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We still like Mike

Madalyn Miller, student program board chair, was elected student body vice president.

McGuinness, Miller elected to presidential office

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
Editor in Chief

With 577 votes, equaling 47 percent of the votes cast, Student Body President Michael McGuinness and his running mate, Student Program Board Chair Madalyn Miller, were announced student body president and vice president for the 2006-07 academic year.

"Both Madalyn and I want to thank everyone very much, not only you fellow students who supported McGuinness/Miller, but everyone who indeed voted and took part in the process," McGuinness said Friday after the announcement.

The experience was "nerve-wrecking," he said, but also exciting. "I'm honored and humbled that Oakland University students chose me to return for another term as president."

"We're looking forward to working with all kinds of students and making sure the things that have happened this year that were positive continue and are expanded upon, as well as a lot of new programs that we're looking forward to," Miller said.

Challengers Peter Vitale and Mark Ewing, who received 388 votes, both said they plan to continue their involvement with Student Congress as legislators.

"I am in the process of gathering signatures to petition onto the legislative body," Vitale said. "I enjoy serving the students, and that's what I plan on doing."

Vitale also said he was disappointed by the

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Michael McGuinness, student body president, was re-elected for a second term.

Committee validates election, declares one candidate invalid

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
Editor in Chief

After two hours of deliberation, the Election Validations Committee declared the 2006 Oakland University Student Congress elections valid, and all candidates eligible to take the positions they were elected to except one.

Legislative candidate Justin Zatkoff was invalidated from the election for being found guilty of destructing McGuinness/Miller campaign material, which is in violation of the university posting policies individuals must follow as candidates of the election.

"This young man has a total disregard for policies, rules, guidelines, the process and the spirit of the campaign," said committee member Demond Pryor. "He is not a very good representation of Oakland University."

Zatkoff, who was found guilty on both charges filed against him, was administered the highest sanction and sentence possible.

Receiving five sanction points on a scale from one to five, the sentence Zatkoff received under the committee guidelines includes a congressional reprimand and states that the committee is to "immediately declare the candidacy of a candidate or ticket invalid."

Before the sentence can be reversed, the candidate must appeal the individual charges to the committee. "An invalidation imposed at this point level may not be summarily overturned by the university Student Congress legislature," the guidelines state.

Election Commission Chair Crystal Allen said she attempted to contact Zatkoff to inform him of the meeting by cell phone. His phone lost service, she said, and he did not call back.

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Out of 17,340 students, 1,234 cast votes

Presidential office

- Michael McGuinness and Madalyn Miller were named to office with **577 votes**.
- Challengers Peter Vitale and Mark Ewing received **388 votes**.

Proposal A

- The proposal passed with **666 votes**.
- Students voting no on the proposal cast **366 votes**.

Named to the legislature:

■ Timothy Atwood, Renee Blackburn, Kayla Burton, Joseph Coppola, Emily Corbishdale, Cathy Diponio, Danielle Fallis, Jen Fox, Christopher Goeth, Aaron Kochenderfer, Dan Kubicek, Michael Mersol-Barg, Joshua Miller, Christine Nguyen, Adam Panchenko, Naasshon Phifer, Michael Potter, Angelica Proffitt, Joshua Rotarius, Dimitriy Shapiro, Brendan Stevens, Jordan Twardy, Eric Ventimiglia

McGuinness, Miller share vision for student body

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Mike McGuinness and Madalyn Miller will be finishing out their college careers on top.

The pair won the Student Congress election last week with 577 votes.

It marked the second time in Oakland University history that a president won re-election.

Former Student Body President Jonathon Parks served two terms as president in 2003 and 2004.

McGuinness served as Parks' vice president during his second term.

I Like Mike McGUINNESS

Recreation of a McGuinness campaign sign

"We've been through a similar stressful situation last year," McGuinness said of the campaign. Miller served as the campaign manager then.

The new term officially begins the first day of the spring session, May 1.

"Our administration will be in a position to hit the ground running, and we will do just that," McGuinness said.

"The spring and summer semesters

are a great opportunity to tackle larger, long-standing issues such as tuition," he said.

This year, McGuinness and current Vice President Kori Lynn Caver worked to keep tuition increases low.

They organized students and made signs to display at the board of trustees meeting.

Other accomplishments from this year include hosting the first Student Employee Appreciation Week and expanding blue book and Scantron distribution.

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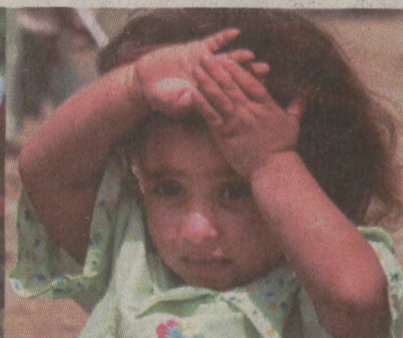
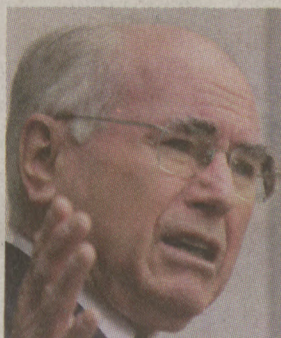
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DeVos speaks to change with students, community

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Managing Editor

Dick DeVos, the republican candidate for governor of Michigan, visited campus Tuesday night at around 5:30 as one of his campaign trail stops.

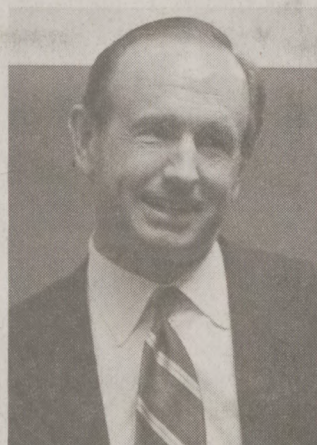
Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, who is challenging incumbent Democrat Debbie Stabenow for one of Michigan's two seats in the United States Senate, started the evening off with talk about the creation of jobs in Michigan.

"Michigan is one of only three states in the nation that has lost jobs for two consecutive years, and the other two were hit by hurricanes, so we're in a single-state recession," Bouchard said. "That is the worst nightmare of a parent that your children don't have the opportunity to stay here if they want to ... we want our children and we want you, the students of today, to take a job in Michigan, if that's where you want, and have the skills and the abilities to take a job anywhere in the world, if that's what you want. But we don't want you to have to move because you don't have the choice, and that's where we are

right now."

DeVos took the stage directly after Bouchard and spoke to the audience of about 60 community members and OU students briefly about his campaign trail, the importance of getting involved with the issues in Michigan and about creating jobs and change in Michigan.

"People in Michigan are saying what we are doing doesn't seem to be working and it's time for a change," DeVos said. People in Michigan are saying that, "Today, what Michigan needs is your background, your experience as a businessperson, as someone who helped revital-



DANTE CIULLO/The Oakland Post
Dick DeVos speaks to an audience of nearly 60 Tuesday night.

ize a community, who helped turn around a company, those skills come right to what we need right now. We are seeing momentum and tremendous encouragement around the state of Michigan ... I believe that is what I have — the training, the background and, I guarantee you, the determination to get it done."

After his brief speech, DeVos took the time to speak to those in attendance on an individual basis.

When asked about the narrowing margin in the recent polls, DeVos said he thought the majority of it is due to the situation that people are in right now.

"People are realizing that it's time for a change and they are realizing that I stand for change in Michigan," he said.

When asked about what his administration would do to help ensure college students jobs after graduation, DeVos said, "What I can do is help create an environment where job creators will look to Michigan. Right now, our job creators in Michigan are looking elsewhere and are not investing here. As governor, I would send a clear message to job creators that they are safe to return to Michigan."

SPB," she said.

In addition to offering insight for the new SPB chair, Miller is bringing ideas to the vice presidential role.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the legislature," Miller said.

"I also want to work with legislators on a one-on-one basis to make sure there's cohesiveness in the organization," she said.

McGuinness and Miller said they would also address issues such as accountability where were raised during the campaign process.

"We definitely want to work with everyone, including Peter and Mark," Miller said.

Legislator Peter Vitale and Mark Ewing ran for office and finished with 388 votes.

"Accountability is always important and our current administration has made a lot of changes so we are accountable," McGuinness said.

The first decision McGuinness and Miller will make as the president and vice president is choosing an executive board.

Applications for the seven positions are being accepted until Friday.

McGuinness and Miller will interview candidates and make a decision by the end of the semester.

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Circle the correct answer for each question. Completed forms should be placed inside the box located outside The Oakland Post in the basement of the Oakland Center, office 61, no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

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a. Collect 500 signatures for a petition.
b. Appeal the individual charges to the committee
c. Write an essay about the charges
d. Address Student Congress

How much is the estimated cost to keep roads in Southeast Michigan maintained through 2030?
a. \$100 billion
b. \$1,000,000
c. \$70 billion
d. \$100,000

When did WXOU start broadcasting on FM?
a. 1967
b. 2006
c. 1985
d. 1996

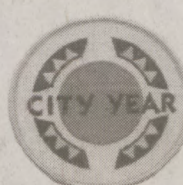
What percentage of the student body voted in the Student Congress elections last week?
a. 0-15 percent
b. 15-25 percent
c. 25-35 percent
d. 35-45 percent

What does the word "uber" mean in German?
a. More than
b. Less than
c. Over
d. Under

What candidate for Governor visited OU Tuesday?
a. Robert Frost
b. Chim Richdles
c. Larry Dandrich
d. Dick DeVos

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Last week's winner: Christina Valeri



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McGuinness and Miller plan to achieve more next year.

"There are a lot of areas where we will work diligently to improve the Oakland experience for students," McGuinness said. "Promoting civic participation and enhancing outreach to students will be sources of new concentration."

Miller said she is eager to be vice president.

"It's going to be a change. I'm excited to take on the new role and still be involved in

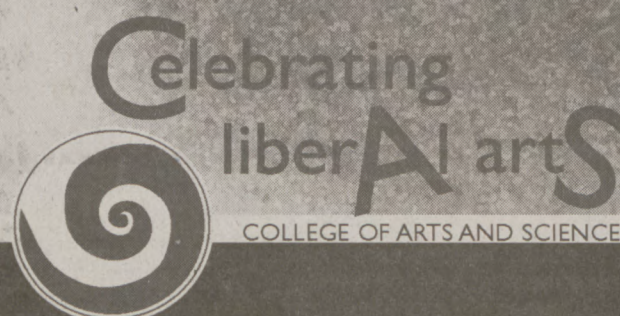
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Creative juices flow on campus

Professors, students gather to display works of various mediums

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

The next time you flip through the pages of a book at Kresge Library, you may just be reading your professor's work.

In addition to teaching classes and grading papers, 40 professors, assistant professors and associate professors found time to write or edit a book or chapter during the last two years.

"I think that's part of what our jobs are," said Jo Reger, associate professor of sociology. "It can be very fun to do, even though it's tiring."

Reger edited the book "Different wavelengths: Studies in the contemporary women's movement."

The book includes 13 chapters written by feminists from around the country.

"This is the book I wanted to read but couldn't find," said Reger, who will be the director of the women's studies program this fall.

She said that although she worked on writing the book through e-mail, it was still quite time consuming.

"I probably read some of these chapters eight, nine, ten times. There was a constant amount of editing, revising, editing, revising. Sometimes I wished I could steal their ideas and write it myself," Reger said.

"Some of these people I probably couldn't pick out of a crowd because we did it all through email," Reger said of the authors in her book.

Kresge Library and the Senate Library Committee honored Reger and the 39 other lecturers at the "Author at Oakland: A Celebration of the Book."

The books honored were published in 2004 or 2005.

"The library is here to celebrate teaching, learning and research all the time. But this event gives us a chance to highlight the celebration part," said Interim Dean of Kresge

Library Julie Voelck.

Reger, along with David Dulio, assistant professor of political science, gave a short overview of their books and answered questions from the audience.

"The Senate Library Committee went through all these publications and came up with a couple of general interest," said John McEneaney, chair of the Senate Library Committee, about choosing books to highlight at the event.

Dulio's last two books were part of the event. He spoke on one he co-authored which was titled "Vital signs: Perspectives on the health of American campaigning."

The book started as a grant project while he was in graduate school.

It "was a study of campaigns and campaign conduct," he said, and it included five national surveys.

The book examined "electioneering" in campaigns, which Dulio defined as "more hands-on and concerned with the day to day conduct of running a campaign through the lens of the 2004 election."

Other authors wrote chapters in textbooks.

"Juggling research and classes is hard," said Bradley Roth, associate professor of physics. "It's a challenge to balance."

Roth wrote a chapter titled "Two-dimensional propagation in cardiac muscle," which appeared in the textbook "Cardiac electrophysiology: From cell to bedside."

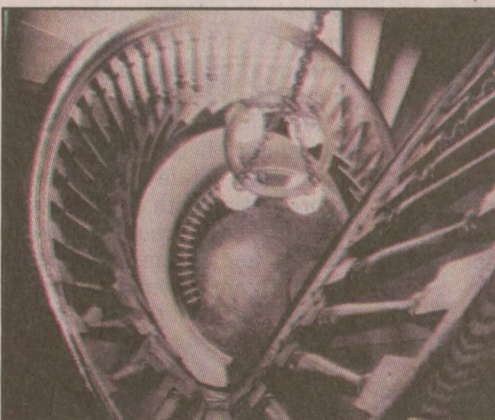
Paul Kubicek, professor of political science, did research during the summer for his book, "Organized labor in post-communist states: Form solidarity to infirmity," spending two months in Russia and the Ukraine in summer and a month in Poland the next.

"I think it's terrific that we can all get together and talk about this," Dulio said. "We rarely get to do that on college campuses — to talk with people from other departments."



Stephanie Schneider "Ice Sculptor"

This year's 25th Annual Photography Contest captured more entries than last year. All entries are on display through today in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center. Judges picked the top three entries in color and in black and white Tuesday. Winners received \$150, \$100 or \$50 for placing in the top three, as well as ribbons of recognition. The Center for Student Activities hosted the event.



Stephanie Schneider "Stairscape"

Previously, authors from Oakland University received recognition at a smaller ceremony. The decision to increase the celebration came from the Senate Library Committee and Kresge Library.

"At the beginning of the year, we went looking for a project to take on," said McEneaney.

"We all want to be modest, but we all love it when

people pay attention to our work," he said.

Books from the event, as well as other faculty written items, are available in the special faculty collection at Kresge Library.

Another event celebrating creativity on campus is the 25th Annual Photography contest that will be on display through today in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.



Martin Mittner "Knowledge and War"

2006 OU Photography Winners

Best Color:

- 1st Place: Julia Ferry (Gondola)
- 2nd Place: Martin Mittner (Knowledge and War)
- 3rd Place: Renee Blackman (Lighthouse)

Best Black and White:

- 1st Place: Stephanie Schneider (Ice Sculptor)
- 2nd Place: Andrew Poterek (Crystal Ball)
- 3rd Place: Dan Wilkinson (Multi Exposure on Stairwell)

OUSC finishes year, readies for new term

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

The 2005-2006 Oakland University Student Congress assembled Monday afternoon for their very last general meeting.

Congress members used the opportunity to tie up some loose ends and allow for a smooth transition when the newly elected 2006-2007 Student Congress takes power next week.

In light of all the recent campaign talk about increased OUSC accountability, Public Relations Chair Alicia Feys gave a report on the progress of the work done by the first-ever OUSC Archives Committee.

"This includes all finalized

agendas, copies of all bills and resolutions signed by president, short bios for all e-board and legislative members, and all partner documents," Feys said.

Feys also said the book is going to be electronically backed up for security purposes, and when finished — a few small items remain to be completed — it will be on display in OUSC's offices in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

The Voting Reform Commission's proposed election reforms got a second read Monday night and ultimately passed — after some last minute bureaucratic business led to a total of twelve amendments needing to be passed by the legislation.

The Voting Reform

Commission was created after the appearance of improprieties called into question the integrity of last year's election process. The first read of the bill generated a lengthy debate regarding the eligibility of certain commissioners who had drafted the guidelines to run for elected offices within the organization.

A proposal to use leftover funds from last year's budget to order more Scantrons and Blue Books was also passed during Monday's meeting. The program to distribute free Scantrons and Blue Books to students has been very successful since being introduced.

Students looking for those items as final exams roll around can find them inside of the OUSC offices.

Walton. The officer pulled him over and noticed a strong odor of alcohol. The driver said he had drunk a few beers and a shot of liquor. He also told the officer he was not wearing his contacts. The officer gave him field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was unable to walk a straight line, walk heel to toe, lift his foot more than six inches from the ground, or lift his arms more than six inches from his sides. For the driver's safety, the officer stopped the test. A Breathalyzer test recorded a blood alcohol level of .163. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving without corrective lenses. He was taken to the Oakland County Jail. Police drove a passenger in the car home.

A female noticed smoke coming from under the hood of

her car while driving on I-75 at University Drive. She pulled into parking lot P-26, between Varner and Pawley halls. Flames were visible and the Auburn Hills Fire Department extinguished it.

Roughly \$250 was stolen from a cash register in the Oakland Center food court. An employee left the drawer unattended for four hours and when she returned noticed only change was left in it.

After leaving her car overnight in parking lot P-5, near Vandenberg Hall, a student found her passenger side window broken and CD player stolen from the dashboard. The equipment is valued at \$150.

POLICEFILES

A student in the 5000 building of the Student Apartments reported her roommate was having a party, and she believed some of the people at the party were underage. Two officers went to the apartment and requested identification from the 12 people there. One male student was only 20-years-old and agreed to take a sobriety test. His blood alcohol level was more than the legal limit of 0.08. He was issued a ticket and the officers told the rest of the parties not to drive until they were sober.

An officer patrolling eastbound Walton Boulevard noticed an SUV swerving in the lane. The car pulled into a gas station, circled the lot and continued traveling east on

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decreased number of voter turnout from last year.

"I congratulate President McGuinness and Vice President-elect Miller on their win, and I look forward to working with them in the upcoming year," Ewing said.

Students voted 24 candidates to serve on the legislature, 23 of whom will take office next year.

Candidate Justin Zatkoff was invalidated by the Election Validations Committee Thursday night.

He was found guilty of destructing McGuinness/Miller campaign material, which is in violation of the university posting policies individuals must follow as candidates for office.

Zatkoff refused to comment.

"I really enjoyed this election year because it was competitive, fairly clean and very exciting," Legislator Aaron Kochenderfer said.

"Next year's administration looks very upbeat, hardworking and really committed to make a high quality of campus life," he said.

Proposal A — which called for adjusting the fee rate to \$12.50 per student per spring and summer semester, and \$25 per student per fall and winter semester — passed with 666 votes.

The proposal also amended the Student Activity Fee allotment so that the 2 percent Deficit Safety Net was eliminated and a 2 percent Special Projects Fund was implemented instead.

Reaction among students on the election outcome was mixed.

"I just don't see how any of it is actually relevant to anything, except in that they managed to raise my tuition a little," said senior Matt Kraft.

"Student government everywhere seems to be a waste of time, so I don't see why it's a big deal," he said.

Others, like freshman Meagan McLachlan, said they were pleased with the outcome.

"I voted for McGuinness and Miller, and I think they'll take Oakland to great places in the future," she said, adding that she found electronic voting convenient.

Senior Jasmine Aten said she was very happy for McGuinness and Miller. "They really deserve it. Mike's a great guy, and Madalyn's a hard worker, too."

Eric Perich and Mike Palmer, write-in candidates for president and vice president, refused comment.

Current Student Body President Kori Lynn Caver congratulated both McGuinness and Miller.

"I knew the election would bring out the best outcome, and I feel they are the best ticket. They will make a great team to serve the students honestly, truthfully and to the best benefit of the students," she said.

Election Commission Chair Crystal Allen said she feels the election guidelines need further changes.

Election Validations Committee Chair Jim Gammicchia addressed Student Congress at its Monday meeting with proposed changes.

He said grievance forms should require contact information of all individuals involved in a grievance.

"It's important to get testimony from these people and get their voices heard, whether they are accusing or being accused," he said.

Gammicchia also suggested that members of a campaign team be listed on the campaign charter.

"When charges are brought up, we can know who's official and who's not," he said.

Gammicchia said he found "this year's validations went very smoothly."

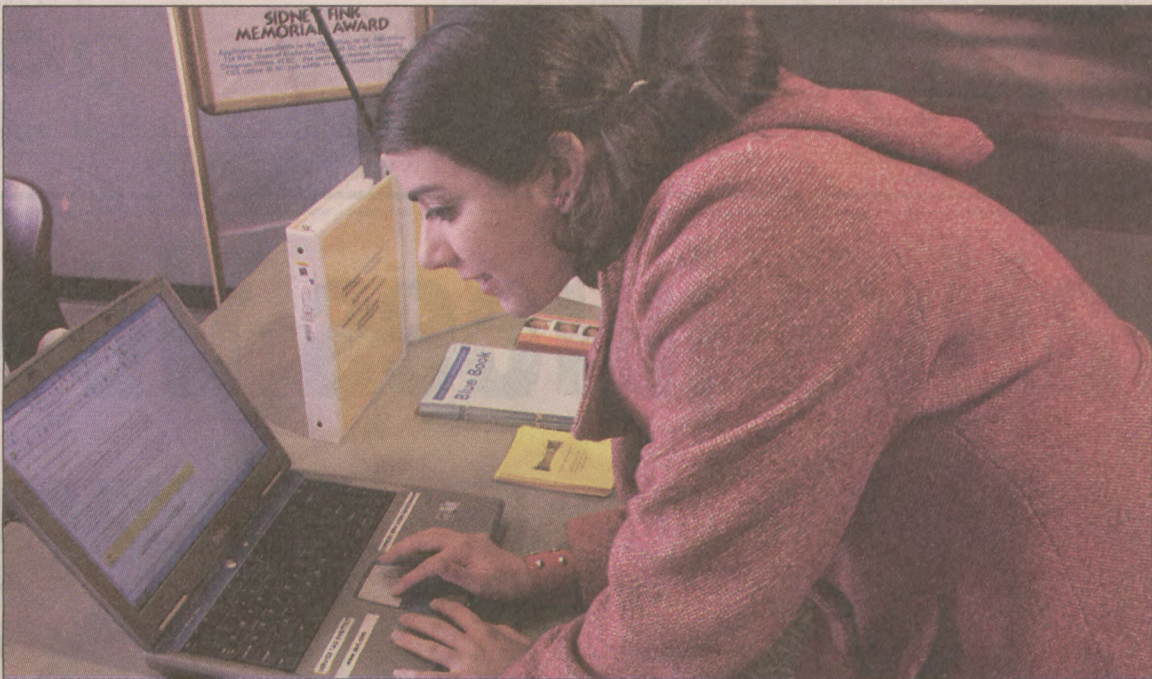
"The meeting was run a bit lax in that we allowed a lot of different viewpoints and speakers because there were a limited number of grievances."

A committee appointed by McGuinness met earlier this year to restructure the guidelines to accommodate suggestions made by last year's Election Validations Committee.

As for the election outcome, Allen said, "No matter which candidate won, as long as they do what they are supposed to do as far as being president or vice president of the student body, and as long as they work on behalf of the students, they're OK with me."

"I feel like all the candidates had in common that they really wanted to do what was best for the students, and they all had in their platforms what they think is best for the student body as a whole."

Students also wrote they would like to see the following take seat in the legislature: Yoda, a pen, Brad Pitt, Big Bird, Bill Clinton, Dumbledore, Harry Potter, love, Domino's Pizza and :).



Jeni Schroers, a sophomore studying women's issues and human resource development, uses a laptop in the Oakland Center to cast her ballot.

DAN WILKINSON/Oakland Post file photo

VALIDATION

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Zatkoff refused to comment.

The grievance filed by presidential candidate Michael McGuinness states: "During the day of Monday, March 20, he was observed relocating and ripping up 'I like Mike McGuinness' lawn signs while walking outside of the south side of Vandenberg Hall. On the same date, he was observed pouring water and rubbing out with his feet various McGuinness/Miller chalking outside of the Oakland Center and Foundation Halls."

McGuinness further stated that Legislator Michael Mersol-Barg, manager of the Vitale/Ewing campaign and representing both candidates at the meeting, had verbally verified that Zatkoff had engaged in such behavior.

"Mark and I were aware of it," Mersol-Barg said. "However, the Vitale/Ewing campaign is not working with Justin, and he is not a part of our campaign. We do not condone what he has done."

Referring to the evidence presented by McGuinness in his grievance against Zatkoff, which was an item of literature campaigning for Zatkoff, three other write-in candidates and Vitale/Ewing, Allen asked Mersol-Barg if it did not indicate that Zatkoff was indeed a part of their campaign.

Mersol-Barg said the literature was not made by their campaign and they were made aware of it after it was made. "Everything we are talking about, we were made aware of after the fact. We were not aware it was going to happen," he said.

"We urged Mr. Zatkoff to please

cease and desist. He approached us, and our response was, 'Please don't do it, please stop. It's not good for our campaign, and it's not ethical.'"

Vice presidential candidate Madalyn Miller said she saw presidential running mates Peter Vitale and Mark Ewing both distributing the flyers with Zatkoff's name on them outside the Foundation Halls.

Both Vitale and Ewing confirmed that they had read the flyers and had distributed them.

Presidential write-in candidates Eric Perich and Mike Palmer were found not guilty of a grievance stating that a member of their campaign team, wearing a Palmer/Perich shirt, was encouraging a student to vote for them at a ballot station, which is in violation of the election guidelines.

Perich denied that the individual was a member of their campaign.

"There are many people wearing shirts," he said. "To imply he was either directed or given permission, or that it is something we condone, is not true."

Jim Gammicchia, committee chair, said the guidelines should make it mandatory for candidates to file names of their campaign managers and representatives with their petitions to run for office so that those individuals can be held accountable for their actions.

"Going into a polling place to instruct someone on how to vote in the act of voting is a violation of everything that voting stands for in this country. It should never happen," said committee member Thomas Discenna.

"The fact that I can't find any direct connection between the campaign and this individual is the only reason I'm voting nay on this issue," he said.

Perich and Palmer were also found

not guilty on a grievance that stated several of their fliers had been found at a table reserved for OUSC elections during an open forum.

Allen said she conferred with a member of the Voting Reform Commission, responsible for restructuring the election guidelines, who said it was implied that candidates not on the ballot could not participate in the forum or use the tables because the events are for balloted candidates.

"The guidelines say the events are required of balloted candidates," Perich said. "They do not say that they are exclusively for the balloted candidates."

Ewing was found not guilty for a grievance stating he had been seen instructing individuals to put salt and water over McGuinness/Miller chalking on the sidewalk.

Mersol-Barg said Vitale and Ewing had approached McGuinness and Miller regarding a message that had been chalked over the McGuinness/Miller chalking, and it was agreed by the four that the entire chalking would be washed away.

"The person who originally vandalized the chalking was not us. We did not want the message to remain on the sidewalk," Ewing said.

"Miss Madalyn Miller does say that she had a conversation with Mark Ewing, and they did decide it would be a good idea to get rid of the chalking altogether," said Legislator Saman Waquad, representing McGuinness and Miller at the meeting.

Committee members included: Gammicchia; Pryor; Discenna; Linda Harding, clerical/technical representative; Summer Lusk, student at large; Julie Wojciechowski, student; and Randi Clark, student.

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EDITORIAL

University policies need restructuring

Part of what makes college such an enriching experience is the process of maturation that takes place — or should take place — when mostly-sheltered, accountable teenagers transition into self-resilient, responsible young adults.

It doesn't always work that way, but suffice it to say that most people in the real world expect it to.

And since we're expected to be refined as such, it seems entirely reasonable to ask those members of the teaching staffs that penalize students for missing class to remember that students inherently suffer the consequences for poor attendance.

Classes should be structured so that semester grades reflect attendance — if students choose to miss class for any reason, their academic per-

formance should suffer accordingly. Why then the need to punish students additionally?

By no means is The Post condoning skipping class. We want to preface the argument in this editorial with a crystal clear suggestion to attend classes as often as reasonably possible. Striving for anything less can be hazardous to your academic health.

We all independently make decisions to take classes for a slew of different reasons. We pay hefty for those decisions — a four-credit course at Oakland costs around \$900.

Considering that this is an enormously large, self-motivated investment, shouldn't we have the right to decide what we put in and, indirectly, what we get out?

When used by instructors, attendance records serve as

criteria for either awarding or deducting grade points from a student throughout the course of a semester.

We've found that in most cases — despite many strict syllabus policies — professors are reasonable and accommodating when notice of an absence is given in advance or when emergencies arise.

Professors usually crack the whip only when a student has shown a pattern of abusing the system.

Yet, even in the case of the student who only shows up only when homework is due or exams are given, we believe that students should only have to suffer the built-in repercussions of missing class — not including any additional penalties.

Unfortunately, attendance policies weren't the only con-

cern plaguing Post staffers this week.

One of our staff members is rudely awakening to the realization that he will have to pay full university costs for an unpaid credited internship he will be required to complete as a journalism major.

Many of us were already aware that this type of extortion was taking place on campus. We tried playing devil's advocate to see if there are any just causes for charging close to a thousand dollars for nothing more than four credits. We failed to find any.

But we came up with plenty of reasoning for the opposing argument.

No university-provided classroom instruction. No university-provided classroom facility.

For some fields of study, there is not even any universi-

ty provided assistance in obtaining the internship!

So, let's look at this logically. We'll pay \$900 out of our pockets (or with loans) to Oakland University to work 150 unpaid hours for a company that might have no affiliation with the university whatsoever.

Oh, and we might also have to drop a few hundred bucks in gas money if we have to drive ourselves back and forth across town.

To be fair, we took a look at other disciplines at OU and to see how they handle internships. Our fellow students over at the School of Education and Human Services aren't exempt from this rip-off either.

In order to get their teaching degree, they must serve a student teaching internship that's worth ten university credits.

At the graduate level, this can

amount to upwards of \$3,000 being paid to OU for very little service in return.

One education student that we spoke to told us that it's incredibly difficult to put that many hours in without compensation.

We understand that no institution of higher education is going to hand out free credit, but shouldn't this special type of credit be discounted at least?

Perhaps the policy could be changed to require internships, but not the credit.

If those four credits need to be satisfied by taking another class that the university is actually responsible for providing, we'd sleep much better knowing that at least we were getting our money's worth.

— THE OAKLAND POST

Metabolic syndrome may be a 'quiet' killer



Ken Hightower
Guest Column

What's not a disease, but can be cured? Not a disease, but leads to millions and millions of deaths and critically sick people?

The answer:

METABOLIC SYNDROME

It's not contagious, not infectious, but it is spreading. It is perhaps one of the scariest emerging global pandemics. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently estimated that nearly 50 million U.S. citizens have this disorder, and most do not know it.

In the last decade, the group of Americans with the fastest, most alarming rate of increase in having metabolic syndrome is the young adult. If we extrapolate national data to OU's campus of 17,300 students, it is probable that 2,500 OU students already have it and thousands more are on the way to developing it!

And your parents, and our faculty and staff, if over 45 years old, have a 25 percent chance of having it ... one in four!

So, what is it and what should you do if you have it? The syndrome is a cluster of abnormal traits like hypertension, low levels of high-

density lipoproteins (HDL), high triglyceride levels, high blood sugar and some degree of obesity.

But you merely must have any three of these abnormalities to be defined as having metabolic syndrome. If you have the syndrome, you will likely and eventually get diabetes, the number five killer in the world. Your risks of developing heart disease if increased by three-fold and your chances of having a debilitating or killing stroke are quadrupled!

Twenty million children world-wide have metabolic syndrome. It is more prevalent than AIDS, obesity or 80 percent of the some 35,000,000 deaths world-wide associated with chronic disease could be eliminated if we could rid our lives of metabolic syndrome. We could eliminate perhaps 20 percent of all strokes.

The worst news for college-age students is that for every decade we age, epidemiological studies show us that the number of cases rises dramatically and that the abnormalities tend to get worse and harder to reverse. In the U.S. adult population, ages 20-75, the prevalence of syndrome starts out at 10

percent. By the time your 65, as many as 50 percent of us have it.

Even worse news is that the syndrome is "quiet" and insidious, because there are no early symptoms. No ill feelings, unless perhaps you have extremely high blood sugar or already have diabetes, which takes you to the doctor's office. Otherwise, these abnormalities quietly and steadily conspire to push you closer and closer to a heart attack, a brain attack ... or to diabetes, perhaps a process taking 20 years if you're still a young adult.

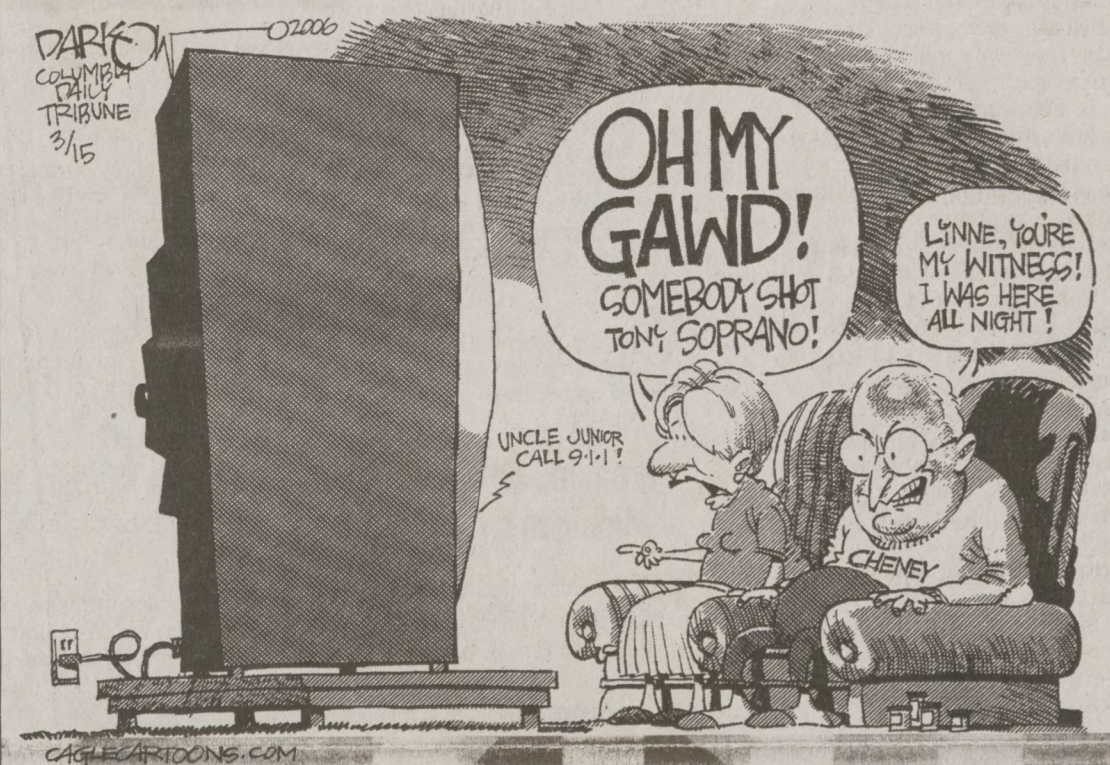
Fortunately, there are many current studies investigating interventions and plotting longitudinal changes in these abnormal factors, factors so easily measured and monitored.

On campus there is presently a study going on that is examining health/assessment records of thousands of community citizens to better understand this disorder.

I am excited about preliminary findings that suggest in assessment/fitness participants, the prevalence of metabolic syndrome may be as low as 15 percent, compared to nearly 24 percent in the U.S. population.

One of OU's own EXS students, Mark Maxwell, is presenting some of his findings at this year's Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters hosted by OU this year.

— Ken Hightower, Ph.D., is the Dean of the School of Health Sciences.



"Dick Didn't Do It"
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State earns failing grade for roads

25 percent increase in vehicle travel expected

By MARIA VITALE
Contributing Reporter

Michigan commuters may already know, but when Michigan roads were put to a test, they were met with unpleasant results.

In February, The Road Information Program released a report grading Michigan's roads and bridges on condition, congestion and safety. The grades definitely did not put the state on the dean's list.

"Making the grade in Michigan: An analysis of the ability of Michigan's transportation system to meet the safe and efficient mobility," released by TRIP, a national transportation research group, stated that 38 percent of Michigan's major roads and highways have pavement in poor or mediocre condition earning a D grade.

Michigan's bridges also received a D as 16 percent were rated as structurally deficient, and 12 percent are functionally obsolete.

Making a slightly higher grade, C, nearly 31 percent of Michigan's urban interstates and other highways or freeways are considered congested.

Vehicle travel reportedly increased 27 percent from 1990 to 2004, and an increase is expected to the tune of 25 percent by 2020.

In order to accommodate an increase in travel, the state will have to widen the roads

and create a more efficient transportation system, as well as repair the roads that are in poor and mediocre condition.

According to TRIP's report, there needs to be an increase in funding to accommodate these improvements.

According to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, it will take \$70 billion to address all transportation needs between now and 2030 for Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

This region, however, is estimated to only receive \$41 billion for road and transit projects from federal, state and local resources, leaving a \$30 billion shortfall.

SEMCOG states that most of the funding comes from consumers buying gasoline, and if we are to improve transit, the region's citizens and its elected leaders will have to vote to increase taxes.

John Niemela, director of the County Road Association of Michigan, also believes that a raise in gasoline tax is the best solution for the existing situation.

"Under our current system, fuel tax increase is primary," Niemela said. "Michigan has always come near dead last in comparison to other states (on their fuel tax charges)," he added.

Michigan has not increased their gas tax since 1997, a four cent increase to 19 cents per gallon. It maintains a 15 cent per gallon tax on diesel fuel.

Michigan's tax rate per gallon of gasoline is the 18th lowest in the nation, and raising the

gas tax rate is only a temporary solution, according to Niemela.

He said that once the switch has been made to hybrid cars, there will no longer be a gasoline tax to finance road projects.

Bordering states such as Wisconsin charge 32.9 cents per gallon tax for both unleaded and diesel fuel, while Ohio charges 28 cents per gallon tax for unleaded and diesel fuel.

"Without an increase in transportation investment, Michigan will not be able to move forward with numerous projects that would enhance safety," said William M. Wilkins, executive director of TRIP, in a statement. He said the upgrades could be made to include improving road

and bridge conditions.

While funding is the primary issue, there have also been less expensive approaches to helping maintain road conditions and congestion.

The Road Commission for Oakland County claims to have found "a new solution to an old problem." Fast-Trac is a program in use by the RCOC to help decrease congestion on Oakland County's roads.

They call the plan a cost-efficient way to help regulate and control congestion by utilizing technology rather than physically working on the roads.

At some intersections in Oakland County, Fast-Trac can be seen in action through camera-like digital video imaging devices that count the passing cars each day, and send the

data to traffic engineers. The engineers then regulate the length of the traffic lights in order to keep traffic flowing smoothly with as little congestion as possible.

Another aide to the RCOC is a way to patch potholes more efficiently by using "hot patcher" trailer units. These units hold up to four tons of patching material and warm the material with self-contained heaters. This process has allowed workers to patch more potholes in less time.

Citizens can do their part to help keep roads safe by reporting any large potholes, especially ones with sharp edges that could damage cars, to the department of citizen services for the RCOC at (877) 858-4804.



The intersection at Walton Boulevard and Opdyke Road in Auburn Hills west of Oakland University is a busy intersection as it is near both the Palace of Auburn Hills and I-75. DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

Breaking down SE Michigan's roads

23,000 — miles of public roads in SE Michigan's transportation network that need regular maintenance.

1,000 — miles of road are currently congested

2030 — The year when 1500 miles of road will be congested.

3,560 — bridges in the region

1,387 — of which are deficient

2,880 — deficient bridges estimated by 2030.

\$70 billion — enough money to address road problems through 2030.

— Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Group marches after appeal plea rejection

The Associated Press

LANSING— About 500 members of a group attempting to get a controversial affirmative action proposal off the November ballot marched to the state Capitol on Friday afternoon, closing several city streets.

The group, By Any Means Necessary, brought about 12 busloads of middle school and high school children from

Detroit to voice their displeasure about the Michigan Supreme Court's decision earlier this week not to hear an appeal of their case, the Lansing State Journal reported.

The court's decision meant that an appeals court decision that the issue should be on the November ballot will stand.

The decision was a victory for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, which has been leading the drive to let voters

decide in November if government and university admissions programs should be banned from giving preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin.

BAMN claims that some of the voter signatures gathered to place the issue on the ballot were gained through misrepresentation, a charge MCRI denies.

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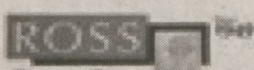


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CELEBRITY NEWS

BERLIN (AP) — Tom Cruise has told Germany's leading tabloid that he and Katie Holmes want to tie the knot this summer, after the birth of their baby and the release of his new movie, "Mission: Impossible III."

Cruise was in the country to promote the film on the popular "Wetten Dass ... (I'll Bet ...)" TV show. He said on the show Saturday that two pilots were at the ready to fly him home should Holmes go into labor.

"If Katie calls, I'm gone," the 43-year-old actor said. Holmes, 27, is in the final stages of her pregnancy with the couple's first child.

Cruise confirmed to Bild in Monday's editions that he and Holmes plan to wed in the coming months. They have been engaged since June.

"First the baby, then the film," he was quoted as saying. "Then, in summer, we want to get married. I won't let this woman get away."

"Mission: Impossible III" will be released May 5.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Material Girl/Mom will embark on a world tour this summer.

Madonna will open the "Confessions Tour" in Los Angeles on May 21, work eastward through North America and jump to Europe on July 30 in Cardiff, Wales, it was announced Monday.

"I'm going to turn the world into one big dance floor," the 47-year-old singer said in a statement.

It is Madonna's first tour since the 2004 "Re-Invention Tour." She will be supporting her 2005 album, "Confessions on a Dance Floor."

Other stops include Las Vegas, Phoenix, Chicago, Montreal, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Miami and Atlantic City, N.J.

European destinations include London, Rome and Paris. The tour will also extend to Japan, featuring concerts in Tokyo and Osaka. More dates are expected to be added.

As previously announced, Madonna will make her first festival performance at the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in Indio, Calif., on April 30.

BELJING (AP) — Mike Tyson said he felt insignificant standing near the preserved body of Mao Zedong during a visit to the deceased leader's mausoleum.

Tyson, 39, is a longtime admirer of Mao, who founded China's communist government in 1949. He has Mao's likeness tattooed on his right arm.

"Standing in front of Chairman Mao's remains, I felt really insignificant," the heavyweight boxer told reporters Saturday during a 15-minute visit, the Beijing Times reported. "To have the chance to visit the memorial hall is a great honor for me."

Mao died in 1976. His preserved body has been on display in a glass case on Tiananmen Square, allowing visitors to pay their respects.

During the brief visit, Tyson bought three books on Mao, the newspaper said. He rolled down the window and yelled out "I love you" to Chinese crowds on the square as he drove away.



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The **Oakland Dance Theatre and OU Repertory Dance Company** are in concert this weekend in the Varner Studio Theatre. Dancers perform programs choreographed by students and guests, including Stephen Koester, former director of

Creach/Koester, a New York City-based dance company. The show also has a hip-hop piece choreographed by Ryan Thuman.

The shows are Friday at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$6 for students and the morning matinee.

For more information about the chorale and dance performances, contact the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or e-mail mtd@oakland.edu.

You know the meaning of heterosexual, homosexual and even metrosexual, but

What is an ubersexual?



The Associated Press

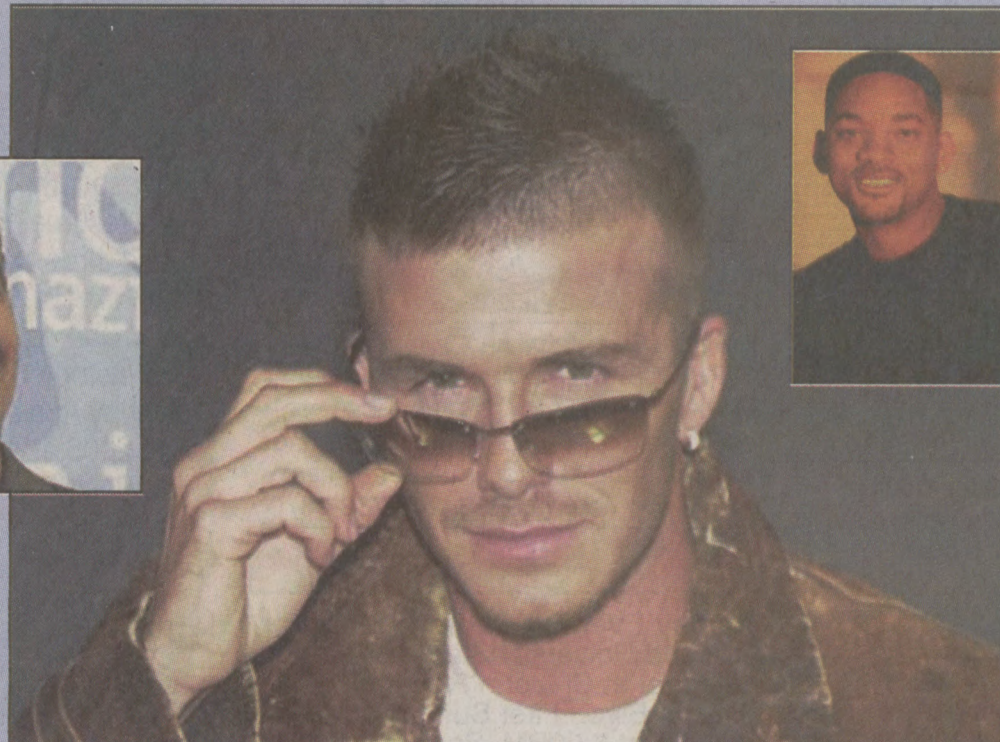


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Celebrities Will Smith, David Beckham and George Clooney fall into the ubersexual category.

By ALICIA SOSSI
The Mix Editor

Forget "metrosexuals." The hot new man in town is the "ubersexual."

That's right, just when you thought you finally understood the metrosexual trend, it turns out that the new uber male not only exudes confidence and leadership, but — and this may

be the crucial difference — does it all while still embracing his masculinity.

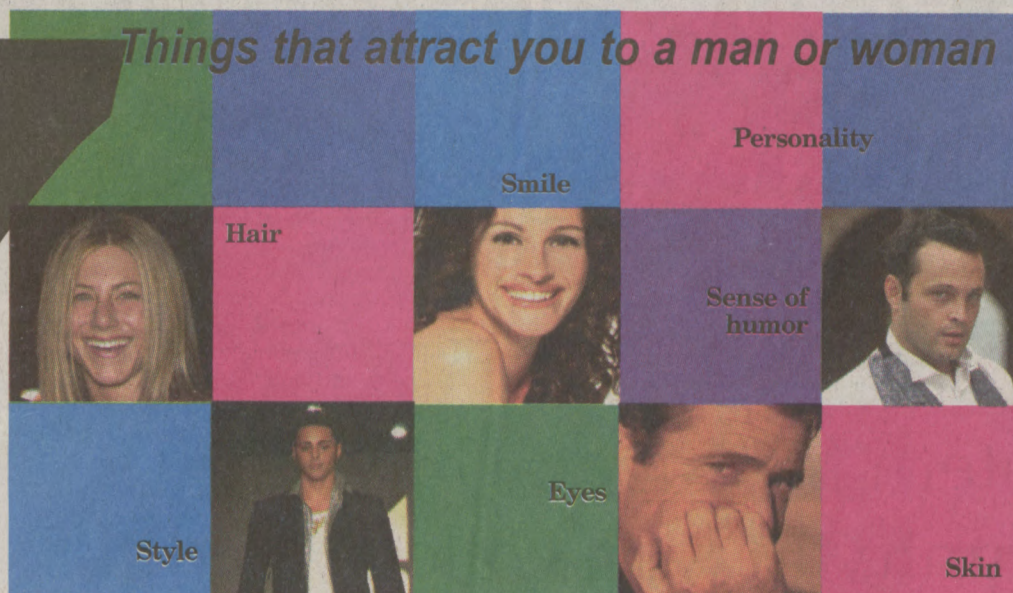
The word "uber" (German for "above") is used to describe such men. They can't just look good; they have to act the part, too.

As one trend spotter recently put it, ubers mark "the return of 'The Real Man' of yesteryear."

Please see **UBERSEXUAL** on B3

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

By CATHERINE BRAKEFIELD
Contributing Reporter

The Paint Creek Tavern, located on 613 Main Street in Rochester, provides a quick lunch or leisurely dinner and an opportunity to enjoy an invigorating stroll in an historical setting.

The Tavern was first the site of Will Bigger's popcorn shanty, then Brownie's. Weathering prohibition, the Great Depression, and World Wars I and II, Brownie's was sold to the Paint Creek Yacht Club in the 1950s. In 1996, the building underwent complete renovation. Lee and Catherine Cromie renamed it to Paint Creek Tavern.

The Tavern's cuisine encourages a healthy appetite. Their ground round

and buffalo burgers, patty melts, clam chowder soup, yacht club ground round sandwiches, and steak sandwiches are just a few popular choices diners may choose from in this pleasing atmosphere.

The bar and dining area gracefully compliments this historical landmark, and the sturdy handrails and generous steps outside provide patrons with an easy access to the Paint Creek River and trail way below.

The Tavern's spacious balcony overlooking the Paint Creek is a favorite dining spot for patrons year round. During the fall and winter months, a plastic tent drapes the large veranda. Heat vents and a big screen television provide diners with a comfortable and cozy outdoor recluse.

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- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 25, 28)
- Cinderella (May 17, 19)
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- Salome (June 7, 9)

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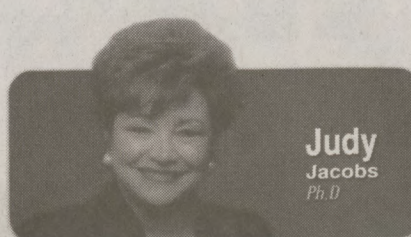
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EXPERT ANALYSIS

Celebrating your success



Judy Jacobs
Ph.D.

Are you successful? What does being successful mean?

Do you have to win a gold medal, live in a big house, obtain a 4.0 grade point average or earn a hefty income to be successful?

Do you always have to have positive outcomes to consider yourself successful?

Success comes from learning to recognize and critically assess your own strengths, skills and/or talents, and identifying the relationships between those attributes and your personal achievements.

What are your competencies?

Take the time to identify and list your competencies, which can be included in such areas as: communication, leadership, adaptability, relationships, task management, production, development of others and personal development.

During your review, consider what you have done well in the past, and what areas you may need to improve.

Most importantly, reflect on how those particular skill sets helped you to realize certain accomplishments in your life. Too often, we rush through a project or life event without taking time to reflect on what we accomplished in the process.

The final outcome does not have to be positive, or what you initially planned, to be considered a successful experience. However, it is important to take the time to recognize and affirm the milestones of your personal growth and development throughout the entire process.

Just as important as identifying your personal growth and development, is the process of positively affirming and celebrating those accomplishments.

Celebrations are often times considered an end-product, not as part of a formative process, which could build and reinforce a person's self-esteem, and their ability to influence. In a broader sense, celebrations can:

■ Bring closure to one part of an experience and open the door to the next phase or cycle

■ Create records for reviewing

identified historical data markers, and provide permanent acknowledgment of the person's work

■ Provide access to prior information/processes, and allow availability for revisiting previously determined goals

The act of celebrating is a process for which you do not need food, alcohol or fireworks.

It is, however, essential to recognize and incorporate the following steps into your celebration:

■ The starting point — Identify the attributes, skills, competencies and initial vision for the outcomes — including areas you personally wanted to develop — you initially brought to the project/event.

■ During the process — Identify those critical qualities about yourself and others working with you that were developed or improved, including milestones accomplished throughout the project/event — be sure to include pre-planning and post-debriefing stages of the project/event.

■ Conclusion — After reaching certain milestones or at the conclusion of the project/event, recognize your contributions, and goals you accomplished during the process. Be sure to reflect upon those critical qualities and attributes you brought to the project, new skills learned, and competencies you recognize that need to be developed for future projects/events.

When using celebrations as part of a self-growth process, it is important to integrate celebratory processes with significant milestones, and not wait until the end of the process.

The project may take years to finish, never be completed, or end in a manner for which you had not planned. Recognizing and affirming areas of new skill development throughout the process helps to solidify your progress.

Celebrations can be as simple as making a list of your experiences during the process, writing personal affirmations, or putting stickers on your calendar, to elaborate ceremonies during which your accomplishments are recognized, and applauded. It is important for your self-esteem to honor yourself by taking the time to slow down, assess, and celebrate your accomplishments.

What is your personal gold medal?

— Judy L. Jacobs, Ph.D., is a lecturer in the Department of Education and Human Services

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WXOU celebrates its hard-earned success

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's campus radio station, WXOU 88.3 FM, has been soaring high lately with anniversaries and accolades.

Last month, the station celebrated 40 years of broadcasting by throwing a party in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms that featured plenty of local music, refreshments and even cake and ice cream.

Back in January, WXOU General Manager Rob Frank and faculty advisor Christine Cronauer were awarded a certificate of commendation by Student Body President Michael McGuinness during the State of the Student Body speech.

However, according to Frank, Cronauer and the rest of the current

management, the state of affairs at WXOU has not always been so commendable.

A little more than one year ago, the station faced a budget cut that would have made it non-operational, Frank said.

"We would have been done," Frank said. "Every student organization pretty much hated us because we were seen as kind of renegade."

Frank explained that the station developed a poor reputation with Student Congress and other student organizations as the result of an "I'm better than you because I'm on the radio" kind of attitude.

Aside from the negative attitude, Cronauer said that a lack of good production values also helped bring on the Student Congress-proposed budget cut.

"At their worst, WXOU had an inconsistent programming schedule. We had people who weren't dedicated — they were swearing on the air," she said.

"There was no reliability or accountability."

Cronauer told The Post that her "fondest" memory from that time occurred the day she drove to OU from Mt. Pleasant to sign a contract after being hired in as the advisor.

"The Oakland Post had published a front page article (that said) 'WXOU to lose funding' and nobody would go to budget meetings to take care of it," she said.

"I went in to address the situation at the station and introduce myself as the future advisor — the lights were off and there was some guy eating chicken nuggets."

STRESS RELIEF TIPS ...

Here are some tips to help you cope with end-of-the-semester stress: Plan out your day, learn to prioritize, take tasks one-by-one, get organized and eat healthy foods.

— Compiled from <http://www.helpguide.org>

doing perfectly on their job, then they're not thinking hard enough about what can be done," Cronauer said.

"In the future, I'd like to see completely modernized studios with a really educated staff — I want to compete with some of those radio stations that are winning those awards!"

The campus radio station has undergone tremendous change since it was created in 1966 as the result of campus growth and technological advancements.

In 1996, the FCC awarded the station with a license to broadcast at their current location on the FM dial, 88.3 WXOU — a deal that took five years to complete, according to Frank.

Another monumental first occurred in 2000 when WXOU began broadcasting on the Web, Frank said.

The latest trend for men

UBERSEXUAL

Cont. from B1

The term "ubersexual" was coined by Marian Salzman, executive vice president and director of strategic content at JWT, the largest advertising agency in the U.S.

Salzman is known as a famous trendspotter and has authored more than a dozen non-fiction books.

She has used the word ubersexual in her latest book "The Future of Man," which explores the future of gender relations with an emphasis on males. Salzman also coined the term "metrosexual" in 2003.

So the burning question is: How else does an uber differ from a metrosexual?

Well, both groups have female friends; however, an ubersexual's best pals are males, while a metrosexual's are females. Both ubers and metros may groom themselves with expensive products — in fact, nearly two out of three men recently surveyed said they own and consistently use a variety of grooming products. The difference is that you won't catch an ubersexual highlighting, waxing or self-tanning.

Oakland University students David Sinawi and Dominic Seman are friends who place themselves into different categories based on these descriptions.

Sinawi, a senior pre-physical therapy student, calls himself a metrosexual. He has always hung out with more females than males and says he looks best when he goes tanning. "I also shave or wax every part of my body," Sinawi said.

Seman sees himself as more of an

ubersexual. "I get my hair cut at a barber shop, not at a salon, but I care about my appearance," said the post-baccalaureate medical student.

Salzman says the number one ubersexual is U2's lead singer, Bono. He is globally and socially aware, confident and compassionate.

Also on JWT's list of top ten ubersexuals are (from two to 10): George Clooney, former president Bill Clinton, Donald Trump, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Barack Obama, Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan, Guy Ritchie and Jon Stewart.

— NAPS contributed to this report

Ubersexual vs. Metrosexual Who's the Man?



IN: Confidence
OUT: Arrogance
IN: Leading the crowd
OUT: Following the crowd

Courtesy of NAPS

STUDENT OPINION: What do you think of metrosexuals and ubersexuals, or do you identify yourself as one or the other?



Dan Wilkinson
The Oakland Post

"I'm not attracted to metrosexuals. They're too girly. I like masculine men."

Liz Nikollaj

Freshman
Radiology Technician

"I think I lie somewhere in those two categories. I do tan, I've never dyed my hair, but people think I'm a pretty boy."

Drew Dawson
Junior
Communication



Dan Wilkinson
The Oakland Post



Dan Wilkinson
The Oakland Post

"I'm not attracted to the metros, simply because I don't want a guy who looks better than me. I love ubers because they're not bummy and we look equal."

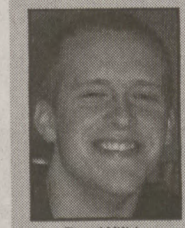
Nafren Tamou
Freshman
Health Sciences

"I still like to look nice, but I don't go to all extremes on my skin products or hair products. I let the sun take care of the tan."

Bruce Kallou,
Junior
Pre-Dentistry



Dan Wilkinson
The Oakland Post



Dan Wilkinson
The Oakland Post

"I haven't paid for a haircut since eighth grade, but I care about my appearance. I'm neither, though, because it takes me 30 seconds to decide what to wear."

Matt Sawicki
Sophomore
Human Resource Development

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'Rock your Junk'

By MARIA VITALE
Contributing Reporter

There's a whole new beat on recycling. On April 6, Recycled Percussion will be performing on Oakland University's campus as part of their "Rock your Junk" tour.

Recycled Percussion's music is called junk rock, which they describe as "a blend of industrial rock with funk-punk-beatbox-driven power percussion backed by their DJ 'Dirty Soul.'"

What makes them unique is that they use everyday garbage as their instruments. Their stage is accented with huge drums, buckets and ladders, as well as duct tape and card board.

Recycled Percussion is a three-man percussion group backed by their DJ spinning the beats. The percussionists are Justin Spencer, Ryan Vezina

and Greg Kassapis. DJ Jeramie "Dirty Soul" Bellaofatto spins the vinyl.

The group was created by drummer Justin Spencer in New Hampshire, where it began performing at high schools.

It moved into the college market, playing more than 200 shows at colleges across the country on the "Rock your Junk" tour. They were hailed as "truly amazing" by Matt Lauer of NBC's the "Today Show."

Recycled Percussion will be performing Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. outside the Oakland Center. The performance is sponsored by the Student Program Board. Admission is free for Oakland University students.

For more on Recycled Percussion, visit <http://www.rprocks.com>, or check them out on myspace at <http://www.myspace.com/recycledrocks>.

Edwards gets drafted

*Soccer standout gets drafted
by MISL's Detroit expansion team*

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

For many college athletes, their sports careers end when they walk across the commencement stage, but for Scottish-born senior Chris Edwards, his soccer career has only begun. On March 22, Edwards was selected as the first pick in the third round in the Major Indoor Soccer League draft by the Detroit expansion team.

"We're excited that the Detroit area has a professional indoor soccer team moving here," OU head coach Gary Parsons said after the draft. "We're also very happy that the team's management has recognized Chris' ability, and I think he will make a very good indoor forward."

Edwards was not present for the actual draft, but he learned of his selection in an unlikely place, his car.

"I actually found out on the phone," Edwards said. "Coach called me and said that I had been recommended, and I was driving when I got the call."

Edwards is just thankful that he can continue to pursue his passion.

"I was excited," he said. "I was hoping I wasn't done (playing soccer) yet. I thought my career had vanished, but I was surprised and pleased to get the call."

Edwards' draft into the MISL is certainly no accident. Edwards, a forward, has been a



DANTE CIULLO/Oakland Post file photo
Chris Edwards looks to get past a University of Michigan defender in a game last fall. Edwards will continue his soccer career in the MISL after graduation.

star player and leader for the Golden Grizzlies, and has a laundry list of awards and recognition to prove it.

Edwards, along with teammate Jeff Wiese, are the only Golden Grizzlies to earn all-conference honors for all four years of their career. He tallied

a grand total of 36 goals during his OU career and ended with 78 points. Edwards also finished strong in the Mid-Con standings, landing in the top 20 for shots, goals and points.

In addition, he has been named Mid-Con Player of the Week five times throughout his

career, and was named to the Great Lakes All-Region team in December for the second year in a row.

"When I first got here, I had no idea what all that stuff meant," Edwards said. "It means a lot more to me now."

As graduation looms near, Edwards took a moment to reflect on his career and time at OU.

"It was a great experience to travel, and everybody on the team is fantastic," Edwards said. "My freshman year we had a young team, and to win (a) title was fantastic."

Like many people, Edwards was unclear where he wanted to attend college. But when Oakland was one of many colleges to look for talent in Scotland, Edwards didn't need much persuading.

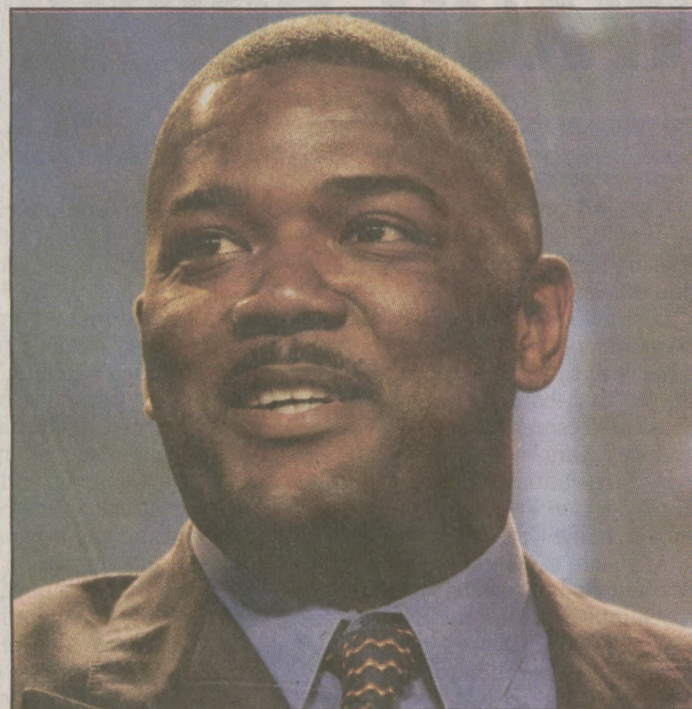
"I had no idea where to go," Edwards said. "But Oakland had recruited a lot of British players before me. I wanted to study and play soccer at the same time, so it was perfect."

The MISL season doesn't kick off until November, but Edwards has plenty to keep himself busy after graduation, coaching full-time for the Bloomfield Force travel team.

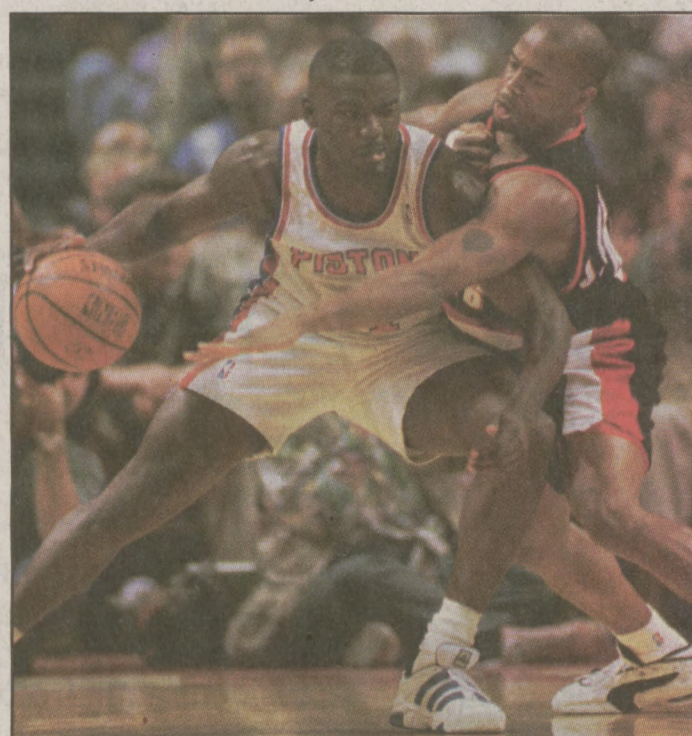
"I really enjoy it," he said. "It keeps me involved in soccer as well."

A press conference for the Detroit franchise has been scheduled for April 19 to announce its coach, team name, and information regarding the 2006-07 season.

HALL OF FAME



The Associated Press
Joe Dumas, the Detroit Pistons executive, was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame Monday.



The Associated Press
Joe Dumas, the Detroit Pistons player.

Grizzlies Sports Roundup

Baseball takes two of three

After splitting two games Saturday, OU beat Rochester College, 12-8, Sunday afternoon. OU jumped out to 5-0 lead after one inning of play. Junior Chad Winkler led OU, going 2-for-3 from the plate, with three RBI. Though Rochester put four runs on the board in the top the second inning, OU responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning to give themselves the cushion needed for victory. Senior Bryan Marulli had a home run in the fifth, giving OU its largest lead of the game at 11-4. Freshman David Thomas had five strikeouts in his first win of the season.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Senior Bryan Marulli looks to get on base against Rochester College on Sunday. OU beat Rochester, 12-8, after splitting their home opener Saturday.

Softball splits with Valparaiso

The softball team beat Valpo, 3-2, in game one, Saturday. OU was led by senior Camie Knorr's two-run home run in the first inning. Valpo tied the game in the fourth inning, taking advantage of a pair of OU errors. OU responded with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Junior Tosha Hodgkinson came through with a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring freshman Julie Owen. Owen had led off the inning with a double to centerfield. Valpo jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the sixth inning of the second game and ultimately won 3-1.

Men's golf finishes sixth at ECU

The men's golf team finished sixth in a 13-team field at the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational. OU finished Saturday with a 297, finishing as one of only five teams with a sub-300 round during the tournament. Junior Charles Kluesner had the best round Saturday, shooting a 72 and finishing in the top 20 overall. Senior Jonathon Pauli shot a 73 and was the only other OU golfer to finish in the top 20. Pauli's 73 moved him up 19 spots. As a team, OU finished with 914. OU will play at the Norm Bullock Invitational hosted by Wright State, April 9-10.

Baseball falls in ninth to EMU

Tied at eight heading into the ninth inning, OU let one slip away as Isaiah Gainforth hit the game-winning RBI to give Eastern the 9-8 win last Wednesday. Junior Kevin Carkeek got things started for OU as he recorded his first career grand slam in the third inning. The blast put OU on top 4-1. It may have been a sign of things to come as Eastern responded with four runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to take a 5-4 lead. The teams traded the lead until heading into the final stanza tied at eight. Senior Bryan Marulli led OU with three hits.

Baseball cancelled for Tuesday

The baseball team had their game against Saginaw Valley State cancelled Tuesday due to the chance of inclement weather. OU would have been playing its fourth game in as many days. No make-up date has been scheduled. OU will be back in action this Saturday as they take on Chicago State in a doubleheader beginning at noon on the OU baseball field. OU and Chicago State will also play a doubleheader Sunday at noon.

— Compiled by Dustin Frucci

Got a sports tip? Contact the sports editor at (248) 370-4263.

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