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'Second Life' a first for OU

OU now owns 'real' estate in digital world that offers opportunities for research, education and social interaction

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

Since Linden Lab opened the gates to the free-roaming interactive online world "Second Life" in 2003, its user base, or population, has grown to over 9.5 million people worldwide.

Many real-world places own land — technically server storage space — in "Second Life," including dozens of colleges, among them Virginia Tech and Vassar College.

Early this summer, Assistant Vice President of e-Learning and Instructional Support Dr. Catheryn Cheal began designing Oakland University Island, a place for students and professors to utilize "Second Life" for educational purposes.

In "Second Life," users design their own avatars — digital representations of themselves — to interact with an ever-changing world of simulated land, featuring shops, nightclubs, art showcases and recreations of literary settings, along with tens of thousands of other people at any given moment.

Unlike online games such as "World of Warcraft," "Second Life" doesn't have "missions," which allows instructors to define their own objectives, said Cheal.

Second Life at OU

Professor Rebecca Rivard said all papers for her Composition 1 class this semester will be based on "Second Life." Most will be about experiences or events in the virtual world,

which features myriad parties, concerts and other "live" performances.

The largest project will be an argumentative paper based on the very open-ended interactions that can occur in a world limited only by imagination and code.

"There are many reflected social issues that we are experiencing on 'Second Life' that are also experienced in real life," Rivard said. "There are intriguing questions as to [if] a cyber rape or other related crime happens on Second Life, does it affect you in real life? Some people work very hard to make their avatars resemble them exactly."

Cheal's avatar, however, appears to be an Asian female (Cheal is Caucasian), wears a red kimono and carries a sword strapped to her back.

"Second Life" allows physical avatar customization ranging from the major, like skin tone, to the minute, like the width of the cleft between your avatar's nose and upper lip.

"I think for the first couple of months, I tried to make it look like myself," Cheal said. "You soon get very bored with that."

Still, professor Christine McCauley observes that the freedom of avatar customizability isn't often fully utilized.

"The vast majority of us are young and beautiful in appearance," McCauley said. "Most of us park ourselves into our avatars and don't really explore what it could be like to be another gender or race or height."

At least 50 students from McCauley's foundations of visual literacy class will be taking



JESSE DUNSMORE/The Oakland Post
An avatar sits at the OU Island amphitheater. The island also features waterfront huts and a sandbox for building.



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An avatar checks out an art show, created by other users, in Second Life.

on new roles in "Second Life" designing avatars that differ from the creator in ethnicity or sex. They'll then interact with people online observing any differences between this and interaction while looking like themselves. "They may get a bit of a feel for what that other experience is like," McCauley said.

Potential for Research

Director of Bachelor of General Studies Scott Crabill wonders just how real "Second Life" is for people. Crabill, also a special instructor of communication, plans to do a study on the feasibility of using "Second Life" to reduce "communication apprehension," or the fear of public speaking.

Subjects will draft and perform a speech using voice communication on "Second Life" for the benefit of a digital audience.

As some people ease nervousness by prac-

ticing a speech in front of a mirror or a trusted friend before delivering it to a crowd, the study will aim to determine if computer-mediated communication can do the same.

"I'm kind of on the fence about this," Crabill said. "My gut says nothing replaces face-to-face interaction."

On one hand, inhibitions are far fewer in online interactions due to anonymity. "If somebody flames you in an e-mail [and] you see them in person, they're not flaming you in person."

But knowing familiar people are in the digital audience could add an element of caution. "If I think I'm going to see those folks again, I might be a little more hesitant," Crabill said.

He expects to begin the study this winter and hopes to have it published in the "Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication" and the "Journal of Communication Education."

Limitless?

Creativity and customization seem to be the laws of the digital land.

This is largely made possible by a built-in design tool that constructs objects from scratch.

Users begin by selecting and modifying simple geometric shapes, combining them to make them more complex and adding textures and "scripts," or actions and behaviors, to the object.

A user can create a beach ball, a drivable car, a replica of Dante's Inferno or just about anything else imaginable.

Land can be purchased and reshaped. Buildings can be constructed. The "metaverse," as some call it, seems to be brimming with potential for just about anything.

"The cool thing about 'Second Life' is that its diversity of islands appeals to all majors," Rivard said. She eagerly lists the possibilities of "Second Life" in all forms of education: virtual surgeries and simulated schizophrenia for health science majors, galleries for art majors, business meetings at virtual IBMs and Nikes for business majors, and enlarged genomes and other planets for science majors.

It's not without its problems, though. McCauley cites the steep learning curve, not-too-spectacular graphics and the fact that the lack of set goals confuses some students as problems an instructor will have to deal with if he or she uses "Second Life" in class.

"Linden Lab has some infrastructure issues to work out, and they can cause the grid [the universe itself] to malfunction sometimes," McCauley said.

Crabill said although "Second Life" is useful for simulations, he believes it's important to recognize its limitations.

"I see technology as a tool that doesn't replace the classroom, but augments the classroom," Crabill said.

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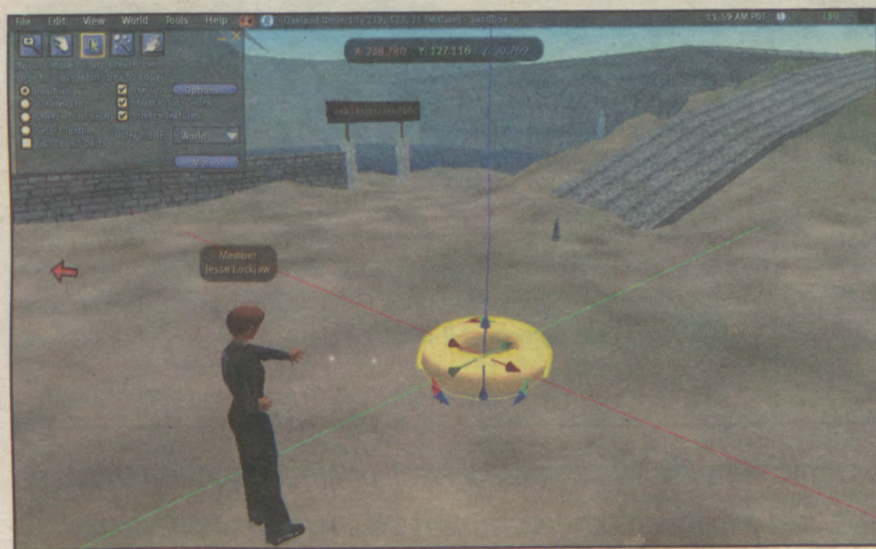
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Second Life's build tool allows users to create just about anything.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Free speech: What does it take to get people talking?

Freedom of speech. This specific grouping of words defines, in part, what it means to be an American.

It is one of the foundations of our country. We throw the phrase around constantly, however sometimes we forget its point. We lose sight of what it means.

It's taken a college newspaper and some profane syllables to rev up a healthy debate about freedom of speech.

The Colorado State University paper, The Rocky Mountain Collegian, published a four-word editorial this week. It simply read, "Taser this — F--- Bush."

The editorial's intent, which may be unclear to some, was that freedom of speech is being confronted with more and more challenges. The latest instance, in which a college student was Tasered at a John Kerry lecture at the University of Florida, was the primary motivation for the Collegian's comment.

It's triggered a steady stream of reaction.

Should we not already have had this chat?

Where was the healthy rhetoric about free speech at other apropos occurrences?

Take the scheduled talk by the Minuteman President Jim Gilchrist at Columbia University.

Gilchrist and other Minutemen are private citizens who wish to monitor the countries borders and illegal immigration with controversial practices.

When he appeared at Columbia last fall, the immediate reaction from the students disallowed his ability to use the open marketplace of ideas to express his opinions and beliefs.

Some claim the man is a criminal and should not be permitted to speak. But is that the decision of the students? And should Gilchrist really be restricted in presenting before anything is said?

Gilchrist's freedom of speech, which may be considered obnoxious by some, may have been infringed upon.

What about "BONG HITS 4 JESUS," the slogan on a sign displayed by a teenager in Juneau, Alaska in 2002. His principal asked him to put the sign down. When he refused, he

was suspended from school for 10 days.

The Supreme Court agreed with the principal that the student's freedom of speech rights were not violated because the sign promoted drug abuse and was "sophomoric."

Here is yet another instance where the paramount concern should have been one's rights to freedom of speech. But what we got hung up on was word choice rather than fundamental principle.

When Natalie Maines, of the Dixie Chicks, remarked in 2003 that she was ashamed that George Bush was from Texas, she was so vilified by her country music colleagues, that she eventually apologized.

The apology belonged to Ms. Maines. Her right to freedom of speech was obstructed and labeled as treason by many.

On the contrary, freedom of speech is not treasonous. In fact, in the political spectrum, it is one of the most polemic forms of patriotism. The First Amendment should render such issues moot. It should trouble us as a nation and as individuals that we are so often guilty of tabling freedom of speech discussions when the nature of the "speech" doesn't agree with our own opinions.

Speaking of opinion, there's a lot of it about the Collegian's editorial. Most of it concerns whether the editorial was within the boundaries of good taste.

Let's talk, instead, about its point, which according to its authors, was to demonstrate the modification of rights and bring about discussion on the issue of free speech.

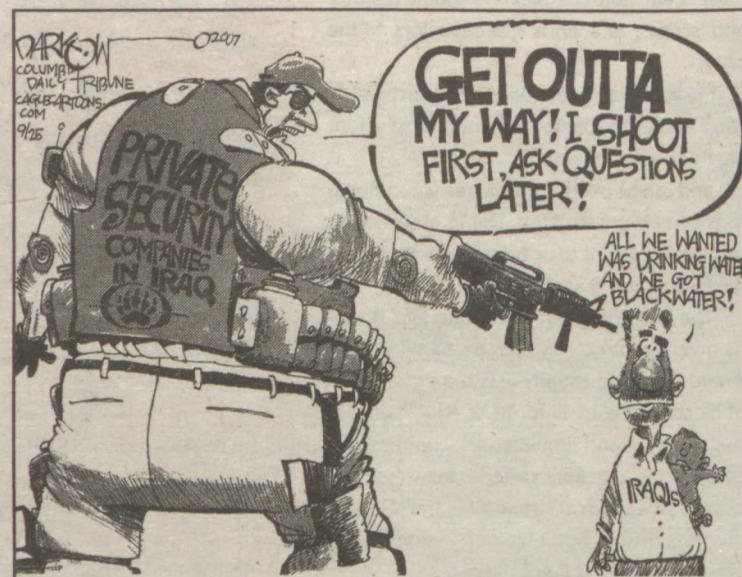
And this week, we saw another well-publicized event, also at Columbia University, where Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was allowed to speak, regardless of the repugnant nature of some of his beliefs.

So debate can continue still in other areas.

Overall, the Collegian brought to the table much-needed discourse about a serious lack of concern over the current state of freedom of speech

Like the message or not, it was effective.

We're still talking about it, aren't we?



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Guest Column

Jordan Twardy

Student Services
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Concerned about Michigan's financial crisis? You ought to be. But who are we kidding? The only thing anyone in our generation seems to care about is the next party, the next homework assignment or the next iPod.

People in our generation, much like the generations that came before it, only seem to care about things going on in their own little bubble or anything that directly affects it.

When election time rolls around, most people do not vote for a variety of reasons: too busy, uninterested, ignorant of the candidates and/or issues, disillusioned with government, etc.

Those who do vote are generally either hardcore partisans or single-issue (i.e. single-minded) voters.

The rest of us who vote find ourselves picking between the lesser of two evils, wondering how and why we got stuck with the choices we have.

After the election, our attention — if we paid any at all — quickly drifts from affairs of government to what's on TV or when that big paper is due, that is, until the government screws up, and it's time for us to pitch a fit.

On Oct. 1, when the Michigan state legislature's coup de grace, their final shafting of the people of Michigan is complete, all the pundits, talking heads and armchair legislators (who most likely did not even vote themselves) will heap their curses upon Lansing, waving Lady Liberty's torch as they rail against our incompetent government as if it were an affront to our sacred Democracy itself (never mind that we're actually not a Democracy, but a Constitutional

Republic, as if people know the difference).

The funny thing is that while we're blasting Lansing for their mistakes, the one group that truly needs to pull their heads out of the sand and wake up is actually, we, the people.

We voted for and thus deserve these morons we've put in Lansing and especially the disaster that is about to befall us.

As someone who has run for local office before and has spoken firsthand to Michigan voters, I can tell you that when we go into the ballot box on election day, many of us have no idea what we are doing.

Most people vote by party/slate, name recognition, single issues that only they care about, and, sometimes, on wild criteria such as the ethnicity of the candidate (Polish candidates do great in my hometown) or number of lawn signs a candidate has displayed.

If you don't vote, you're even worse than that.

A government shutdown is probably the best thing that could happen in Michigan.

Maybe then we would all finally realize how ridiculous we've been for so long and actually begin to care about who we elect, the reasons we elect them and their actual performance in office.

Maybe then we'll realize that we need to care about more than ourselves and even our own cities.

Maybe then we'll realize that Michigan cities and their neighbors have to stand together and think about what is best for the entire state and ask our candidates what they will do for all of Michigan, not just "what are you going to do for me?"

Maybe then we'll see that it is do or die for our state now and that it is not beyond saving if we get our priorities straight, focusing on more than just our pet issues.

Who am I kidding? We'll probably just vote Republican, thinking it's "time for change."

So much for American idealism.

The Internet: a soon-to-be endangered resource?

Guest Column

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The Internet is used by people every day for different functions, from e-mail to just surfing for movies.

The problem is that the Internet cannot support all of the new users and functionality if something is not done to remedy the situation.

Coal, oil and, now, bandwidth — the amount of data that can be sent over a network — are all finite resources that are being used up.

The Internet is no exception. It has a vast amount of bandwidth but, nothing is infinite.

The proliferation of video-hosting

sites, like YouTube.com and peer-to-peer programs like bittorrent, a file sharing technology allowing users to download files from multiple computers, are increasing bandwidth exponentially.

The stark reality is that eventually there will not be enough to go around and users will have to pay more if they want to watch videos or download large files.

Another problem that has come up since the birth of the Internet is the Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4) address system. This system only has 4.29 billion possible addresses, and with the addition of new computers all the time, these addresses are running out.

A new standard called Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) has 3.4×10^{38} possible addresses and could be the ideal solution. However, adoption of this new standard could take decades.

This might not be soon enough to alleviate the address space problem.

The original protocols the Internet is based on were created in the 1960s and '70s, and most have not been updated since.

This technology is tried-and-true, but at the time of its inception, security was a minimal concern.

Certain attacks will always be prevalent because there is nothing programmers can do to change the core of the system.

It is almost as if they create a secure door but the protocols leave the window open.

People are always quick to question why changes can't be made right away.

The Internet has no central governing body. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) oversees naming of Web sites and the domain name system, but they can only do so much.

It comes down to individual companies and even private citizens to help create new technology and work together to save the Internet.

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Cooley to depart from OU

Law school buys expanded site for Auburn Hills relocation

By PAUL GULLY
Managing Editor

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, which has operated its Rochester campus on the grounds of Oakland University since 2002, is expected to announce its departure from OU.

A press conference is to be held Wednesday at a site in Auburn Hills recently purchased by Cooley.

The 67-acre parcel, previously owned by Auburn Hills, was purchased in June.

It contains a 67,000 square-foot, three-story building that Cooley plans to renovate and relocate to by January 2008, sources say.

Officials at both Cooley and Oakland cite OU's lack of space was the primary issue in the law school's decision to leave the OU campus.

According to a Cooley press release, the law school was expecting to enroll 550 students this fall at its OU facilities, a number they expect to increase in the near future.

"Cooley's Oakland County enrollment grew so rapidly that it eclipsed our ability to accommodate their growing space requirements," said Oakland University President Gary Russi.

"Also, OU's enrollment is growing steadily, and our space needs are becoming more urgent," he said.

While several Cooley officials expressed excitement for the new facility, all declined to officially comment until after the press conference.

However, James Robb, associate dean and general council for Cooley Law School, was able to say that the Auburn Hills facility is "significantly bigger" than the space Cooley occupied at OU and that "it will definitely accommodate for more students."

According to officials at both Cooley and OU, the two schools are exploring ways to expand their relationship.

"Our partnership with Cooley has been strengthened by a new agreement that we expect to finalize soon. It will include such things as preferential admissions, continuing education, joint degree programs and many other programmatic enhancements," Russi said.

Cooley students will still be able to utilize OU classrooms, labs, libraries, student residences, recreational and athletic facilities and administrative offices, according to Russi.

In a press release, Cooley President Don LeDuc shared Russi's thoughts.

"We've enjoyed our relationship with Oakland University for the past five years, and we look forward to expanding our relationship with [OU], both on their



Cooley Law School's new location features a 67,000 square-foot, three-story building. Plans include renovations and an eventual addition. SARAH LANG/The Oakland Post

campus and at our new nearby facilities," LeDuc said.

According to reports, Cooley plans for the Auburn Hills site are to include classrooms, a full law library, student services and other offices. They said they hope to have it ready for use by January.

Cooley also is planning to build an addition of equal size, which they said they hope to have ready by 2009.

According to reports, the total cost of the project has been estimated at \$37.5 million.

Many Cooley students who currently attend the OU campus are excited about the new facility and its additional space.

"Space is a big issue here. There's going to be a lot more room and parking space," said Rob Welch, a second year law student.

However, Lamar Tidwell, a first year law student, has his reservations.

"I'm curious to see how the change is going to go. It may be a difficult adjustment at first, but it really doesn't bother me that much," Tidwell said.

Cooley's planned relocation frees up much-needed space for OU.

"Oakland University has commissioned a space study to address space needs on our campus," Russi said.

"Various possibilities are being considered in the early stages of discussion. They will be used for OU classes, labs and staff, as needed."

Although no official decisions have been made, Oakland University Provost Virinder Moudgil did not rule out the possibility of the university pursuing another partnership for OU's campus.

"We are always open to consider partnerships that will enhance educational options for graduating Oakland students," Moudgil said.

POLICEFILES

A student parked in the P5 parking lot observed damage to his vehicle. The driver's side window had been broken out, and the side of the car had been keyed. None of the student's personal items were missing from inside the car.

A parking lot accident turned heated when a man involved felt that sharing insurance information was unnecessary. When the other party involved insisted on going through the insurance companies, the man became irate and used profane

language. When the man later phoned the woman involved, she felt it was time to contact the police and went to the OUPD station.

An employee of Credit Union One in the Oakland Center called OUPD when a suspicious man in a Brinks uniform claimed that he had a money drop for her. When the employee told the man that she did not order any money, he looked to a piece of paper, mumbled an address and left. Security cameras in the OC captured the man looking down hallways and temporarily stopping in Barnes & Noble. Brinks was able to confirm the man's identity and presence at OU.

CPR training may set a world record at OU

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

When Marie Bristow first decided to arrange a mass cardio-pulmonary resuscitation day, she had a single goal in mind: to equip bystanders with the training necessary to help those in need. But in the process, they acquired another goal: to break the Guinness World Record for largest CPR training class.

"We want to educate people and enable them to be more than bystanders," Bristow said.

"They can come and get training and help us break a Guinness World Record in the process," she said.

Bristow is the event chair for the Southeast Michigan Coalition to Promote Resuscitation, an organization that strives to train people — professional or otherwise — to perform CPR and minimize the number of deaths due to choking, heart attack or other afflictions.

A Guinness judge will be overseeing the event and world record attempt.

The current record was established on June 28, 2006, at an event held by the Australian Ambulance Service. That day, 2,308 people were trained.

"Our goal is to train between 2,500 and 3,500 people," Bristow said.

At the event on Sept. 29, a team of 75 CPR instructors, 150 volunteers and generous sponsorship and promotion from several local institutions are working to make such a goal attainable.

"OU has been a wonderful partner. They have given several in-kind donations and were involved in promotion and planning. Several students are also volunteering," Bristow said.

Other key sponsors include: Sunrise Assisted Living of Clarkston, Clarkston Health Center, North Star Medical Equipment, American Heart Association, POH Medical Center and Beaumont Hospitals.

The non-certification courses are to begin at 6:30 a.m. The last session is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m.

The program is to cover adult and child CPR, as well as how to treat choking victims. Instructors will be available after the sessions to help those interested in learning about infant CPR or automatic external defibrillation.

Once the participants complete the training, they will receive a validation card and an instruction booklet.

"When bystanders provide immediate CPR and AED defibrillation within five minutes of a heart attack, survival rates can increase up to 74 percent," Bristow said.

According to the CPR Connection of North America, if more people learned CPR and had access to defibrillator programs, of the 325,000 people that die from cardiac arrest each year, approximately 285,000 lives could be saved.

The World Record CPR Challenge is to take place at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavillion at Oakland University.

While registration is not necessary, it is encouraged. Register online at: www.ocmca.org/cpr/register-attendee.html or call (248) 858-8020.

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Construction crews can be spotted around Oakland University's campus. The latest construction project is set to begin Oct. 15. Students living in the apartments will be forced to use Ravine Drive only.

Construction to begin on collapsed culvert

Project to cost OU \$595,000

By NICK DEGEL
Senior Reporter

On Sept. 12, the Oakland University Board of Trustees approved a construction project to fix a culvert located under Meadow Brook Road.

The culvert — an important part of the drainage system on campus — collapsed.

The problem was discovered in May during an inspection of the ravine located between the student apartments and the P5 parking lot.

"It is critical to the drainage system of Oakland County that we get (the culvert) repaired," said Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president of facilities. "We temporarily did some things to allow the water to go down it, but we have to eventually fix it because it restricts the water system."

The culvert allows for water from the subdivisions north of OU's campus to pass below Meadow Brook Road.

Construction is to begin Oct. 15 and last 60 days.

The university was working within a rigid timetable when scheduling the construction.

The necessary work would not be possible during the winter months, so it is crucial that the work begins this fall.

During the construction, students living in the apartments or entering campus west of the area are going to have to use Ravine Drive as an alternate route to class.

The original cost estimate of the work, presented to the board in June, was in the ballpark of \$300,000.

But that estimate climbed to \$595,000 after the university reevaluated the problem and received competing bids from nine construction companies throughout the summer.

"Immediately, within a week, we went to the board and said we had this problem. Within a week's time we gave an estimate," said Stollsteimer of the situation. "It then took us a couple months to actually go and get the bids back after we had engineered a solution, and the bids came in higher."

"It was an emergency back then, and we probably acted too fast, but we were trying to do our due diligence and move quickly on it," Stollsteimer said.

Had there been no temporary fix on the culvert, Stollsteimer said the project could have cost much more in the long run.

"We did a temporary fix that allows the water to continue on. If we didn't do that, more damage would have occurred, and we would have had flooding back there," Stollsteimer said.

Once work on the culvert has been completed, the road is to be temporarily covered with gravel until the spring months when warmer weather will allow for permanent repaving.

ARC to aid in career choices

Workshops designed for undecided students

By RENA PETRASHKO
Contributing Reporter

Although it is a common situation at many colleges, Oakland University's undecided students don't have to struggle with making a career decision alone.

The Advising Resource Center (ARC) office in 121 North Foundation Hall offers workshops that can help students find answers to those questions and more.

Facilitators Shaunda Jimmerson and OU alumna Allison Post said that they are excited to work with OU students in discovering rewarding and fulfilling careers.

This fall, the ARC is planning for three events.

"What Can I Do With a Major In...?" workshop is to be an information gathering session in a lab setting with computers.

Students are to use resources, such as Web sites, for career exploration.

This workshop is for those students who have declared a major or are leaning toward certain areas of interest and wish to find out about salaries, job responsibilities, educational requirements and more.

"It can also help a student to solidify a choice, answering questions like, 'Is this practical for me? Will this career be a fit for me?'" Post said.

There are two sessions to choose from: Wednesday, Oct. 3 from noon to 12:50 p.m. or Thursday, Oct. 11 from 4 to 4:50 p.m., at 224 Elliott Hall.

The "Career Expedition: 4 Session Workshop Series" takes a more in-depth approach with single session workshops.

It is for OU students committed to

finding out what career will best suit them.

Registered OU students attend each of the four sessions and build on the elements that are touched on in the individual workshops, including a Meyers-Briggs personality assessment and a strong interest inventory.

OU students then take that information and explore possible career paths. They can use Web sites and other tools to research what careers may be a good match for them.

"We will tie all that together and with the facilitators' help, set short- and long-term goals," Jimmerson said.

This workshop is scheduled for Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, from noon to 12:50 p.m. at the ARC office.

ARC also has an event planned for students who are struggling to declare a major.

The "So Many Choices... How do I Decide on a Major?" workshop is designed to help them. Students can explore many options and make a



well-informed decision on a major by exploring available tools, such as explorational interviews and internships.

OU students will identify their values and factor them into a career choice.

A single major can offer a realm of career possibilities, some of which students may not be aware of. But they will get the chance to research them at the ARC event.

The workshop is scheduled for Nov. 7 from noon to 12:50 p.m. in Gold Room A in the Oakland Center or Nov. 8 from 4 to 4:50 p.m. in Lake Superior A in the Oakland Center.

All workshops are free.

OU students can register for ARC and other OU workshops at www.oakland.edu/claw.

Computer to boost OU chemistry

By C.M. GRASKI
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's department of chemistry soon will welcome its newest member: a customized SGI Altix 450 high-performance computer.

The purchase of the computer was made possible with a grant from the National Science Foundation's Major Research Instrumentation Program.

According to MRI, they strive to improve the condition of scientific and engineering equipment and facilities for research and research training in the United States' academic institutions.

"It's a very competitive program. We've tried several years without success, and this year, our proposal was successful on the first try," professor Maria Bryant said.

Bryant co-wrote the grant proposal along with distinguished professor of physical chemistry Michael Sevilla and assistant professor of biochemistry John Finke.

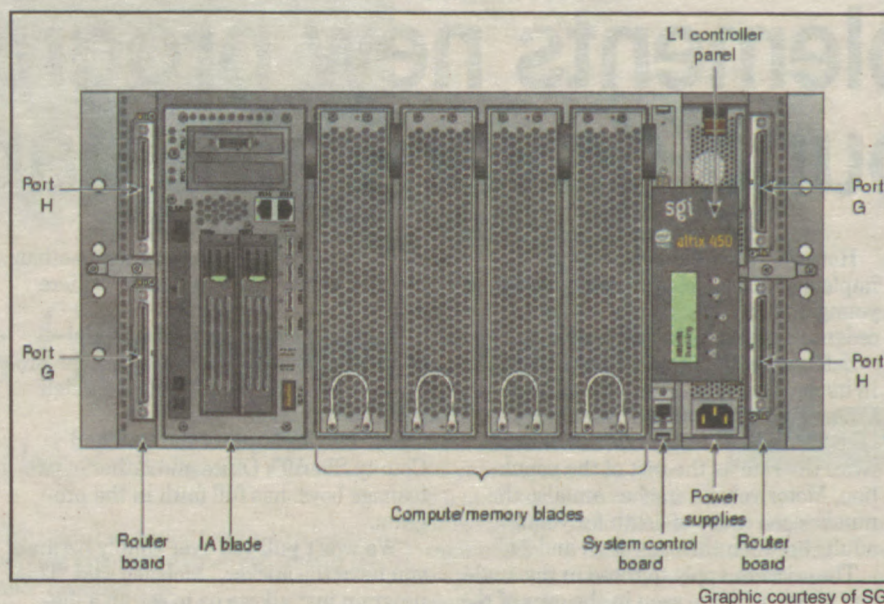
"Most chemistry departments already have computational resources like this," Bryant said.

She says that, compared to other larger universities, OU is behind the trend.

The University of Michigan's Center for Advanced Computing currently utilizes more than 1,000 processors and has several terabytes of storage. (One terabyte is equivalent to approximately 1,000 gigabytes.)

Michigan State University's department of chemistry recently acquired a larger cluster, greatly expanding its former 34-processor computing potential.

Western Michigan University's research and development laboratory has been host to a Linux-based Beowulf supercomputer since 2004.



Graphic courtesy of SGI

What necessitates the acquisition of parallel supercomputers is that experimental and theoretical chemists today are using computer simulations to predict and explain chemical phenomena. In order to utilize computational chemistry, extremely fast computers are needed.

"There are several reasons why it is essential. These types of computers are typically used to compute electronic structure calculations," Bryant said.

Structure calculations refer to advanced types of simulations that explore what electrons are doing in molecules.

Computational chemistry helps speed up the process.

According to Bryant, computational chemistry can predict the structure and properties on molecules.

This can be used to design drugs, design materials with desired properties and explain biochemical processes, such as vision, damage to DNA, or protein folding, and many others.

"Pharmaceutical scientists always use computational chemistry, using synthesized molecules, which are a product of computational chemistry. If it takes them a year to find a way to synthesize that without a computer, lives and money could be lost," Bryant said.

The SGI Altix 450 will have 64 processors, which means that the computer will be able to work on one computational problem at 64 times the speed of a single processor.

It also can compute several problems at once.

It is one of several parallel supercomputers available from SGI, which also provides computing solutions for research in computational biology, com-

putational chemistry for drug discovery and materials research, mathematic modeling and statistics, medical research and diagnostic imaging, multi-disciplinary research, physical sciences and weather, and climate and environmental forecasting.

"We also chose this computer because of space constraints. The computer will be 80 inches high and 26 inches wide," Bryant said.

"Since it will weigh 1,500 pounds once fully assembled, it will come in pieces, which will be assembled upon delivery," she said.

The parallel supercomputer is to be housed in a secure data center in 220 Dodge Hall, which also houses several servers and other computers.

Recycling is mission of Environmental Coalition

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

The plastic bin on the first floor of Vandenberg Hall overflows with discarded material from every floor of both towers.

West Vandenberg Resident Assistant Sean Buono thinks this is great news — though it pales in comparison to the "mountain upon mountain" of recyclable goods in Hamlin Hall prior to last Tuesday pickup.

Buono is a co-founder of the Oakland University Environmental Coalition along with Hamlin R.A. Avery Neal and OUSC Vice President Jameelah Muhammad.

According to Neal, the Environmental Coalition is made up of members of SPIN, OUSC, the Honors College and the Campus Development and Environment Senate Committee.

Several other student organizations also have been invited.

The trio formed the coalition to focus on recycling, waste reduction and energy conservation, said Buono.

"The recycling program that we have just started here in the residence halls has taken a lot of our time and energy," Buono said. "So that's what we're really solidifying right now and has had the most...demand."

Buono, Neal and Muhammad decided to pursue the recycling program in May after some initial reluctance.

"We were worried about stepping on SPIN's toes," said Buono. "We didn't want to intrude upon anybody's duties."

After getting support from SPIN, they went to work.

The recycling program includes the residence halls, the Oakland Center and South Foundation Hall, which Buono calls "the biggest traffic area on campus."

They plan to add one building to the program each month, and Buono said they'll try to publicize the "building of the month" to draw attention to the program.

Next month's building likely will be North Foundation Hall, said Buono.

In the residence halls, small bins in each floor's lounge are emptied into large bins on the ground floors.

Each floor is supposed to have a so-called environmental coordinator to manage the small bins. But some floors still lack a coordinator, while others have as many as six, Buono said.

The large bins were supplied by Great Lakes Recycling. The small bins were paid for by Residence Hall Maintenance.

So far, they feel the program has been a success.

Buono cites the excess bottles in garbage bags piled around the large bin in Vandenberg as evidence of that.

"If you go into Hamlin, recycling is part of their routine, and they recycle a ton, a ton, a ton," Neale said.

The Coalition is not an official student organization, but with more people on board, they're almost there.

At Tuesday's meeting, Buono said they unofficially picked a fourth person for their executive board, brought new ideas — such as refillable water bottles — to the table, and spoke with Greek organizations interested in getting involved.

Visit their Facebook page or contact them at ou.env.coalition@gmail.com to find out more.

State implements new program aimed at young drivers and parents

By ALEXIS TOMRELL
Contributing Reporter

Young drivers will have an extra set of parents on the roads in the coming months.

A new statewide program called "Sheriffs Telling our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers," or STOPPED, will be implemented for parents who want insight into their teen's driving habits.

Organized by the Michigan Sheriff's Association and the Michigan Secretary of State, STOPPED has developed in 70 of Michigan's 83 counties.

Parents involved in the STOPPED program are given a sticker to be placed on the upper left windshield of the child's car. Parents simply register their child's vehicle online at www.michigansheriff.com, and a sticker is sent immediately in the mail.

If their son or daughter is pulled over for any reason at all, the parents will be notified immediately and told what time their child was pulled over, how many passengers they had and the reason of the stop.

However, with the new program's implementation, debate has sparked over young drivers' rights and a parent's precedence over their children's driving.

Safetywise, the program is justified in its development. The National Safety Council reports "young drivers are involved in fatal traffic crashes at over twice the rate as the rest of the population. Motor vehicle crashes are also the number one cause of death for young adults between the ages of 16 and 24."

The stickers apply to those in the 16-24 age range, who are seen in the eyes of the state as just starting out.

"I think it would make more sense to have the stickers stop at 21 rather than 24. It seems like this would anger less people," says Melanie Zynel, a student at OU.

Turning Oakland County on to the STOPPED program will be a huge leap for the program's advancement. Oakland County, with a population of more than one million residents and home to 62 cities will affect a large number of people, including many at OU.

"I don't think my parents would do this to me because they trust my driving

skills, but I can see it happening to other people I know," student Jamie Valliere said.

In spite of this, many parents and police departments are defending the program suggesting the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

Sgt. Tim McIsaac, of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and father of two teenage boys, has full faith in the program.

"We won't pull you over simply because you have the sticker," McIsaac said "This program just allows us to set up a dialogue with the parents if the teenager gets pulled over, so we can notify them of how many people were in the car, who they were with, etc."

He also believes it's a program for "parents who care and want that extra insight."

Those growing up in previous decades had no program like this. However, parents today are more concerned due to high-risk media reports, with more awareness regarding highway safety and young drivers.

Programs like these often face controversy, like Michigan's safety belt law. But

today, McIsaac reports there is a 95 percent compliance rate with the safety belt law, saving numerous lives.

Since this is a volunteer program and there is no specific legal requirement for young drivers to have stickers, many feel it can be used solely at a parent's discretion, attributing most of their worry to their children's previous accidents or run-ins with the law. Hiding traffic tickets, will be almost impossible for those with the STOPPED sticker.

Throughout other areas of the country, STOPPED has gained big applause. In the New York area, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports "that within 24 hours of the program's initiation hundreds of telephone calls from interested parents were received by the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office and more than 100 parents registered 125 vehicles within the first month of its operation."

Since its development in Michigan, more than 2,000 interested parents have signed up for the STOPPED program. A Michigan Sheriff's Association press conference regarding the STOPPED program will be held in early October.

California college offers class through YouTube

Will OU be next to utilize this new generation of online learning?

By ASHLEY DESROCHERS
Contributing Reporter

You walk into class on your first day, and the professor tells the students that every class is going to be taped and put on YouTube.com. What would your reaction be?

The students at Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif. were shocked when they were informed by their professor, Alex Juhasz, that class was going to be on YouTube and that their homework would be to watch the videos, comment on them, as well make their own videos after every class.

This is the first time YouTube is being offered as part of a college credit course. This class is not about how to

use YouTube but is, in fact, a tool to teach about pop culture.

This class is about learning in a very raw way that YouTube is used for everything. It helps promote young bands to get their music "out there." It helps to send messages to the public. And the list continues on.

Juhasz is asking her students "that are spending significant amounts of time on the Internet not to fall into that experience but to do so in a self-critical way where they are participating and helping to define what it means to be in this new place."

Class discussions vary from talking about closed captions and text on YouTube to events involving famous people like Britney Spears.

Juhasz is breaking new boundaries — she is teaching in a way that has never been taught before, taking YouTube to the classroom.

Who is next to follow? Could this new instrument be taught to Oakland University students?

Many students and professors think that using YouTube in the classroom is a good way to teach the students and to grab their attention.

OU rhetoric professor Glen Armstrong thinks that YouTube would encourage students to think creatively and that YouTube should be incorporated into OU classes.

Professor Marshall Kitchens, a rhetoric professor, says that if a course was taught using YouTube at Oakland

University, he would be first in line to teach that course.

He also stated that YouTube coming to universities was inevitable and that "we live on the Internet these days."

Some OU students said they would, in fact, take a class like the one being taught at Pitzer College.

Megan Johnson, a sophomore studying health science, said that she would take this class to get the different experience.

To quote the class at Pitzer College, "YouTube is whatever you want it to be inside of whatever 'they' want it to be."



Fans waiting for "Halo 3" find ways to pass the time outside GameStop in Rochester Hills. TYLER CAMERON/The Oakland Post

The fight is finished

Outlets across the nation hold midnight release of "Halo 3"

By TYLER CAMERON
Local News Editor

At 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, the GameStop in Rochester Hills opened its doors to the dozens of eager fans who lined up hours in advance to get their copy of "Halo 3," the wildly popular videogame series developed by Bungie Studios for the Xbox 360.

In "Halo 3," players assume the role of Master Chief, a biologically augmented super-soldier of the future to help mankind turn the tides of a war against an alien race known as The Covenant.

The game boasts some of the most robust multiplayer features to date, ensuring that it will be played for years to come.

"Halo 3" marks the final installment to the series, which fans have been waiting for since a cliffhanger ending in "Halo 2" left them collectively screaming at their TVs and spiking their controllers.

When "Halo 2" was released Nov. 9, 2004, it shattered sales records earning \$125 million within its first 24 hours of release, making it the best selling media product in U.S. history as stated on ign.com. According to Microsoft, "Halo 3" had exceeded 1 million pre-sales by mid August.

With sales numbers predicted to best this year's heavy hitters such as "Spiderman 3," "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows," it's easy to see that the gaming industry has become a major factor in entertainment.

"Nothing compares to its popularity," said Robert "Robo" Rodocker, an employee at GameStop. "It's an incredibly important release because not only does it 'finish the fight,' but it also establishes Microsoft's seniority in the gaming industry, as well as 'Halo 3's' seniority in the genre," Rodocker said.

Preparing for what is considered to be one of the biggest entertainment releases of year can prove to be a daunting task, especially for smaller-sized videogame stores such as GameStop, which become crowded with a handful of people inside.

"We started preparing months in advance, promoting hype for the game and offering pre-orders," Rodocker said.

"For the midnight launch we got two local bands to play songs, got food and beverages for the fans and are even having a 'Halo 2' tournament. It took a lot of teamwork and patience, but it's going to be a great time," he said.

Although there are people who do not like the "Halo" trilogy, its popularity cannot be denied.

Dave Locklear, one of the first fans to arrive at GameStop Monday evening, could not imagine why anyone would not like the game.

"I suppose I'd tell a person who didn't like the game to try the multiplayer," Locklear said. "If they still don't like it, it's probably because they're not any good or there's just something wrong with that person," he joked.

James Dehelin, another GameStop employee, also vouched that the multiplayer element in the "Halo" trilogy was a tremendous reason for its success.

"When 'Halo 2' launched, it was propelled by its multiplayer. It was all about bringing people together and playing with your friends," Dehelin said. "You could play with people all over the world. And even though you played the same stages, something different happened every time, which is something that made it so much fun."

On whether or not people liked the trilogy, James said, "Well, that's their own opinion. Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion—I guess not everyone can like the game, but still, I can't imagine why someone wouldn't enjoy it."

Judging from the line that formed in front of GameStop, it is clear that the "Halo" trilogy has touched the imaginations of a vast crowd.

Men and women of all ages and backgrounds waited patiently to get their hands on a copy of this year's highly anticipated game.

While the fight may be finished, the fun is just getting started, and it doesn't look like it will be ending anytime soon.

Martin Short shines despite minor technical difficulties

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

If you were to have a musical evening, you probably wouldn't instinctively think of comedian Martin Short. That is, unless, you were in the audience at the Whiting Theatre last Saturday night in Flint, Michigan. The performance was billed as "A Musical Evening with Martin Short."

The Saturday Night Live alumni rifled through witty and clever tunes intermingled with improvisation, audience participation and special appearances from some of Short's favorite characters.

Short joined his band on stage a few minutes after 8 p.m. to applause as he broke into the first musical piece while rambunctiously dancing about. Jokingly, he pretended to lose his voice before completing the final note.

"Damn that Flint altitude!" Short shouted out. It was an impressive start to a humor-intensive evening.

The momentum remained steady through the entire performance, with a multitude of comedic styles from Short. There were stand-up routines, show tunes, and character sketches.

Short himself described the show as "a work in progress — like Joan Rivers' neck!"

The Canadian actor sang an uproarious and topical tune with the refrain, "autumn makes me want to cheat on my wife," and poked-fun at his heritage with, "Blame Canada."

Short morphed into characters such as Ed Grimely and Jiminy Glick, the latter of whom interviewed a columnist from the Flint Journal. The improvisational tone of the interview allowed Short's Second City training to shine.

Between costume changes, clips from Short's career in movies and television were shown on a large screen. Although plentiful, the videos could not do justice to the star's resume, and featured some

of his prominent successes, such as "The Three Amigos."

Short invited three unsuspecting audience members up on to the stage to help in singing theme song to the movie. The comedy was alive and spontaneous, as the wiry improviser attempted to make grown men dance and gyrate in Amigo fashion.

Most importantly, however, Short's love for the live stage was apparent. A Hollywood star of his caliber need not take a gig in Flint, doing a one-man show.

Of course, Short had a joke about this as well.

"No one wants to work with me!" he exclaimed.

Short's legitimate love for the live audience was palpable.

And the audience gave the love right back. It was not a sold out show, as the ornately lit Whiting theatre had scattered empty seats. The laughter and response, however, felt as if the room was overfilled.

Unfortunately, the night was not entirely pristine. There was a problem with Short's microphone, which annoyingly cut out his voice while talking or singing from time to time.

This proved to be a challenge to the audience. There were a few pivotal points where it threw off Short's delivery.

Hopefully, in the future, the Whiting will resolve such technical difficulties. It harms the performance and is disrespectful to the artist.

To conclude the evening, Short acknowledged it was Johnny Carson's 80th birthday and dedicated his closing number to Carson, and Short gave it all he had. The fifty-seven year old had the stamina and energy of someone half his age.

He loved every second in front of the audience. Short even stated that "an audience gives you a high, it's like morphine...the only difference is morphine doesn't judge."

And on Saturday night, Flint was the best morphine one could imagine.

REVIEW

Upcoming shows at the Whiting theater

Throughout the rest of the year, there will be a number of shows appearing at the Whiting theater in Flint. All the shows are musicals and each features a diverse lineup of artists. Each musical will be at a discounted price of \$12 to OU students who have their IDs.

- Oct. 11 — Margaret Cho
- Oct. 19 — Peter Pan the Musical
- Jan. 12 — Romeo & Juliet The Ballet
- Jan. 25 - 26 — Chicago the Musical
- Feb. 9 — An Evening with Jeff Daniels
- Feb. 22 - 23 — Annie the Musical

—Info according to thewhiting.com

What is your favorite memory of this summer?



"PLAYING PAINTBALL WITH MY TEAM. THIS SUMMER WHEN MY GUN BROKE MY TEAM CHIPPED IN AND BOUGHT ME A NEW ONE."
JAMES SULLIVAN
FRESHMAN, COMPUTER SCIENCES



"I WENT ON A TRIP TO IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND. IT WAS PRETTY AMAZING."
JACKIE CARLINE
JUNIOR, ENGLISH



"ENJOYING HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WAS OUTSIDE."
MICHAEL CHAN
SOPHOMORE, UNDECIDED



"MY ROADTRIP TO FLORIDA."
MARY YANG
FRESHMAN, NURSING



Things we love to hate about summer in Michigan

ALL WINTER WE MISS IT, BUT WHEN IT'S HERE WE ALWAYS FIND A REASON TO COMPLAIN. HERE ARE THE THINGS WE WON'T MISS ABOUT SUMMER.

- 1. Humidity** — For Girls: Frizzy hair — yuck. For Boys: Men who will say they are warm on the coolest of days overheat in the summer, which means sweat seeping through dress shirts at inappropriate times and stinkier than ever locker rooms.
- 2. Mosquitoes** — When we finally get to wear shorts, who wants to have red polka dotted legs and arms?
- 3. Fish Flies** — They stink! They are everywhere — all over ATM's and gas pumps. You'll find them swarming under lights and cracking open under tires making roads slick. Plus they actually stink.
- 4. Gnarly Toes** — Summertime in Michigan means sandals, which is great, until you bump into that person. You know the one, the gnarly footed one with yellow-brown toenails that curl under and strange patches of hair matted down by caked-on layers of dirt. The toes that your eyes gravitate to magnetically and you have to muster the strength to control your gag reflex long enough to turn around.
- 5. Shaving** — We love the sun, but for many Americans, it means daily shaving. Now that fall is rolling around, boys can pass with a little scruff and girls can loosen up their grooming schedules too.
- 6. Gas Money** — One could argue that people drive more places in the summer, that there is more going on and the hefty oil prices hit the pocketbook even harder, but what can't be argued is: When you use the air-conditioning, your car uses up more gas.
- 7. Traffic Season** — Sticking with the topic of cars, the last thing we love to hate about Michigan summers is the undisputable reason that summer in Michigan is traffic season. Not only do we have regular drivers on the road, but we have the elderly community that avoids the snow and ice returning to the road, the elderly community that migrates south for winter returning, the out-of-towners with rental cars and the increased presence of the orange barrel.

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What are your fall plans?



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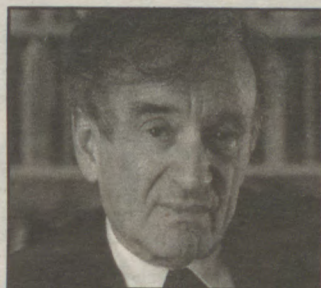


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Fall into Fun: Things to do this Fall

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Elie Wiesel

As a 15-year-old in Transylvania, Romania, Elie Wiesel was deported in 1944 by the Nazis to the Auschwitz concentration camp and later transported to Buchenwald. His mother, younger sister and father perished, while he and his two older sisters survived. Wiesel wrote about his experiences in the concentration camps in "Night," which has been translated into 30 languages since its publication in 1956. Wiesel is a global humanitarian, recognized for his passion to defend human rights and promote peace throughout the world by receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. His honors are numerous, including the United States Congressional Gold Medal (1985), the Medal of Liberty Award (1986), the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1992), the rank of Grand-Croix in the French Legion of Honor (2001), and an honorary knighthood of the British Empire (2006). He is chairman of The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, an organization he and his wife, Marion, created to fight indifference, intolerance and injustice.



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How aware are you?

Awareness-raising products can be a profitable marketing strategy

By TRACY WAWRZYNIAK
Staff Intern

Doing the Red Thing, Race for the Cure and Going Green have become the latest trends to open the eyes and wallets of consumers, and they all have one thing in common: promoting a social cause.

So, are advertisers and retailers cashing in on the hearts and minds of concerned citizens to make a buck?

In a survey of an Oakland University Internet marketing strategies class, all 34 students believed funds raised through products such as wristbands and T-shirts do go to the causes they promote, like the environment or AIDS research.

But with the ever-increasing demand and number of organizations in need of support, where do you draw the line?

"Americans are the most generous. It is part of our upbringing," said Mukesh Bhargava, OU associate professor of marketing. "We give money to causes we believe in."

Following the popularity of Lance Armstrong's yellow LIVESTRONG wristband — 55 million sold through 2005, according to his foundation's Web site — other organizations have begun creating a rainbow of rubber wristbands.

Every cause has a color. Blue for arthritis, green for depression and the environment, purple for Alzheimer's and domestic violence, gray for allergies and asthma, and red for AIDS and D.A.R.E.

You need a chart to decipher it all. Ribbons, magnets and jewelry are among the many other products used to raise funds for a cause.

DECODING COLORS FOR A CURE

Red- AIDS, D.A.R.E.
Purple- Alzheimers, Cancer, domestic violence
Blue- Arthritis
Pink- Breast Cancer
Green- Depression, Environment
Gray- Allergies, Asthma

Bhargava's Internet marketing students agreed that products are being used for awareness and as profit-making machines, but Bhargava also said we still "want some value for what we get."

The product's cause, as in the LIVESTRONG wristbands, is a reminder. In the case of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, it is cancer research and fundraising for educational programs, which according to give.org, a part of the Better Business Bureau, had a total income of \$10.7 million for year ending 2003.

With the flood of promotions, another issue has come to light leaving consumers wondering where their money is really going when they purchase these products.

According to the Lance Armstrong Foundation's Web site, 100 percent of the wristband sales benefit the foundation.

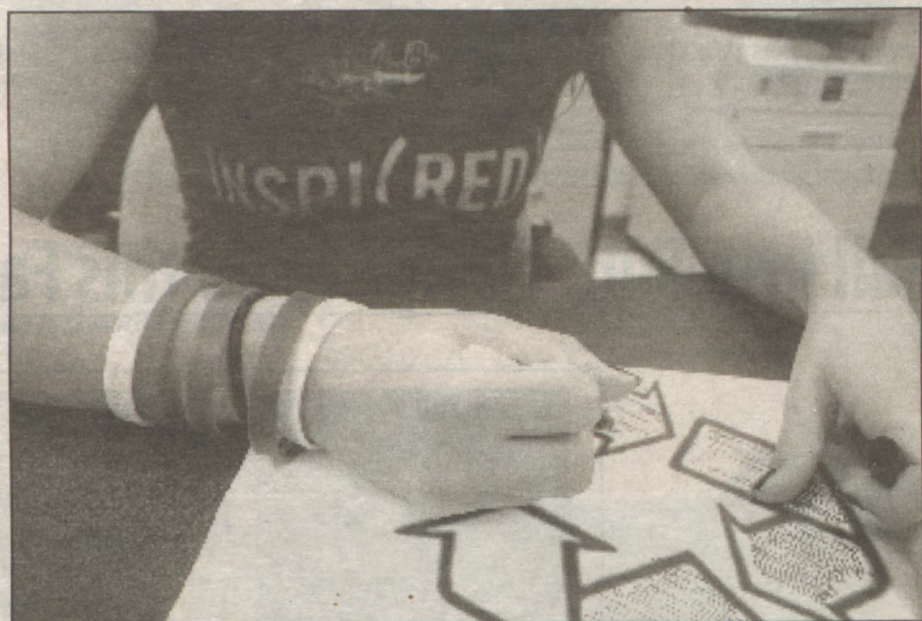
Others don't necessarily benefit their causes to that extent, but Bhargava said there's nothing wrong with making money adding that donating the money directly to the charity is more effective than purchasing the product.

"More money goes to the organization. However, products add to employment," Bhargava said.

RED, a brand created by U2 leadsinger Bono, and companies like American Express help the Global Fund, financing the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, according to theglobalfund.org.

RED donates a percentage of their sales to the fund, which, according to joinred.com, reached \$45.5 million — of which \$30.7 million went to African countries for HIV/AIDS programs.

"RED is not a charity," said Bobby Shriver, chief executive officer, quoting from the manifesto written by



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post

T-shirts and wristbands are among the most popular products sold to raise awareness for social causes.

Shriver, Bono and RED President Tamsin Smith.

"Raising money is a standard marketing technique," Bhargava said.

Bhargava's students agreed the quality of the products, such as T-shirts, were not that great, but they weren't surprised, either, because it was the cause they were giving to and not the product.

And not everyone pays for it. OU student Barb Merryfield said she doesn't "really buy those types of products. The problems we face and available solutions motivate me more."

Booming with pink products from cutlery to credit cards, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, sponsor of "Race for the Cure," asks several questions at www.cms.komen.org/komen, including recommending that buyers beware and ask "Who does the program benefit?" and "How will the organization use my money?"

According to the foundation, 84 cents of every dollar supports their mission programs and services.

Not all causes, however, benefit a specific group. Going Green may benefit everyone — at least those who believe global warming is a problem.

There are numerous products to choose from: eco-friendly T-shirts, eco-recycled storage boxes and organic towels and bed sheets. The list goes on.

Bhargava said that selling products to raise funds for causes isn't a bad marketing strategy.

"It isn't bad to raise money," Bhargava said. "If we don't agree with the cause, we don't have to buy."

Brown bag your lunch to save money



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/ The Oakland Post

From soup to sandwiches, the options of food are endless for those who want to bring a brown-bag lunch.

By YVONNE SZYMCAK
Contributing Reporter

Sick of eating Subway or Chick-fil-A everyday? Jump ahead of the game and prepare your meals at home — pack yourself a brown-bag lunch.

Back in elementary school, it was standard for kids to bring their lunch to school.

Now is your time to flaunt it again.

Your lunch can be better, healthier and more affordable than the fast food alternatives.

Oakland University student Sylvia Chetcuti and her friend spent \$9 each on a Stromboli, pop and snack in the Pioneer Food Court.

Michelle Lopez, a 17-year-old commuter and economics major, spends around \$7 a week on lunch and agrees that bagging it means saving cash.

"I bring my lunch from home and I carry ice packs, too," Lopez said.

Lopez said she comes to school equipped with a thermal bag and reusable containers and she uses the microwave to heat up her Spanish-style rice.

For those who want to warm up their lunch, the Pioneer Food court comes equipped with two microwaves.

Soups and Easy Mac are cheap alternatives to a food court lunch.

Jessica McCormick, 20, also brings her lunch.

"I have a sandwich and a Rice Krispie treat and a pop, and look at these [mini bananas]." When asked why she packs her lunch McCormick said, "I do it for money because otherwise I eat fast food."

Chew on these ideas for snacks to include in your lunch.

Dried fruit is an upgrade from fruit snacks, or try some dark chocolate covered almonds.

Crackers and cheese are easy, and you can dress them up with some fresh basil. Cut an apple into bite-sized chunks.

There are many reasons to bring your lunch, but when it comes to the bottom of the bag — it's about saving paper — money that is.

For more ideas on healthy and organic snacks visit www.yumyumsnacks.com.

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A double dose of fall previews

Swimming and diving looks to add ninth conference title under their belt

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Eight consecutive Summit League titles.

One conference championship loss in school history.

Soon to be 29 years of coaching experience for head coach Peter Hovland.

You do the math.

Hovland's roster looks to be anchored by many returning veterans, losing only a handful of swimmers and divers from last season.

"I don't think you can have a successful season without a strong upper class. We have that great leadership that I think every successful team needs to have. We brought in a lot of new freshmen on the women's side and some young guys and their development will be directly tied to how well our seniors help guide them and show them the way," Hovland said.

The men's team, in particular, has a strong backbone with captains Byron Tansel, Nicholas Bonucchi and Andy Kellogg.

"I think Tansel's leadership and what he provides both in and out of the pool will be a big asset," Hovland said. "Bonucchi and Kellogg are wonderful young men with a lot of stability. When they speak, people listen."

In their quest for their ninth consecutive Summit League title, the team has a new found boost of confidence with

the strong development of their diving program.

"I think one of the strengths on the men's side is going to be the diving squad," Hovland said. "I don't think I've ever sat in this chair in the last 28 years where I can say diving is a strength."

"We've always had a talented individual or two. But this year, we have six or seven guys that are extremely competitive and one of the deepest teams," he said.

And they'll need that depth as they take on mid-major big guns such as Princeton, Eastern Michigan and Western Kentucky.

But Hovland feels the tough schedule will only benefit this Grizzly team.

"That's what it's all about — the preparation for the end of the season," he said. "So I try my best to schedule as tough of a schedule as I can so the athletes have to compete on a week-to-week basis."

Entering his 29th year with the Golden Grizzlies, Hovland has been pleased with the commitment Oakland University has made to both academics and athletics.

"There's an understanding of our sport," he said, noting that interim athletic director Tracy Huth used to be a swimmer for Hovland and also coached the women's team.

The first meet of the season is the Black and Gold meet, Saturday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. in the O'Rena.



Photo Courtesy of OU Athletics

Zoltan Horvath, a senior swimmer from Hungary, has done nothing but improve over time.



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Hockey looks
to defend their
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starting Friday
night against U-
M Dearborn.

Club hockey roaring to go once more

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

We last left Oakland University's hockey team in March, amid a flurry of sticks, gloves and helmets.

No, this wasn't some sort of bench-clearing brawl, though the bench was cleared. Rather, it was in a celebratory mood, as the Golden Grizzlies captured their third national championship title in four years.

"It's hard to believe, since I've been here, we've played in the national championship game every year," said head coach Sean Hogan. "It's kind of bizarre because you've got to have a lot of lucky bounces. I'm not saying it's all luck, because we do work hard, but you've got to be at least a little lucky."

It can be said that luck played a role in last season's national championship title for OU.

It was lucky the University of Michigan-Dearborn knocked out powerhouse Ohio in the first round of the tournament.

It was lucky Will McMahon saved the semifinal game against Illinois from going into overtime when he scored with 59 seconds remaining.

You could even say it was lucky the Grizzlies closed out the regular season with a win over Penn State, who they eventually battled in the championship game.

Now the Grizzlies prepare to suit up for their sophomore campaign in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Division I. Players have come and gone, namely McMahon, who led the Grizzlies for the better part of five seasons, but their goal remains the same — to win the national championship.

"I'd hate to say that anything less is a failure, but success in our minds is finishing number one," said Hogan.

That's not as far-fetched as it might

have seemed last season.

Oakland heads into this weekend's contests ranked third in the league, behind Penn State and Illinois, a far cry from last year's 18th-seeded preseason ranking.

"They can rank us anywhere, as long as we make it (to the tournament), we'll make something happen," Hogan promised.

This year's offense is led by senior Brent Cooper, who spent the past two years on a line with McMahon. Even without McMahon, Hogan is still expecting Cooper to put up near 60 points.

On the blueline, Hogan is predicting breakout seasons from junior defensemen Nick Ranck and Jarrett Samp. In net, sophomore Collin Chase is still favored following his performance in last year's tournament.

The team adds depth and experience by calling on five players from Oakland's Division III team, including McMahon's younger brother Kyle.

"I'm sure he's going to be the most watched guy the first three shifts of every game," Hogan said of Kyle McMahon.

"He's not the same type of player as Will, Will's more of a goal scorer. Kyle's a real hard worker who hits constantly. He's not afraid of anybody."

Oakland opens up the season with a tough eight-game stretch, against top 16 teams U-M Dearborn, Washington & Jefferson, Ohio and Delaware.

The second semester doesn't look any easier, as the Grizzlies lead up to the national tournament with teams like Davenport and Stoneybrook, but Hogan is up for the challenge.

"I don't want anybody to come to our place who we're going to beat by 12 goals," said Hogan. "We're the biggest game on everybody's schedule. When they play us, it's do or die, the end of the world."

You win one, you lose one

Oakland gets victory against WMU, loses Daniel to red card

By ROB TATE
Assistant Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — The mood of the Oakland Golden Grizzly soccer team didn't match the result on the field last Wednesday, Sept. 19.

After a well-played game on the field against Western Michigan, an incident involving several Broncos and Golden Grizzlies resulted in a red card to one of OU's top defenders, junior Ian Daniel.

Daniel was dribbling the ball with his back turned into his defensive zone in the 87th minute and the game was well in hand for Oakland. Bronco forward Terry Dowding shoved Daniel from behind and OU defenseman Logan Lyon came to the aid of Daniel by putting Dowding in what looked like a headlock and tossing him aside.

It appeared as if Daniel got some jabs in on Dowding, but soon the rest of the players on the field surrounded each other and the officials broke up the chaos.

It took the officials a few minutes to sort things out and when all was said and done, Daniel was given a red card, which is an automatic ejection from the current game as well as the next game. Dowding and Lyons were given yellow cards.

The situation could have escalated even further, but head coach Gary Parsons and assistant coach Eric Pogue made sure their bench players stayed off the field.

Daniel will now have to sit out OU's big game this afternoon against Michigan who, at the beginning of this week, were ranked 14th in the country.

Daniel has played well this season, tallying a goal and an assist in the game against Western Michigan, accomplishments overshadowed by the red card.

"Well, we get to go into the Michigan game without one of our co-captains, so we are going to be missing Ian," Givens said. "It's just something that is childish; it doesn't need to be done. If you are going to do something get the guys number and just put a good clean slide tackle on him, make him know you are there."

Daniel is second on the team in points, with five. Daniel has two goals and one assist and he has three shots on goal.

Oakland got its first goal on a penalty kick, courtesy of striker Sebby Harris getting tripped up in the goal area in the eighth minute. Parsons elected midfielder Martin Sandell, a senior transfer student from Oslo, Norway to take the kick. Sandell lobbed his shot into the top right hand corner to beat goalkeeper Casey Aubil.

Givens netted his second goal of the season off a corner kick from Daniel and a pass from Piotr Nowak in the 19th

minute.

Western Michigan got its best chance in the 60th minute when Bronco Charlie Watts was tripped by Daniel in the box. Watts rang his free kick off the crossbar and goalkeeper Steve Clark was able to contain the rebound.

Oakland got its third goal in the 19th minute when Daniel headed in a Nowak shot. Nowak had two assists on the game.

Parsons had a mixed reaction to Oakland's play.

"We played well out of the shoot for 25-30 minutes and that's the way we need to play," Parsons said. "When I made our substitutions in the first half we lost our edge."

"The one good thing I'll give us credit for is we punched the ball in, in the second. When you get three goals they're not going to come back so that was good," Parsons added.

Givens had about the same sentiment as Parsons.

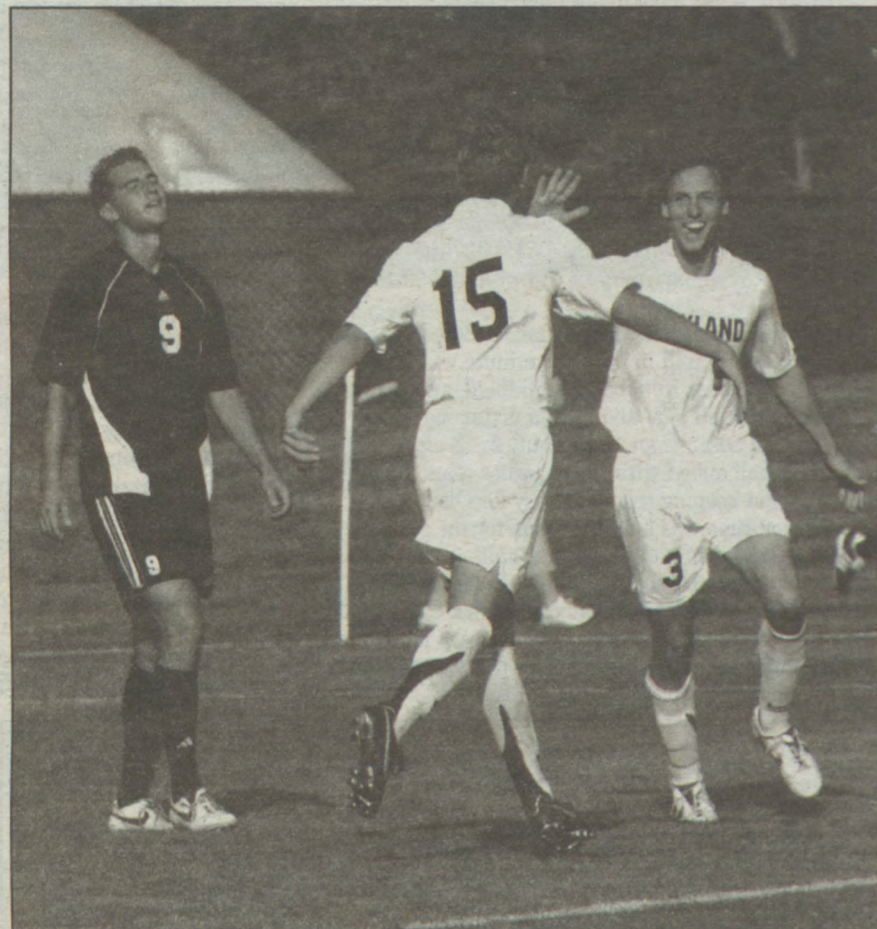
"I thought we played all right for the first part of each half and then it kind of died down as the halves went on. I think we might have got a little bit tired, but overall we played pretty well," Givens said.

Givens has played very well for the Golden Grizzlies on the young season, contributing two goals and two assists and a 100 percent shooting percentage on goal.

"[I've] just been in the right place at the right time. At Oregon State I got a header in on goal and this one [against Western Michigan] was a good knock down for me and I just put it in the back of the net," he said.

"[He's been] steady," said Parsons on Givens. "And getting goals, you couldn't ask for anything more."

Oakland hosts Michigan Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the OU Soccer Field.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Stew Givens (15) and Ian Daniel (3) celebrate after a goal in the second half of the victory against Western Michigan last Wednesday.

GRIZZ OF THE WEEK

Stew Givens
Men's Soccer

Year: Sophomore
Major: Elementary Education

Given's goal and assist against Western Michigan last week gave Oakland the edge in the victory. Givens has five points on the season.



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Women's soccer drops third straight game

By DAN TALLANT
Staff Intern

ROCHESTER — Going into last Friday's game, the Oakland University women's soccer team was sitting on a 2-4 overall record. Looking to regain some much needed ground in a tough way, the Grizzlies hosted 22nd ranked University of Southern California. The Trojans came away with a 2-0 victory in the contest, leaving Oakland with a two game losing streak.

The streak would continue on Sunday as the Golden Grizzlies squared off against the University of Dayton Flyers. The non-conference game ended sour for Oakland, who fell 5-0.

Friday's game started quickly for USC with a goal coming from freshman Ashli Sandoval in the 20th minute.

Senior Kristi Tomczyk had Oakland's closest scoring chance of the first half in the 30th minute when she recieved a long pass from beyond midfield, allowing her to storm up the left side and force a diving save from goalie Kristin Olsen from 15 feet out.

The first half ended with the Grizzlies managing just two shots and keeping the work easy for Olsen.

Possession time was a main reason for the success Southern California had in the first half.

"They had more possession time than us and it just wore us down on defense," head coach Nick O'Shea said.

In the second half, Oakland came out with more of a physical presence and achieved more possession time than they had in their first 45 minutes.

It wasn't long before the Grizzlies had their best chance of the afternoon to tie the game.

In the 58th minute of play, an excellent cross was made by sophomore Lindsey Blair which set up junior Kristi Evans for a shot from five feet out. Oakland managed just one more shot on the game.

Southern California shut the door on Oakland in the 71st minute when junior Amy Rodriguez scored and put the Trojans up 2-0.

Freshman goalkeeper, Elizabeth Watza started the second half and made four saves, two of which came after the second goal to keep Oakland at a two goal disadvantage.

"We competed with them and we had a couple really good chances," O'Shea said. "We just gave up two really bad goals."

The shutout for Olsen was her third in a row extending her streak to 290 minutes without allowing a goal.

"Our goalkeeper was amazing," USC head coach Ali Khosroshahin said. "She was the backbone of the team today and kept us in it."

Hoping to bounce back after dropping two straight losses, the Grizzlies took aim at the Flyers from the University of Dayton on Sunday. The game proved to be extremely one sided as Watza received her first career starting nod in goal and allowed five goals on 14 shots. Oakland continued to struggle offensively failing to score for the second game in a row.

The Grizzlies have managed three goals in their last six games and have scored five goals the entire season.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
OU forward Kisi Tomczyk receives a pass while being defended by USC midfielder Amy Massey. Oakland was shut out by a combined score of 7-0 this past weekend.

Oakland University KEEPER OF THE DREAM AWARD

NOMINATION OR SELF-NOMINATION FORM

The *Keeper of the Dream Award* was established in January 1993 to recognize Oakland University continuing undergraduate students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will. Awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 are available to students who have demonstrated strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and in promoting interracial understanding. The awards are presented publicly each year at the annual Keeper of the Dream Celebration. Scholarships will be distributed evenly during the fall and winter terms.

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3. Attach three (3) verifiable letters of nomination or support from members of the Oakland University community (faculty, staff or student) who can address your work at Oakland University on interracial/multicultural issues.
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Return completed nomination packet to: Michelle Southward, assistant director, 134 North Foundation Hall.

WOMEN'S SOCCER NEWS AND NOTES

The Golden Grizzlies travel to IUPUI on Friday. The Jaguars have struggled so far on the young season, compiling a record of 1-6-1. IUPUI failed to score a goal in their first five games this season and have been out scored 13-4 overall. Oakland lost to IUPUI last season, 3-2 on the game of the regular season.

Oakland will host Illinois State at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Oakland is 0-4 all-time versus the Red Birds, including a 3-0 defeat last season.

Kristi Tomczyk is tied for second in goals scored in The Summit League with four.

Jamie Hulet is tied for fourth in assists in The Summit League with two.

Oakland went three straight games last season from September 10 to 14 against UNLV, Illinois State and Cincinnati without scoring a goal.

Oakland is 1-2 at home and 2-4 on the road this season.

—Rob Tate, Assistant Sports Editor

Born to run



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

The men's and women's cross country team participated in the seventh annual 24-hour relay on Saturday, Sept. 22. The relay is an annual fundraiser which helps offset the costs of running the cross country program at Oakland University. Taking place on OU's campus, the teams have to have at least one person running the half-mile loop at all times. Here, Erica D'Angelo, Kelsey Carmean and Liz Jones keep pace with each other.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

When not taking their turn on the course, members of the cross country team and some of the coaching staff take part in some much-deserved down time.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Press

Left to Right: Monica Frechen, Nikki Pawson and Amy Golem jump up for the block against South Dakota State last Friday. Oakland's record dropped to 5-10 on the season with two losses this past weekend.

Spiked!

Grizzlies drop two matches against new Summit League teams

By DAN TALLANT
Staff Intern

ROCHESTER — After taking the first game on Friday night, the Grizzlies dropped the next three and lost a match to conference rival South Dakota State 3-1, by the scores of 30-27, 24-30, 27-30 and 26-30.

Sunday, the team traveled to IPFW and came up just short; losing the five-game match, 3-2, by the scores of 18-30, 16-30, 30-25, 34-32 and 10-15.

The pair of losses puts Oakland's record at 1-3 in Summit League play and a 5-10 overall record. South Dakota State remains atop the league with a 3-0 record and an overall ten match winning streak.

On Friday night, the Golden Grizzlies started out hot, as they were only down in the game for a total of three points. Freshman Katy Wilson was a vital component in the team's success. She accumulated 27 assists for the match to move her season total to 327.

"Our setting was there," head coach Rob Beam said. "It definitely allowed us to get ahead and stay ahead in the first game."

In the second game, the Grizzlies were down 16-10 when Beam called a much-needed timeout and the team battled back to tie it at 23. A timeout was then called by South Dakota after losing the lead and the Jackrabbits went on to rally and take the game.

"South Dakota had a great coverage on us and they stuffed a lot of balls and that

allowed them to score," Beam said.

South Dakota's offense was anchored by senior Amy Anderson who totaled 17 kills on the night. The South Dakota State offense shined brightly in the third game as they lead the whole game except for two separate occasions in which Oakland tied it.

Going into the fourth game, South Dakota got a full head of steam and went on to win the game 30-26 and take the match.

Beam was pleased with the team's play and their capabilities of competing with the first place Jackrabbits.

"This week we worked hard in practice and it prepared us to play well against this good of a team," Beam said.

After coming back home for one match versus South Dakota State, Oakland was back on the road on Sunday and dropped yet another close match to IPFW.

The Mastodons took games one and two and seemed to be rolling away with the match until Oakland rose up from the ashes and brought the match back to a 2-2 tie, forcing a tiebreak. However, the tiebreak was a one-sided affair as IPFW never saw their lead disappear, taking the game 15-10.

Junior Leah Dupuie set a Oakland Division I records for block assists and total blocks in the five game match. Dupuie also added 12 kills and had a hitting percentage of .333.

The conference schedule picks back up for Oakland Oct. 5 when Western Illinois makes a trip to the O'Rena.

Laughing Out Loud

Farrelly Brother Greats:

These are the guys behind some of the best comedies of our time. Below is a list of movies that they either wrote, directed, produced—or in some cases all three.

- “Dumb and Dumber” (1994)
- “Kingpin” (1996)
- “There’s Something About Mary” (1998)
- “Me, Myself and Irene” (2000)
- “Osmosis Jones” (2001)
- “Shallow Hal” (2001)
- “Stuck on You” (2003)
- “The Ringer” (2005)
- “Fever Pitch” (2005)
- “The Heartbreak Kid” (2007)

By SARA KANDEL
Scene and Mix Editor

The masterminds of funny are not surprisingly down-to-earth, but it went against most Hollywood stereotypes to find that they also exercised a sense of humility.

In an interview with the Farrelly brothers just before the release of their newest film, “The Heartbreak Kid,” the two brothers talked about their new film, the people who leave them star-struck and the stars they would love to work with.

Although they followed the storyline of the original, the Farrelly brothers did make a few changes in their remake of the “The Heartbreak Kid.”

“In the original, he goes on the honeymoon and falls for a different girl, but he leaves a girl who is really not very attractive for drop-dead gorgeous, you know, bombshell,” Bobby Farrelly said.

“And we thought, well, what if the first girl he goes with is a gorgeous woman and he ends up meeting a girl who is a much better fit for him emotionally, more grounded and cool.”

Their description of the filming process makes it sound like a three-month love affair.

“The whole crew is staying in a hotel. You work all day; you party all night and it’s just an amazing thing. But at the end, everybody goes their separate ways. The crew moves on to other movies. The actors go on to other movies. You never have that group together again,” Peter Farrelly said. “There’s a real let down at the end of a movie because, you know, it will never be that chemistry again.”

If the filming is a love affair, then both brothers would agree that the final output—the movie—is like their baby.

“When a movie like ‘Mary’ or ‘Dumb and Dumber’ goes off and makes billions of dollars, you know they’re on their own, they’re good, you feel like they’re on the right track,” Peter Farrelly said. But according to the brothers, movies like “Kingpin” are different.

“There is some part of you that worries about them and feels bad, like why weren’t they successful?” Peter Farrelly said.

Despite the long list of Hollywood

stars they have worked with, both brothers admit there are actors they think are incredible and would love to work with. Bobby says the star he wants to work with most is Sacha Baron Cohen, and Peter says Vince Vaughn.

But both agree on one man: Tom Hanks.

“It would be fun to do a flat out balls-to-the-wall comedy with Tom Hanks,” Peter says after reminding that comedy is the genre Hanks started in.

The two seem to know their place and hold their titles with humility, both often paying respect to the greats that came before them. Bobby Farrelly says he looks up to and is completely star-struck by Bill Mariom.

“It’s what he knows about making people laugh,” Bobby says.

For being two guys that have made millions in the box office with movies that they have written, directed and produced they come across as having an unassuming nature. Perhaps it is this, their modesty, that keeps them rolling out the hits and cult classics time and time again.

The Beastie Boys double up in Detroit

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

The timeless gods of the hip, the Beastie Boys, played the Fillmore Theatre in Detroit, joined by opening act Villain City, Monday Sep. 24.

The sold-out show radiated with energy as the boys charged through some of their greatest hits and fresher experimental material.

Whatever the beats or screams from the stage, the pulsating audience gyrated together.

The New York pilgrims of modern hip hop, Michael “Mike D” Diamond, Adam “MCA” Yauch and Adam “Ad-Rock” Horowitz with DJ Michael “Mix Master Mike” Schwartz appeared on stage after 8:30 p.m. The boys sported chic suits,

and joined the classy theatrical stage set. It was the start to around an hour and 40 minutes of nonstop action.

The crowd hung on every syllable, thump and scratch, whether located on the main floor, the upper mezzanine or balcony.

Highlights included “No Sleep Til Brooklyn,” “Paul Revere” and “Rhyming and Stealing,” which was introduced as a “pirate song,” and was arguably the most powerful performance of the night.

The stage decoration consisted of creatively placed screens with matching graphics, which provided an apropos skull and crossbones as the buccaneers barked, “Because the mutiny on the bounty is what we’re all about I’m gonna board your ship and turn it on out.”

Two other screens located on both

sides of the stage also allowed for inventive visuals to accompany the men on stage. It imaginatively morphed the performers with graphics in a live artistic presentation. There was almost too much to keep track of.

Another mainstay in the concert was instrumental material of the new album “The Mix Up.” Audience members got to hear searing songs, such as “B for My Name.” It demonstrated how the band continues to challenge itself, as well as stay eternally cool.

Tuesday nights show was a gala event, which featured several instrumental pieces, along with other songs by the Boys.

The Boys were enthusiastic about being in Detroit, and referenced their first time, long ago, at Saint Andrews

Hall. The audience made it apparent the feeling was mutual.

One concern, however, involved problems with some in front on the main floor. The band on two separate occasions had to directly instruct the audience to move back, as some in front had little space and might be hurt. For the most part, everyone eventually obeyed.

Organizations had booths in the theatre as well, such as Greenhighway.net, which is aimed to help the environment and is endorsed by the Boys.

However, everything culminated in the encore of “Intergalactic” and “Sabotage,” which gives credence to the historic Fillmore name.

The Boys will always be boys. And that’s all one could ask for.

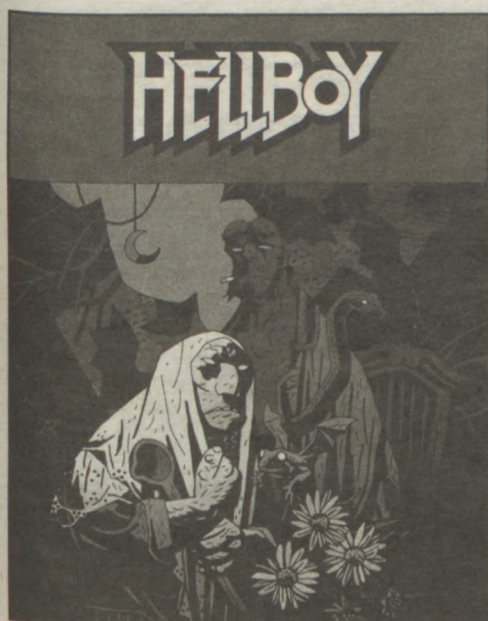


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Hellboy turns classic tales new again.

A graphic look at classic tales

By ANDY KOZLOWSKI
Contributing Reporter

While entertaining, the movie "Hellboy" (2004) had a decidedly different feel from the graphic novels that inspired it. Both tell the tale of a demon do-gooder with a blue-collar attitude and a heart of gold, but the movie, while true to the series' humor and pulpy thrills, lacked much of the books' gravity and poetic, melancholy sensibility.

Now the latest book is out. "Hellboy Volume 7: The Troll Witch and Others" is a collection of seven short stories written by creator Mike Mignola and illustrated by Mignola, Richard Corben and P. Craig Russell.

The art is a pleasure to behold. Mignola employs a deceptively simple style once described by artist Dave Stevens as "Jack Kirby meets the German Expressionists." Chiaroscuro — an art term for contrasting light and darkness for dramatic effect — is used here to create an atmosphere of palpable mystery. Drenched in slate-like shadows, the landscapes evoke a sense of wonder, the creatures

a feeling of dread.

A master of understatement, Mignola renders his imagery not with excessive detail, but with the mere suggestion of shapes half hidden by darkness, enticing the imagination with fear of the unknown.

Guest artists Corben and Russell draw one story each, and have a more detailed style that some may prefer to Mignola's minimalism.

The stories themselves are based on everything from Malaysian folklore and Greek mythology to Norwegian fairy tales and African legend. The hyper-literate Mignola also draws inspiration from a wealth of classic writers, including Shakespeare, Poe and Lovecraft.

The storytelling is superb, by turns funny and sad, horrifying and heartwarming. One can't help but feel moved by the tragedy of the troll witch and the beautiful moral therein or enthralled by the rich symbolism of a tale told by a mummy.

Add in a sketchbook, pin-ups, the author's notes and an intro by Walter Simonson and you have one hell of a book.

Playing the Stereotype

Carlos Mencia takes on the big screen

By SARA KANDEL
Scene and Mix Editor

He's made us laugh on stage countless times. Now he's going for the same reaction, only this time, on the big screen. Carlos Mencia, plays Uncle Tito in the Farrelly Brothers' newest comedy, "The Heartbreak Kid" starring Ben Stiller.

Stiller, afraid it's getting too late in the game, marries the perfect substitute for true love. But when on his honeymoon in Mexico he meets the woman of his dreams.

In comes Uncle Tito with hilarity and life lessons that Stiller must learn in order to make the right decision.

Playing the stereotypical Mexican role would seem like perfect stand up material for the comedian who has built his career on, well — stereotypes, but surprisingly he says the opposite.

"For me, it felt real," Mencia said. "If you're telling me there's a guy in Mexico and he's a Mexican guy, but he speaks English with no accent I would have been like, 'Oh, come on, that's bulls---'"

Despite all the makeup and hair weave, Mencia says he was comfortable and had fun playing the character.

"I know that these guys (the Farrelly Brothers) do what they do and they do it well, and I just want to be a part of it," Mencia said. "And at no point in time did they ever say to me something like, 'Hey, Carlos, you got to act more Mexican-ish.'"

Mencia says the transition from live shows and television to movies was smooth. The only hard part was having to wait so long to see if people would laugh.

"So, it was almost a year ago that I went 'knock knock,' and I've just been waiting for a whole year for somebody to say, 'Who's there,' to deliver the punch line and see if people laugh," Mencia said.

It seems the big screen sat well with the big man of comedy who said he's currently working with Lion's Gate and 1031 on future projects.

"I don't know what I'm going to try," Mencia said. "But don't be surprised at all if some of my strong points are in more dramatic acting."



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Carlos Mencia says he plans on acting in more movies.

Sound Bites

By AARON RAJALA
Contributing Reporter

Black Audio is a side project of AFI showcasing the electronic side of pop punk. At first listen, Depeche Mode comes to mind; which makes sense, because it was mixed by Dave Bascombe, the same man that mixes Depeche Mode. But the later was bombarding ears with dark synth type music 20 years before "Cexcells" was released, and frankly, they do it better. If you are into the Goth club type of dance music, pick this one up; if you are looking for good new wave type of synth pop, you're better off just getting Depeche Mode's "Violator."



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Strike threatens GM's new product momentum

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press Auto Writer

DETROIT — If the United Auto Workers strike against General Motors Corp. lasts longer than a week or two, it could cost GM billions of dollars and stop the momentum the company was building with some of its new models, according to several industry analysts.

A strike of two weeks or less would not hurt GM's cash position and would actually improve its inventory situation, Lehman Brothers analyst Brian Johnson said Monday in a note to investors. But a longer strike would be harmful, causing GM to burn up \$8.1 billion in the first month and \$7.2 billion in the second month, assuming the company can't produce vehicles in Mexico or Canada, Johnson wrote.

Initially, the strike wouldn't have much impact on consumers because GM has so much inventory, the analysts say. The company had just under 950,000 vehicles in stock at the end of August, about 35,000 less than the same time last year.

But Tom Libby, senior director of industry analysis for J.D. Power and Associates, said even a short strike could hurt GM because its new crossover vehicles are selling well and in short supply.

"The momentum they've established for those products would be interrupted if there's a supply interruption," Libby said.

It was unclear what would happen to vehicles that were en route to dealers. The Teamsters transportation union said its 10,000 automotive transport members would not cross UAW picket lines.

The strike will cost GM about 12,200 vehicles per day, according to the auto forecasting firm CSM Worldwide, of Northville. If the walkout goes beyond 36 hours, CSM expects vehicle production in Canada to be affected because of a lack of U.S.-built engines and transmissions.

The strike began at 11 a.m. Monday when 73,000 UAW members at about 80 GM facilities in the U.S. walked off their jobs. Talks resumed a short time later as sign-carrying picketers marched outside plant gates, but weary bargainers stopped

to rest around 8 p.m. Negotiators returned Tuesday morning for their 22nd straight day of bargaining. GM spokesman Dan Flores said.

Union President Ron Gettelfinger said the company wouldn't budge on guarantees of new vehicles for U.S. plants that would preserve union jobs.

"Job security is one of our primary concerns," Gettelfinger told reporters Monday after talks broke off and the strike began. "We're talking about investment and we're talking about job creation and preserving benefits," he said.

Striking workers will receive \$200 a week plus medical benefits from the UAW's strike fund, which had more than \$800 million as of last November, according to the UAW's Web site.

The UAW, Gettelfinger said, is willing to talk about taking money from the company to form a retiree health care trust, something he said the union proposed and



DICK WHIPPLE/Associated Press
Members of UAW Local 31 at GM's Fairfax Assembly plant in Kansas City, Kan., began picketing shortly after 10 a.m., Sept. 24.

the company rejected in 2005.

GM wants the trust, called a Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association, or VEBA, so it can move much of its \$51 billion in unfunded retiree health care liabilities off the books, potentially raising the company's stock price and credit ratings. It's all part of GM's quest to cut or eliminate about a \$25-per-hour labor cost disparity with its Japanese competitors.

Government warns monks leading 100,000 in protest



MIZZIMA NEWS/Associated Press
As many as 100,000 anti-government protesters led by a phalanx of Buddhist monks marched Monday through Yangon in Myanmar.

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's military government issued a threat Monday to the barefoot Buddhist monks who led 100,000 people marching through a major city in the strongest protests against the repressive regime in two decades.

The warning shows the increasing pressure the junta is under to either crack down on or compromise with a reinvigorated democracy movement. The monks have taken their traditional role as the conscience of society, backing the military into a corner from which it may lash out again.

The authorities did not stop the protests Monday, even as they built to a scale and fervor that rivaled the pro-democracy uprising of 1988 when the military fired on peaceful crowds and killed thousands, terrorizing the country. The government has been handling the monks gingerly, wary of raising the ire of ordinary citizens in this devout, and predominantly Buddhist nation.

However, on Monday night, the country's religious affairs minister appeared on state television to accuse the monks of

being manipulated by the regime's domestic and foreign enemies. Meeting with senior monks at Yangon's Kaba Aye Pagoda, Brig. Gen. Thura Myint Maung said the protesting monks represented just 2 percent of the country's population. He suggested that if senior monks did not restrain them, the government would act according to its own regulations, which he did not detail.

Also on Monday, the White House weighed in with the threat of additional sanctions against the Myanmar regime and those who provide it with financial aid. President Bush is expected to announce the sanctions Tuesday at the U.N. General Assembly. The United States restricts imports and exports and financial transactions with Myanmar, also known as Burma.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon urged authorities in Myanmar to exercise restraint in the face of the protests and expressed hope the government would "seize this opportunity" to include all opposition groups in the political process.

The current protests began on Aug. 19 after the government sharply raised fuel prices in what is one of Asia's poorest countries. But they are based in deep-rooted dissatisfaction with the repressive military government that has ruled the country in one form or another since 1962.

"I don't like the government," a monk participating in the protest in the central city of Mandalay told The Associated Press. "The government is very cruel, and our country is full of troubles."

The monk asked not to be named for fear of the authorities.

The protests over economic conditions were faltering when the monks last week took over leadership and assumed a role they played in previous battles against British colonialism and military dictators. At first, the maroon-robed monks simply chanted and prayed. But as the public joined the march, the demonstrators demanded national reconciliation — meaning dialogue between the government and opposition parties — and freedom for political prisoners, as well as adequate food, shelter and clothing.

Monday's march was launched from the Shwedagon pagoda, the country's most sacred shrine, and 20,000 monks took the lead. Students joined the protest in noticeable numbers for the first time. Security forces were not in evidence for most of the route.



CARDENASS/Associated Press
PARIS (AP) — Marcel Marceau, the master of mime who transformed silence into poetry with lithe gestures and pliant facial expressions, died Saturday, Sept. 22. He was 84.

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9-21 | Delaware State University was on a lockdown after two students are shot.

9-22 | Blackwater denies any involvement in illegal weapons smuggling, responding to reports that the private security contractor is a target of federal prosecutors.

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Vietnam's nouveaux riches indulge a taste for luxury



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A Cyclo driver waits in front of a Louis Vuitton store in Hanoi, Vietnam.

By **BEN STOCKING**
Associated Press Writer

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — In a country whose peasant army once marched on flip-flops cut from old tires, Gucci beach sandals priced at \$365 can come as a shock.

But the luxury market is booming in Vietnam, where Ho Chi Minh's communist revolution exalted equality and the common man just a generation ago.

As the country begins to embrace private enterprise, its nouveaux riches are snapping up shoes at Gucci, handbags at Louis Vuitton and watches at Cartier, offering proof of how much the country has changed after decades of war.

Not long ago, displays of wealth were frowned upon in Vietnam. Those tire-sandaled troops, who bested the French colonial army and outlasted the Americans, embodied frugality and egalitarianism. The revolutionary government snatched up the assets of the wealthy and redistributed them to the poor.

But since the late 1980s, a government that once micromanaged all economic affairs has been introducing free-market reforms and courting foreign investors, and with them, have come new western styles and attitudes.

"Members of the new generation want to enjoy life and pamper themselves with luxurious things," said Nguyen Thi Cam Van, 39, who has purchased five \$1,000 handbags at Louis Vuitton.

"If I can afford to buy something nice, it makes me feel proud," said Van, who works at Siemens and also consults for a Vietnamese import company. "It lets you show people your taste and style."

Some of Vietnam's shopaholics are young people who work for multinational corporations but still live rent-free with their parents. Others work for powerful state-owned companies and many have made fortunes in Vietnam's small but booming private sector.

In the two decades since Vietnam

began implementing its economic reforms, the nation's poverty rate has been cut in half and per capita income has doubled in the last five years.

Still, most workers in this nation of 84 million people still earn just a dollar or two a day toiling in the farm fields.

Those working low-wage jobs find the new lust for luxury hard to stomach.

"The rich are getting richer, and the rest of us are struggling to make ends meet," said Dao Quang Hung, a Hanoi taxi driver. "The money they spend on a Louis Vuitton bag could buy several cows for a farmer's family and lift them out of poverty."

At the new Gucci shop in Ho Chi Minh City, the flip-flops are among the economy items. The black-clad sales staff, looking fresh off a fashion show runway in Milan, offer a pair of golden spike-heeled shoes for \$765.

Across the hall at the Milano store, the display last year featured a \$54,000 Dolce and Gabbana dress, one of just three in the world, according to marketing director Dang Tu Anh, who represents both stores.

"If they can buy something luxurious, it proves they have money," Anh said. "And that's good."

Vietnam's older generation, shaped by the hardships of war, finds itself at odds with younger Vietnamese over the new consumerism.

"Now the younger generation in Vietnam is racing for materialistic enjoyment," said Huu Ngoc, a 90-year-old scholar and author. "Individualism is destroying our cultural identity. We may become richer but lose our soul."

Vietnam's super elite tool around in the ultimate status symbols: a shiny BMW or Mercedes-Benz.

And pay cash.

"In America, you pay in installments," said Nguyen Hoang Trieu, luxury car dealer in Ho Chi Minh City. "Here, you pay all at once, in cash. Sometimes people come in here with \$400,000 in a suitcase."

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Concentrate on Hillary Clinton's actions, not her womanness

By NICK DEGEL
Senior Reporter

It's 2007, so it's hard for me to wrap my head around the misogynistic attitudes I hear regarding the prospect of a female president.

Many people, both men and women, seem to feel that the presidency is no place for a woman. It is from this backward ideology that many a layman's critique emerges on New York senator, and Democratic nomination front-runner, Hillary Clinton.

In my imaginary world of equality and educated thinking, I like to believe that we are past the idea that women are incapable of leading a nation.

Right now, seven countries have female presidents, including Finland and India. As a country that prides itself on equality, forward thinking and opportunity for all, shouldn't we be leading the way in progressive roles of gender?

This is, however, the real world. And from bar stools to water coolers, east to west, people remain critical of Hillary Clinton's so-far-successful bid for the presidency.

These misguided discussion circles often begin with some facts but almost inevitably digress back to a "women in the kitchen" comment.

It is frustrating to hear. It's not that I have a bleeding heart forming a red, liberal puddle around my Birkenstocks but because legitimate reasons to take a critical eye to the Clinton '08 campaign truly do exist.

Clinton's "experience" has often been cited for her early edge on Sen. Barack Obama, but what experience? Drawing up a health care plan that single-handedly cost the Democrats both the House and Senate?

I am not denying that the role of First Lady is a hard one. God knows Hillary took on her lion's share of adversity between media criticism and two sex scandals involving her husband. There is no way of knowing that Kenneth Starr ever burnt effigies in his backyard, but if he did, you can bet one of them wore a pantsuit.

Unfortunately, marital hardship can hardly immunize her from blame in the Whitewater investigation. I will recap since most of us were busy learning our times tables when the story broke.

When federal investigators subpoenaed billing records of a questionable loan instigated by the Clintons to Susan McDougal, Hillary had trouble finding the paperwork.

The feds had better luck, finding the records in Hillary's personal book collection at the White House.

The investigation, which wrapped up in 2000 without any solid evidence of foul play, would place a permanent set of crosshairs on the Clintons, especially Hillary's actions in the White House. Suddenly, terms like "travelgate" and "filegate" began to slip into the lexicon of the mainstream media.

We can fast forward to today and cite Hillary's dealings with Norman Hsu to reaffirm the Clintons' penchant for attracting unsavory characters.

Campaign financing has always been the soft, unattractive underbelly of modern politics, but Hsu's involvement in the Clinton '08 campaign has raised more eyebrows than normal.

The clearer the picture of Hsu becomes, the more he appears to be the National Bank of Democratic fundraising. He has donated to John Kerry, Sen. Ted Kennedy, New Jersey Gov. John Crozine, even Barack Obama's Illinois senatorial campaign before becoming one of Hillary's "HillRaisers."

As the campaign returns thousands upon thousands of Hsu's tainted money, it is hard not to feel as if this is a candidate that can be bought.

Hillary has long been pegged as a sucker for special-interest groups. Would she continue the dance of the cow tow if elected?

You can bring up the scandals, the shady business in Arkansas, even her bid for New York senator regarded by many as carpetbagging, but it's her body language that does not jive with me.

Petty, I know, but her public demeanor turns me off in the same way that Gov. Jennifer Granholm

leaves a bad taste in my mouth every time I hear her speak. If I wanted to hear a forensics piece, my former elementary school has an excellent program for that. Personally, I have trouble believing a person that must place inflection and drama on every word in order to appear dynamic.

It is sensationalism. Some people are drawn to it in the same way that many enjoy Mitch Albom columns. In our ADHD culture of "entertain me now," certain politicians lean on the "look at all the pretty lights" approach to speechmaking.

Hillary is no exception.

Dramatic voice, ebbing and flowing statements ending or starting in "my fellow Americans," a southern drawl in South Carolina, a workmen's helmet in Pennsylvania.

Spare me. After all that pomp and circumstance, I can't remember a word she said.

These kinds of public displays come off as little more than commercials to my ears. Every time I flip to campaign coverage, I might as well be hearing, "Try the new and improved Hillary Clinton, now with 15 percent less sodium."

It's not like she's the lone culprit, either. This is actually a pretty fun game:

"The new John Edwards, now with 15 percent better hair."

"Chris Dodd, now with 15 percent fewer ties to Enron executives."

"Rudy Giuliani, in theatres now. If you thought water boarding was cruel, hold on to your butt."

Or even, "Your children will have hours of fun playing with the new pocket-sized Dennis Kucinich. Pull the string and he talks!"

The problem is that I've seen Hillary on television for the 400th time but still have no idea who she is. Have you noticed that she is dropping the Rodham from her name these days? No doubt to appeal to the core family val-

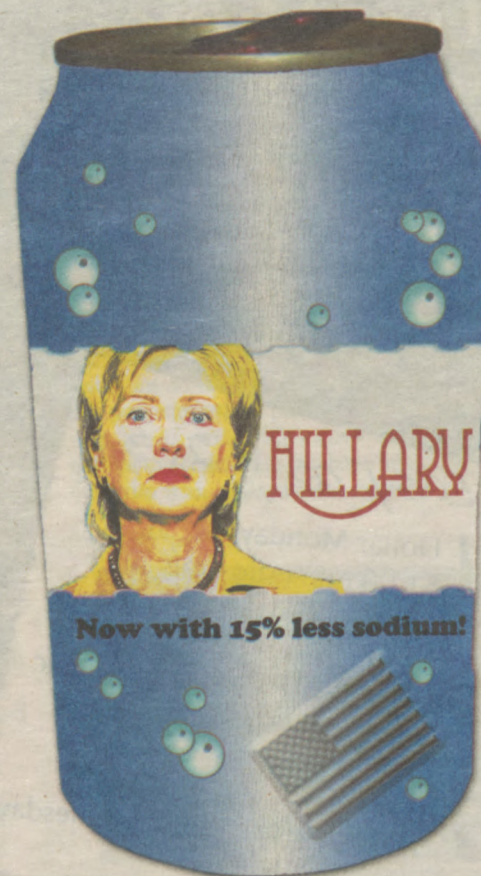


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ues of the American majority.

This country needs a true leader; a person that steps to the podium and evokes confidence, individuality, and a certain transparency to ease the suspicions of government that we have been harboring at greater and greater levels since 2003.

I think Americans see the name Clinton and are transported back to a time when the economy boomed and war, though present, rarely captured front-page news.

Nostalgia can be a tricky character. Memories of such great times can cloud the truth. If you are sold on Hillary's new universal health care reform plan, that's one thing. If you miss "Melrose Place," you're barking up the wrong tree.

Lay off meat and vegetarians

By MALLORY LAPANOWSKI
Guest Columnist

It's been nearly a year, and it seems the shock has finally set in.

I no longer eat meat.

That's right. In this age of yummy meat-flavored hormones, I no longer eat anything with a face.

Yes, that includes fish and birds. As crazy as it seems, the poor misunderstood creatures did have a face before their remains were placed on a platter on your dinner table or tossed around in garlic butter on the grill. Yet we seem to ignore this.

In fact, did you know, according to goveg.com, chickens are more cognitively advanced than a small human child? Thank goodness, because they are probably much better behaved, as well.

It's rather ridiculous that becoming a vegetarian was such a shock in the first place. I was made to feel like the garden on my plate wasn't as delicious or nutritious as that petting zoo on yours.

But, alas, as luck would have it, all those fats and cholesterol lodged in that 100 percent, all-beef burger will send you away in an ambulance, while I'll continue to enjoy my 100 percent soy patty.

Anyone up for a rousing game of touch football to celebrate my still-limber arteries?

Many seemingly concerned people have questioned where on Earth do vegetarians get our iron and protein? Well, guess what? It's usually more plentiful in a healthy vegetarian diet than otherwise.

In fact, getting our iron from vegetables offers more nutrients than meat.

As for protein, vegetarians usually get just enough, while non-vegetarian intake often tends to be superfluous.

Protein — especially animal protein — decreases the amount of needed calcium that stays in the body because it increases the amount of calcium that passes through the kidneys and out of the body.

Another question I get is how I feel about people like Native Americans and Inuits because they hunt, fish and wear furs.

Really? Can you compare the motives of Paris Hilton to those who wear fur coats to survive?

Yet another one of my favorite arguments is that being vegetarian is just an excuse to eat junk food.

Are you kidding me? I mean, this would seem so at barbecues that forget about the Veg minority and leave us with Doritos and empty hamburger buns, but here's a little heads-up: A fresh bowl of

assorted fruits or vegetables never hurt anybody.

Vegetable and fruit diets are especially healthy because they are very high in fiber and clean out the digestive track. Fiber combines easily with contaminants and aids in passing them easily through the body. It is not junk food.

And the benefits aren't just locally limited either. The air, water and land would be cleaner if it weren't for the natural resources used, abused and over consumed to produce meats and other animal biproducts.

There are many motivations that might lead one to choose the less-trodden path of vegetarianism that are healthier, economical, spiritual, environmental, etc.

As for me, I recognize all of these benefits along with the ethical. I've always loved animals, but it wasn't until last year when I read about a very unlucky giant squid that was captured and murdered for the sake of "research" that sent me over the edge. I stumbled upon a picture in the paper of the mutilated squid, sprawled out on the deck of the boat, its giant lifeless eye — the biggest eye in the entire animal kingdom — staring up through the picture and right through me like a hot knife through tofu.

The researcher was crouching over the body, grinning wildly.

I realized that's how we must look when a nice meaty meal is placed under our ignorant noses at the table.

And before I even did the research on the enormous multitude of benefits a vegetarian diet has to offer me and the rest of the world, I dropped the steak knife for good and picked up the salad fork.

Best of all, it's way easier than I ever thought it could be.

As absurd as it is/was for everyone to hear me say "I don't eat meat," it's become more and more absurd to hear in retort, "I could never do that."

Believe me, chicken noodle soup had always been my soul food of choice, and Thanksgiving dinner made my mouth water just as much as the next "thankful" carnivore.

But it's something I don't mind giving up because I feel cleaner, both morally and physically.

There are plenty of other options that could fill the spot on my plate where Bessie used to be.

So, before you smugly wave your Philly steak sandwich in my face and lecture me about how I'm not getting enough nutrients in my diet, do your research, meet your meat, and let me eat my plants in peace.



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Psychology junior Lindsay Gross enjoys a faceless piece of celery in peace.

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Oakland University (OU) is committed to providing an environment that is free of the abuse of alcohol and the illegal use of alcohol, drugs and controlled substances. OU is required by law to adopt and implement a program ("Program") to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The Program includes: the annual distribution of a statement to each student and employee which addresses certain risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol; standards of conduct prohibiting the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on campus property or as part of any of its activities; the legal consequences for violations of local, state or federal laws related to illicit drugs and alcohol; a description of health-risks and other risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol, a description of applicable counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs; and a biennial review of the program. Pursuant to the law OU is issuing the statement set forth below.

Standards of Conduct at OU: The unlawful possession, use, or distribution, manufacture and dispensation of controlled substances, and illicit drugs and the unlawful use, or possession of alcohol by students or employees in the workplace, on OU property or as part of a University activity is specifically prohibited by OU Ordinances and/or by state or federal law. The OU Ordinances governing the use of alcohol and drugs are available in the Student Handbook (<http://www4.oakland.edu/?id=68&sid=75>) and University Administrative Policies and Procedures, Section # 600, Health and Safety.

University Sanctions: OU will impose sanctions for violations of this statement consistent with local, state and federal law and with applicable collective bargaining agreements, employee handbooks, student handbooks, and University ordinances. Violations by faculty, staff or students will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, expulsion and referral for prosecution. The discipline imposed will depend upon the seriousness of the offense. In addition to, or in lieu of, discipline, violators may be required to complete an appropriate rehabilitation program. Additional information is available in the Student Handbook (<http://www4.oakland.edu/?id=68&sid=75>), Academic Human Resources (<http://www2.oakland.edu/provost/web/acadhr/index.cfm>) and University Human Resources (<http://www2.oakland.edu/erd/>).

Legal Sanctions: There are legal sanctions under OU Ordinances, and under state and federal law, for the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. Any violation of an OU Ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both. Violations under state and federal law may result in punishment for a misdemeanor or felony, depending on the nature of the crime, including fines, imprisonment, and loss of certain licenses and forfeiture of real and/or personal property. Descriptions of the state and federal sanctions for illegal possession and distribution and, in some cases, use of a controlled substance are included in this guide. Sanctions may change from time to time.

Health Risks: The psychological and social consequences of controlled substance use, illicit drug use and alcohol abuse can be devastating. This can lead to various health and other risks including feelings of depression or anxiety; diminished or impaired work or academic performance; absenteeism; poor decision making; poor morale; low self esteem; financial problems; conflicts with co-workers, classmates, families, friends and others. Loss of job, friends, divorce and the creation of a dysfunctional family system are common consequences of substance abuse. Additional risks include; sexual assault or other unplanned sexual relationships; unwanted pregnancies; irreversible drug-induced psychotic state and/or delusions of omnipotence which trigger

life-threatening behavior. Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation. In addition, research indicates that children of alcoholic parents are at greater risk than other youngsters of becoming alcoholics.

Additional information is available at Graham Counseling Center (<http://www2.oakland.edu/GHC/>).

Employees working on federal grants and contracts:

As a condition of employment all employees working on federal grants and contracts must abide by this statement. Such employees must notify their supervisor or department head of any criminal drug statute conviction occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after the conviction. The supervisor or department head must then promptly report the violation to the Director of Grants and Contracts.

Drug & Alcohol Counseling, Treatment and Rehabilitation Contacts

NOTE: This is a partial list of substance abuse facilities. More programs and centers may be listed in local and other area telephone directories.

On-Campus

Counseling Center
(248) 370-3465
Graham Health Center
Oakland University
Rochester, MI 48309-4401

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
(248) 853-3000
900 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48341

National Hotline Numbers & Assistance Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous
(800) 252-6465

Food & Drug Administration
(301) 443-1240
(Consumer Complaints)

M.A.D.D.
(800) 438-6233

National Cocaine Hot Line
(800) 378-4435

S.A.D.D.
(508) 481-3588

Tough Love
(800) 333-1069

Local Facilities

AA of Oakland County
(248) 332-6116
168 University Drive
Pontiac, MI 48342

M.A.D.D. Oakland County
(248) 682-2220
3525 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite B
Waterford, MI 48328

Narcotics Anonymous
(248) 543-7200
220 W. Nine Mile Rd
Ferndale, MI 48220

Oakland Family Services
(248) 858-7766
114 Orchard Lake Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341

If treatment for substance abuse is needed, please contact your insurance carrier to obtain proper instructions for seeking treatment. Students covered by University health insurance should contact the Graham Health Center staff for benefit coverage.

If you have questions about any of the issues addressed in the guide, please contact one of the following departments:

Faculty:	Office of Academic Affairs	(248) 370-2190
Students:	Office of Dean of Students	(248) 370-3352
Staff:	Office of University Human Resources	(248) 370-3480

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