball stopped for a split second on the top of the net, but then fell onto OU's side to give CSU the win in the first game.

The play was a sign of things to come. The ball just did not fall OU's way as the Grizzlies lost to the Cougars in three straight games, 33-31, 30-22 and 30-21, Friday night in the O'rena.

OU was tied 19-19 with the Cougars in the second game, when the ball once again stopped on the top of the net but then fell onto OU's side. The point gave CSU the lead and it never looked back winning, 30-22.

"The girls played hard and never gave up, but they need to learn how to play the game," head coach Dave Schmidlin said.

"Until that happens we are going to continue to lose close matches."

Schmidlin was happy with the team's service game but not the team's offense or defense.

"The back row has no idea how to read," Schmidlin said. "They are always in the wrong position and until we correct that, we are going to continue to struggle. We have a tendency to make too many errors and dig ourselves a hole."

Freshman outside hitter Chelsea Licavoli led OU with 15 kills and added six digs.

Licavoli said the team has not played well since the Central Michigan University game and has talked about trying to bounce back.

"It feels like I want to jump out of my skin," Licavoli said. "We get so close,

but we don't have all the pieces of the puzzle to put a whole game together."

Licavoli also said the team needs to improve certain areas of its game.

"In intense situations, the key is to stay in control and we don't do that," Licavoli said. "We tend to freak out. We have to play organized and play well mentally to put away games."

OU also lost another Mid-Con game to the Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis Jaguars (IUPUI) 3-0 (30-22, 30-17, 30-21) on Sunday in the O'rena.

The Jaguars offense out hit the Grizzlies .326 to .056 and had 46 kills to OU's 28. IUPUI's offense was also able to put together runs in key situations.

In game one, OU was only down two, 22-20, but IUPUI then went on a 8-2 run to win the game.

The Jaguars were up one, 15-14, in the second game when their offense was

able to outscore the Grizzlies 15-3 to take the win.

OU made a run in game three. Trailing 13-6, the Grizzlies went on a 11-4 run to tie the game at 17. IUPUI was able to withstand the Grizzlies' run and held on to win, 30-21 and take the match 3-0.

IUPUI's offense was led by senior outside hitter Michelle Sobocinski, who finished with 15 kills.

OU's offense did not have any players in double digit kills. Senior outside hitter Sara Miller led OU with eight kills.

The pair of losses drops OU's record to 3-12 overall and 1-4 in the Mid-Con.

The results of the Cleveland State University game were unavailable at press time.

OU's next game is against Valparaiso University at 8 p.m. on Friday at Valpo's Athletics-Recreation Center. OU then travels to Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne on Saturday.



DUSTIN FRUCCI

The Oakland Post

Lions are anti-Hollywood

I'm a movie fan. I watch everything from "Star Wars" to "Along Came Polly."

Lately, though, I've been disappointed with the action and horror genres, and how the movies are being made.

In every movie the bad guy loses or dies. Endings have become predictable and formulaic. I want to see a bad guy win.

I'm starting to think it's useless to expect something fresh and new.

Well, if I can't get it in movies, the Detroit Lions are finally starting to flip the script.

Over the last few years the Lions have been the bad guy in a movie. They would set you up into thinking they'd come out on top, and then inexplicably forget what they were doing over the first three acts and give the game away.

Sunday, things changed.

The Lions beat the previously-unbeaten Falcons in Atlanta.

To say it was the teams' biggest win in over three years would be an understatement.

Atlanta had a top 10 defense, the top rushing offense in the league, the most sacks in the first five weeks and the most explosive player in the NFL - Michael Vick.

Vick had never been sacked more than four times in his career. The Lions brought him down six times.

The Falcons were averaging 174 yards a game on the ground. The Lions held them to under 100 yards.

As well as the defense played, you kinda had that feeling.

Any Lions fan will tell you, when the Falcons had the ball on the final possession of the game with a chance to send it into overtime, they expected to see their team playing an extra session.

And then it happened.

The bad guy made key defensive plays on the final drive to preserve the win.

The Lions sit atop the NFC North division along with Minnesota, both at 3-1.

They have a chance this Sunday to further distance themselves with a win over the struggling Packers.

"It was a gutsy performance," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "I thought we hit. I thought we played smart."

When is the last time you could say that about this team?

Well, enough with being so benign.

Are the Lions a playoff contender?

Over 7,000 people voting on the Lions web site seem to think so, but let's be real.

Roy Williams is day-to-day with an ankle injury and if a team's best receiver is Az-Hakim, I'm not ready to talk about playoffs.

You saw what happened to the Lions' offense when the threat of Williams was knocked out in the third quarter.

I will say this: if the Lions can get back Williams, Dre' Bly, Andre Goodman and Kevin Jones in the next two weeks, they will battle the Vikings for the division title.

The Lions also expect to have Boss Bailey back sometime in November - completing one of the fastest linebacking groups in the NFL.

The bad guy may not always win, but if the ending is unpredictable I'll be satisfied.

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You can listen to Dustin on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the DDB Sports Radio Show on WXOU 88.3.



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Junior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese kicks a ball to midfield in a game earlier this season.

Men's soccer team drops first Mid-Con game

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

OU's eight game unbeaten streak came to an end this weekend as the men's soccer team lost to Oral Roberts University (ORU), 1-0.

The loss drops the Golden Grizzlies' record to 7-2-1 and improves the Eagles' record, 6-4-1.

"This was not one of our better games," head coach Gary Parsons said.

"The other team was more intense than we were in the first half.

"It seemed as if we were chasing the other team in the first half," Parsons said. "We were able to pick up the intensity and had a much better second half."

Late in the second half, ORU's junior midfielder Dave Leung scored on a one-on-one shot with against Grizzly junior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese off an assist from freshman midfielder Jesse Roque. The ball was deflected off Wiese and straight into the back of the net.

The Eagles outshot, OU 11-6, and had four shots on goal along with two corner kicks.

OU was only able to get two shots on goal in the game and three corner kicks.

Junior forward Chris Edwards had two shots with one shot on goal, and senior midfielder Shahr Ktovim also had two shots and one shot on goal.

Senior midfielder Brett McNabb and midfielder Bjoernar Hansen had the other two shots.

Wiese finished with three saves and ORU's freshman goalkeeper, Tony Quartuccio, had two saves to pick up his seventh career shutout.

The Grizzlies return home this week to host Michigan State University at 4 p.m. today.

"Michigan State is one of our bigger games this season," Parsons said. "We will be making some technical adjustments specifically for the game so we can use some of Michigan States' techniques to our advantage."

OU will then travel to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) on Saturday.

Williams OU's top finisher

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross country team finished in fifth place at the Michigan Intercollegiate Cross Country Championship.

The men's cross country team also competed in the Championship, placing 13th overall.

On the women's side, sophomore Dayna Cline finished 10th overall to help OU gain its fifth place finish with 127 points.

Two other runners who were among the top-20. Sophomore Laura Fisher had a time of 23:28 for a 13th place finish.

Junior Kim Shultz came in 16th with a time of 23:37.

Just missing the top-20 was Amber Nagel, who finished in 23:54 to take 23rd.

On the men's side, senior Luke Williams was the only OU runner to place in the top-10.

Williams took the 10th spot with a time of 26:19 in the men's 8K race.

OU finished with a total score of 299, led by Williams' 10th place finish.

Williams was not only the only OU runner to place in the top-10, but also the only runner to place in the top-50.

Sophomore Tim Copacia and sophomore Chris Fecek were the next OU runners to finish after Williams.

Copacia turned in a time of 27:32 to finish in 56th place.

Fecek finished in 27:45 to take 65th place.

OU will host an Alumni race Saturday Oct. 16 at Bloomer Park in Rochester.

Stuard top golfer in entire conference

Senior Brian Stuard was named Mid-Con Player of the Week for the first time this season.

He is the second OU golfer to win the award this season, following junior Jonathan Pauli.

OU is now the only school in the conference that has had multiple winners.

At the Dayton Invitational last week, Stuard had the best performance by any

men's golfer in the conference.

Stuard had a 70 at the 18-hole event.

His round of 70 helped lead OU to the team title over the Dayton Flyers.

Stuard lowered his season average to 70.7. He is now at the top of the list among all golfers in the Mid-Con.

-Dana Utz
Senior Sports Writer

Perry learns from pros

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

The life of a professional athlete is not always full of fame and glory. There are many professional athletes who are regular people, who are not seen on SportsCenter and don't live in luxurious mansions.

Former OU soccer standout Jason Perry is one of these "ordinary" people.

Perry played his first professional soccer season this past summer for the Syracuse Salty Dogs of the United Soccer A-League.

During his first season, he learned many valuable lessons about life as a pro athlete. He learned that pro soccer is a business and that nothing is ever guaranteed.

More important than what he learned about the business, is what he learned about himself.

"There were times when I thought, 'Is this really what I want to do?' Just because it's not as glamorous as the NBA or football," Perry said.

"Especially money-wise. The money you make in basketball and football, you're basically set for life. It's kind of weird to think of yourself as a professional athlete."

There is nothing glamorous about 19-hour bus drives to the next game or sharing a hotel room with two other players.

Perry's first year in pro soccer was a journey many young pro athletes have to take.

It all began when the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer drafted Perry. He would never play a minute for the Galaxy, however. The team liked his play but decided to cut him because they had so many defenders.

They wanted Perry to get some more experience so they unofficially lent him to the Salty Dogs and told him they would call him later in the season if they needed him.

Perry's lessons on pro soccer began with the Salty Dogs. Unlike college, where the main focus is learning how to improve your game, pro soccer is all about wins and losses.

"It's a cut-throat business. You can be hot one second and not the next," Perry said.

"Losses are so heavily weighed. If you lose at college, you might just drop in the ranking's, but (in the pros) you don't get your win bonus. Some of the guys, that's how they provide for their families, and if they don't win they might not be able to feed their family."

Luckily for Perry, he had people who were there to help guide him and provide advice.

One person Perry heavily relied on was his former OU coach, Gary Parsons. Perry and Parsons talked throughout the season.

"Jason faced some things in his first year that were new to him," Parsons said.

One thing Perry had to overcome was losing. The Salty Dogs did not get out to a good start and were close to being eliminated from the playoffs midway through the season. But, the team rallied to go 11-1-2 in their final 14 games to make the post season.

"The slogan we always put up was 'Our family versus their team.' I think that was the biggest thing," Perry said.

"Sometimes you have guys that are just in it for themselves. Just in it for the money. Goal bonuses and win bonuses and things like that. Because we were all rookies we weren't worried about that. We were just worried about winning and playing together."

Another thing Perry had to face was injuries. Perry pulled his groin and also had a hip flexor.

Perry was battling the two injuries when the Galaxy called him up. Unfortunately for Perry, the Salty Dogs coach would not release his rights because the team was preparing for the playoffs.

"I guess anytime you're called up to the highest level you're going to be a bit upset because nobody wants to stay mediocre. (L.A.) is where I want to go, so I was pretty upset about it," Perry said.

"But I understand where (the Salty Dogs coach Laurie Calloway) was coming from, because he felt that he needed to keep me, so that we could have a good chance in the playoffs. So it's kind of like bitter sweet. To be fair, I also wanted to win with the Salty Dogs."

Before Perry had the injuries, he felt his progression as a player was at a stalemate. Coming back, Perry felt he had something to prove. Perry was able to play his best soccer of the season during the playoffs.

Perry and the Salty Dogs would make it all the way to the Eastern Conference Finals, but were eliminated by the Montreal Impact.

Now that the season is over, Perry is an assistant coach for OU's men's soccer team. He has been working primarily with the team's defenders. Perry is enjoying the experience so far.

Next year, Perry is not sure if he will be playing for the Galaxy or the Salty Dogs. Either way his first season prepared him for life as a professional athlete.



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Former OU soccer player Jason Perry played his first professional season for the Syracuse Salty Dogs

OU dominates the Westwinds



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

The women's soccer team split two Mid-Con matches this past weekend.

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU women's soccer team put on a scoring display in the first half to defeat Western Illinois University 3-0 on Friday. All three OU goals were scored in the first half.

"We talked about getting an early goal and then trying to turn that into two or three," head coach Nick O'Shea said. "We got that accomplished by half-time. They scored a couple of nice goals."

Freshman forward Courtney McCracken scored OU's first goal, at the 10:39 mark, on an assist from sophomore forward Marianne Samdal. OU had several scoring chances before McCracken was able to find the back of the net.

"I felt relieved (to score)," McCracken said. "We had so many chances and we had to put one away."

Senior defenseman Katie Amott was able to put OU up 2-0. Amott dribbled past a few Western Illinois defenders, and fired one in the back of the net from 20 yards out for the unassisted goal.

OU was not finished scoring

yet. Junior forward Kristi Swaving scored OU's third goal at almost the 39 minute mark. It was Swaving's team-high fourth goal. Swaving also lead OU with five assists this season.

Both teams played very physical throughout the match, but it did not get out of hand. Neither team received any yellow or red cards.

"It was physical, but we didn't retaliate," said McCracken. "I actually feel I play better when it's more intense."

Despite the physical play, neither team was able to score in the second half as OU held on to win, 3-0. Sophomore goalkeeper Amber Gale finished with eight saves to pick up her second consecutive shutout. Gale made her first start of the season in OU's last game against Toledo.

Gale said it feels good to get a chance to play, and she is happy the team has been able to win her first two starts.

"These conference games are important, so winning 3-0 shows the rest of the conference we're ready to go and we're the team to beat," Gale said.

O'Shea likes having both Gale and freshman goalkeeper Jessica Howard.

"They are both good goal-keepers," O'Shea said. "They both deserve time in goal, so it will depend on the game (who starts). They both have strengths and weaknesses, so it will depend on the opponent."

OU fell 3-0 to Valparaiso University in its second Mid-Con game of the weekend.

The Grizzlies outshot the Crusaders, 15-12, but were not able to get any shots in the back of the net.

Swaving had several scoring chances for OU including four shots on goal, but could not get one past Valpo's freshman goalkeeper Erin Murray.

Freshman forward Brittany Derksen had the game winner for Valpo on an assist from freshman defenseman Karie Sahly.

The loss drops OU's record to 6-7 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

OU will host a pair of Big Ten schools this week. OU takes on the nationally-ranked University of Michigan at 4 p.m. on Thursday at the OU soccer field.

OU will then take on the Michigan State University Spartans at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the OU soccer field.

Post Fantasy Studs

Dave Pemberton- Sports Editor

QB-Mike Vick- ATL vs. San Diego

RB-Chris Brown- TEN vs. Houston

WR-Torry Holt- STL vs. Tampa Bay

Season Total-77 Last Week-77

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RB-Curtis Martin- NYJ vs. San Francisco

WR-Randy Moss- MIN @ New Orleans

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QB-Daunte Culpepper-MIN @ New Orleans

RB-Rudi Johnson-CIN @ Cleveland

WR-Terrell Owens- PHI vs. Carolina

Season Total-14 Last Week-14

Meet starts off season

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

OU's annual Black and Gold meet marks the start of the season for the OU men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

The event was held in the OU Aquatics Center. The event has two teams comprised of OU swimmers and divers competing against each other.

It is a way for the freshmen to get a taste of the competition and for the veterans to see how they have progressed from last season.

The meet also gives OU swimming and diving head coach Pete Hovland a chance to look at his 2004-05 team for the first time.

The gold squad came out on top, beating the black team by a final score of 118-113.

On the women's side, the gold team beat the black team 66-50.

Over on the men's side, the black team came out on top with a score of 63-52.

The men's gold team was lead by junior captain Nick McCollum. He helped his 400-yard medley team finish first with a time of 3:34.07.

Sophomore captain Line Jensen was the captain for the women's gold team. She came out on top in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54:55.

Leading the women's black team was junior captain Renie Green and sophomore captain Maria Musialczyk.

The duo helped lead their 400-yard medley relay team to a victory with a time of 3:58.68.

The men's black team was captained by junior Chris Sullivan, who competed at the Olympic trials this past summer.

Sullivan had a victories in both the 200-yard individual medley (1:58.05) and the 100-yard freestyle (46.49.)

In men's diving, sophomore John Van Portfleet won both the one-meter and the three-meter events for the gold team, with scores of 323.40 and 255.00, respectively.

On the women's side, sophomore Linda Keskey took first for the black team in the one-meter board with a score of 307.80.

For the gold team, Becky Renkola won the three-meter event with a score of 303.38.

OU's first home meet of the season will be at 2 p.m. Saturday Oct. 30 against Wayne State University and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.