



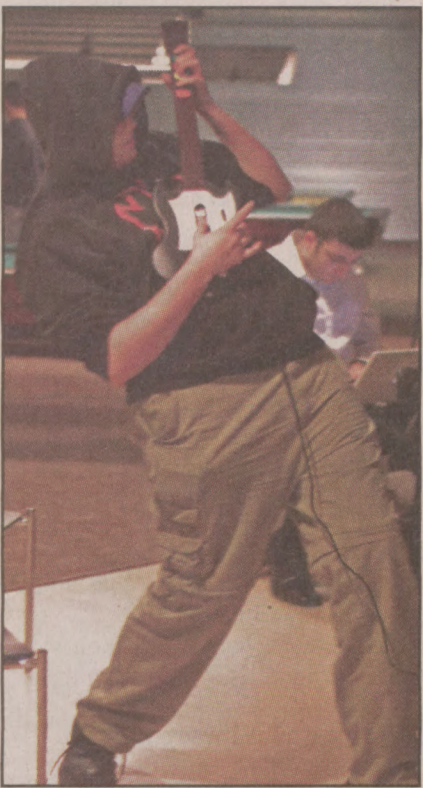
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Students remain apathetic

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

Fifteen people were interviewed for the following story. Ten of them didn't know any of the ballot issues from last week's election. The five that did could only identify Proposal 2, and all agreed it was because of the press coverage related to affirmative action.

"Besides the governor, I didn't really know who else was running, or the ballot issues," said freshman Ally Shanley.

Sophomore Adam Zoma agreed, "I don't feel like the voters were edu-

cated about the issues, so that's why I think a lot of people didn't vote."

Of the 15, seven didn't vote, and all of those who voted were the people who didn't know the ballot issues.

"I wouldn't say I'm apathetic, but my vote really didn't count, and they need to make registration easier," said senior Brian Drake.

Drake's sentiments were common amongst the non-voters. "I live a long ways away, I couldn't get home," and, "I just really didn't care who won. It won't affect me," said other respondents.

Apathy, by its definition, is an

absence of passion for an issue.

Gauging Oakland University's apathy, from this unscientific sampling, finds that two-thirds of students didn't vote. If those numbers are accurate, then slightly less than 12,000 of Oakland's nearly 18,000 students stayed away from the polls last Tuesday.

Had the 6,000 left over students voted, it wouldn't have changed the governor's election, or any other race. What it would do though?

"If everyone would have voted, it would have forced the candidates to campaign toward us," said freshman Tom Rowles. "I think that a voting

bloc of 18,000 deserves a good deal of attention. It's not really a single vote type of thing, it's a 'hey lets get together and make them care about college kids.'"

Rowles expressed his displeasure in how colleges are skipped over.

"Old people vote, and they get hooked up, but us?" he asked, "we could use more money for scholarships, or funding for programs here. If you don't vote, the politicians don't have to care about your issues."

Junior Patty McLaren

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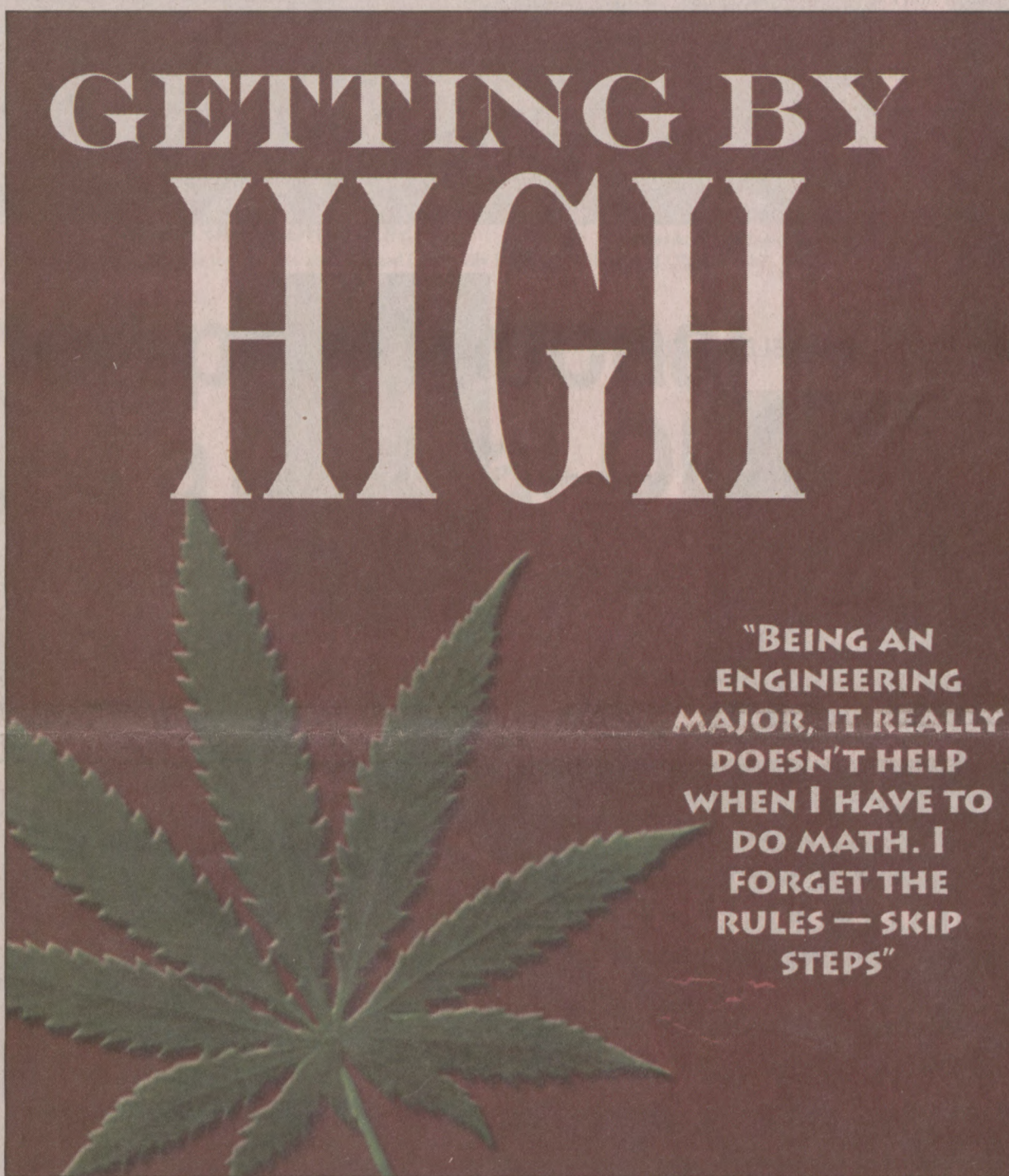


Photo illustration by Dan Wilkinson

A frequent marijuana user shares his story with The Post, considers breaking long-term, costly habit.

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

The smell of pot wafts through the apartment in the late afternoon. Luke,* a 22-year-old engineering major at OU, is going through his routine of relaxation after a long day at school and work. His chill-out time is similar to many of his fellow students: get home, grab a bite, turn on the PS2 and lay back.

Unlike a lot of students, though, Luke relaxes with a "bowl, pipe, (joint), just give me some pot and I'll figure out how to smoke it," says Luke.

Luke estimates that his illegal habit costs him nearly \$50 a week, if he has the money. "After rent, car payments and school, it's for sure what I spend the most of my cash on. It's definitely an expensive habit," he said.

Would Luke like to spend that money on anything else?

"No, I mean, sure I'd like some nice stuff, but compared to what a lot of people spend on one night of drinking at the bar, I can get high every day of the week for that."

Luke has been smoking for nearly eight years now — since his freshman year in high school. He started smoking with friends in their hometown and still smokes with the same friends to this day. One of them, like Luke, goes to school and will end up graduating a year later than planned, while the other still lives at home, works very little, doesn't attend school and spends a majority of his day smoking and playing video games. He recently confided in Luke that he had a desire to quit using.

Please see **POT/A2**

SEX IN TODAY'S WORLD

Government should be comprehensive in sex programs

By JEFF KRANITZ
Managing Editor

Thousands of years of recorded history have proven that increased prohibition leads to increased desire.

The Volstead Act of 1919, which led to the prohibition of alcohol, was a monumental disaster. The War on Drugs, coined

by Richard Nixon in 1971,

has proven wholly ineffective at curbing the destruction caused by rampant drug use.

So why in the world does the Bush administration and the former Republican Congress think that a federally funded campaign to promote abstinence-only programs will be effective at stopping the spread of STD's and unwanted pregnancies?

In 2005 alone, the federal government dropped \$170 million to fund groups that teach abstinence only.

The program started as soon as Bush took office as a way to fight the rising number of STD cases.

A "just-say-no" policy regarding sex will prove to be about as effective as an abortion performed with a coat hanger. Like it or not, some young people are always going to smoke dope and screw.

In no way am I trying to encourage such behavior — and in no way am I

COMMENTARY

Please see **KRANITZ/A2**

What do you think?
Should the U.S. Government follow suit and adopt a similar campaign?
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■ Who, on-campus, is sporting this bling?

Check it out on A2

APATHY

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agreed, "I'm tired of people bitching about the president, or governor, whatever, then you find out they didn't vote, if you don't vote, you shouldn't bitch."

Drake defended his stance by saying "I'd vote if it wasn't such a hassle.

I heard you go to the polls and wait around for an hour, then the ballots are confusing. I really wish they did everything online, it would be a lot easier that way, I could just sit down and read up on the stuff and vote."

"I think it was better that I didn't vote, because I didn't really know any of the issues," Shanley said. "I would like it if politicians paid more attention to college issues, and I think they

should do that anyways without us voting, a lot of money goes to college."

Most voters can register by visiting their city clerk's office, 30 days prior to an election. At that point, they are welcome to vote absentee by mail if they will not be able to make it home in time for an election. Before the statewide elections, the Detroit Free Press ran a section devoted to every candidate and issue, detailing where they stood on a

variety of issues. These tools are available to all voters, free of charge.

In today's world of the Iraq war, the genocide in Darfur and other ghastly world issue, why do you choose to remain silent when there are so many ways for you to take part in democracy? What kind of issues will get you to wake up and take a stand — if any? What will it take for the young adults of OU (and America) to put an end the apathy?

What do you think? Do you care about world issues or are you apathetic.

POT

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"That was a real wakeup call — my buddy telling me he was thinking about quitting. I mean, he smokes more than me, but we started together and if he needs to get out, maybe I should think about it," Luke said.

Luke downplays the negative effects pot, but can't deny them.

"I notice after a week where I smoke a lot, once I go sober for a day I still can't think as well, it takes me a long time to concentrate on anything," he said. "Being an engineering major, it really doesn't help when I have to do math. I forget the rules — skip steps," Luke laughs as he completes the sentence, "that's such a stoner stereotype."

"A lot of stereotypes are stupid, they are really fueled by the commercials," said Luke. The commercials he refers to depict stoned drivers carelessly running over children, older brothers neglecting younger siblings and teens getting pregnant.

"A lot of that stuff that happens in commercials are either exaggerations or stories taken from real life stoners, but people that would do really stupid stuff anyways, they just happened to be high." Luke also criticized illustrations in the movies and news media for advancing stoner stereotypes.

"I'm an engineering major, I just do it to get loose, I'm not some bum working a crap job with no future, I don't say, 'dude' and 'like' all the time — I just enjoy a good time. The worst part is when people think

that it's a fault, no matter how frequently or infrequently you do it, it doesn't matter to them that you're a smart kid that does his work, they just think your another stupid stoner, it's a really degrading feeling."

Does Luke think he will ever quit? He leans against the wall as he ponders the question, the seconds ticking away.

"Well," he starts, then sighs. "I've thought about it, and one day when I settle down, get a real job, I'll probably quit because I won't have enough time, plus with it being illegal, it's one less thing to have to worry about."

Until then? "It doesn't hurt anybody," he grins, "I believe in drug use, not drug abuse."

*The person's name in this story has been changed

KRANITZ

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attempting to discredit the only surefire way to avoid disease and unwanted pregnancies.

I feel it's important to note that although it seems entirely unrealistic to think abstinence is the answer for everybody, it is definitely the only proven way to completely avoid many, many problems in life.

But since there are millions of young people out there who prefer the back seat of their car to the front, our federal government needs to consider backing an educational campaign that realistically and comprehensively addresses the needs of everyone effected by these issues.

Maybe we should take a cue from our partners across the pond.

England's Public Health Ministry launched a safe-sex campaign this

week that uses provocative images of youngsters in underwear to combat the rising number of STD cases among their youth.

The underwear displays slogans such as: "I've got gonorrhea" and "I'll give you one."

If all that sounds a little outlandish, it's probably because our society is centuries younger than those of Europe, and as a result, slightly less evolved.

I'd bet that Janet Jackson's Super Bowl "wardrobe malfunction" — an incident that sparked a media and censorship frenzy in this country — probably caused nothing more than a few chuckles when it aired in England.

In fact, they probably split their side laughing at how big of a deal we made it here.

The point is, until we remove the taboos that prohibit us from comfortably addressing issues regarding sex, we'll never be able to create an effective strategy to educate our youth.

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LONG CHANDELIER EARRINGS



Sandy DiLieghgio
Senior
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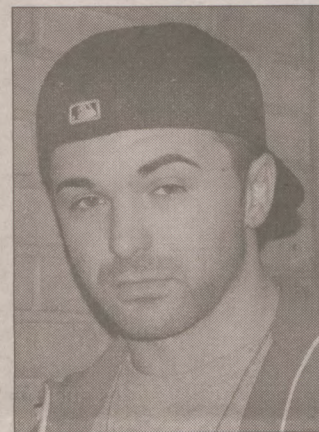
Haifa Jamelieh
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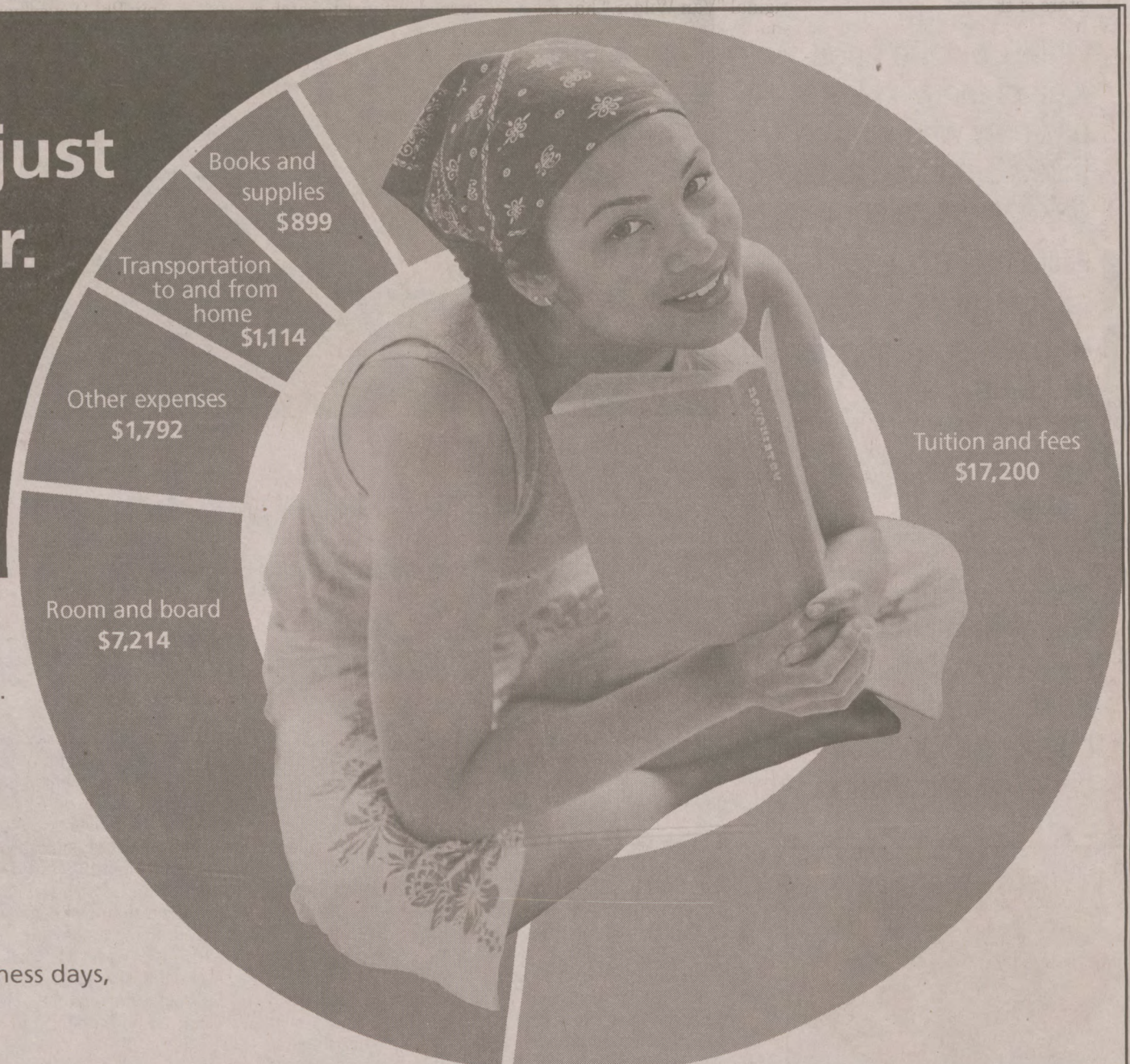
Keith Swanson
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Spring session is just around the corner.

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Musicians Jonny Dubowski and Art Alexakis pose with actor Kal Penn. The trio took photos and engaged in friendly banter with dozens of OU students. KEVIN ALFORD/The Oakland Post

'Van Wilder' promotional tour makes a stop at OU

By JEFF KRANITZ
Managing Editor

Despite audio problems and a fashionably late entrance, dozens of students were delighted last Thursday when they had a chance to engage in friendly banter and take photos with the stars of the upcoming movie "Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj." Actor Kal Penn, musicians

Jonny Dubowski of the band Jonny Lives! and Art Alexakis of Everclear provided laughs, music and a little bit of star power while on tour promoting the film.

Penn, the star of recent comedies such as "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" and the original "Van Wilder," has made a name for himself entertaining audiences in roles that poke fun

at the stereotypical behavior of his Gujarati Indian ancestry — and roles that provide the antithesis for those same stereotypes.

His work has enabled him to achieve somewhat of a cult-like status — especially among college students. Several fans turned out just to catch a glimpse.

"I love Kal Penn. I watch and

have enjoyed all of his movies," said Sanbeep Nellutla.

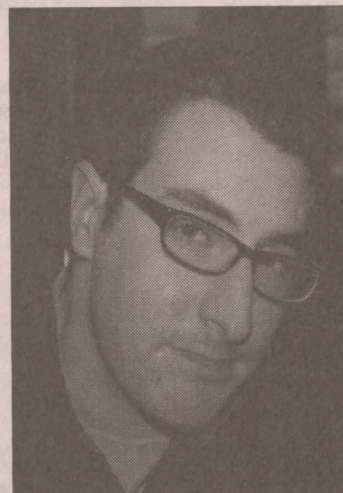
"I'm an alumni here and I didn't want to miss this chance."

Graduate student Pavam Dswara also took advantage of the chance to see one of his favorite actors.

"I'm also planning on doing my Ph.D. over here, so I thought, why not? It was a chance to see Kal Penn!"

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Q: If you could change the outcome of one item on last week's ballot, what would it be?



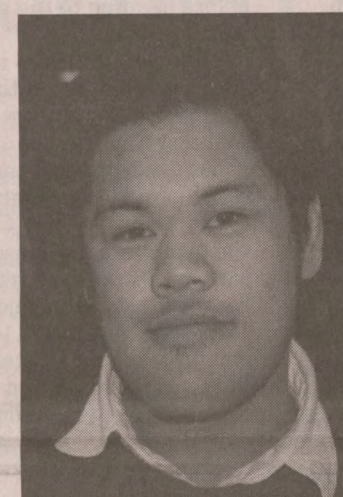
A: "Remove Granholm from office. I haven't seen any improvement in Michigan's economy in the past four years - and I don't expect to see any in the next four."

Nick Costanza
Junior
Pre Med/Biology



A: "Reinstate affirmative action. Right now it doesn't seem like a big deal, but I think that next year people are going to have trouble."

Jade Oliven
Junior
Pre Med/Lab Science



A: "I probably wouldn't change anything. Both (gubernatorial) candidates seemed equally qualified. Like the last presidential election, neither one is capable of doing much."

Paolo Marzan
Junior
Nursing

'Tis the season to wait in long lines for new gaming platforms

Updated systems cause stir among gamers

By STEPHANIE DIETRICH
Contributing Reporter

OU students will join the video game craze this month with the launch of the PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Wii gaming consoles.

"I'm so excited for the Wii that I would spend the night outside in the cold in order to get one," said Drew Gonyea, junior majoring in computer programming.

These top two gaming companies have students' attention, but when it comes to the price tag, the Wii surpasses its competitor. While the Nintendo Wii is selling for \$250, PlayStation is charging customers \$499 and \$599. For the price alone, at least some students will buy the

Wii before PlayStation 3.

"I want both, but I will buy the cheaper system," Paul Whiteman, sophomore majoring in chemistry said.

Besides the price, students feel that Nintendo is more reliable and innovated compared to its power hungry competitor.

"Sony has lost its mind," said Joel



People wait in line to play the new Nintendo Wii gaming system in Toronto, Tuesday. AARON HARRIS/The Associated Press

Hopwood, junior Chinese major. "So I'm going to stick with Nintendo because they seem to know what

system right now."

Although the official release dates

they're doing."

While PlayStation is known for its high resolution games, Nintendo focuses on games that are fun for all ages.

"Nintendo has a very good track record with their software (games)," sophomore Tyler Thedens said.

Another OU student, Chris Dagitses, a junior majoring in human resource development added, "The Wii has more interesting games that launch. All of the PS3 launch games you can get on any other

for the systems are Nov. 17 for PlayStation 3 and Nov. 19 for Wii, some popular stores such as Toys "R" Us, GameStop and Target offered reserves on the game consoles.

Unlike many people, sophomore Mike Conn, majoring in psychology thinks that waiting overnight for the system is futile.

"Waiting in line overnight is pointless when you can call up the store and have them hold it for you," Conn said.

Since many stores will not hold a system by phone, desperate gamers should turn to eBay for their needs. However, he problem with eBay is that many sellers gouge consumers with prices that are twice the market value.

"If I had the money I would buy extra systems and sell them on eBay," Eric Crites, sophomore majoring in pre-med said.

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CSA SERVICE WINDOW EVENTS

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 OC.

- Spamalot
- Irving Berlin's White Christmas
- Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker
- Joffrey Ballet's "The Nutcracker"
- Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy
- I Can't Stop Loving You

CSA Learn 2 Lead Series:

"Creating a Vision & Goal Setting"

Thursday, November 16th
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Oakland Center Lake Michigan Room

CSA

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Stay tuned...

Native American Awareness Week November 20th – 22nd

"Wanna Bet?" BETTOR Education: The Inside Information About Sports Gambling

Presented by: Tim Otteman

Monday, November 27th
Oakland Center Banquet Rooms
6:30pm – 7:30pm

&
8:00pm – 9:00pm

(Bracket Busted! "Sports Gambling & College Athletics")

Sponsored by OU Athletics and the Center for Student Activities

Commuter Appreciation Week November 13th – 17th, 2006

TODAY

Parking Lot Plinko
Parking Lot 1
11:00am – 1:00pm

Good Evening Commuters! Game Night
Student Resource Center (40 OC)
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Thursday, November 16th Coffeehouse

OU Bookstore (lower level of the OC)
12:00pm – 1:00pm

Commuter Issues Panel
Oakland Center Fireside Lounge
4:00pm – 5:00pm

Learn 2 Lead Series:
"Goal Setting & Creating a Vision"
Oakland Center Lake Michigan Room
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday, November 17th
Good Morning, Commuter!
SFH Fishbowl
9:00am – 1:00am

Have a question for the CSA Office?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

History Comes Alive Lecture Series

Oakland University's Professor Matthew Sutton will be presenting his lecture on "Sex and God in the City of Angels: The Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson" Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms A and B. The lecture takes place at 7 p.m. and will encompass exploring McPherson's career as a celebrity evangelist also known as "Sister Aimee" and exploring her fame and impact. Professor Sutton is a history professor at OU and has written two published articles on McPherson with a third yet to be published.

Campaign Round-Up and Election Analysis

With the election now over, Oakland University assembles a panel of experts and will hold a forum involving them to discuss last week's election in depth. The discussion will take place Thursday, Nov. 16 in OU's Gold Rooms B and C from noon to 2 p.m. This will allow students to hear expert opinions on the results of the election as well as gain insight as to where the experts think the government will go from here.

MTD Presents "By Jupiter"

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theater and Dance present their take on the Rogers and Hart musical "By Jupiter." The show opened Nov. 9 however, shows continue to take place, being performed Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. all in the Varner Studio Theater. The performances will continue into December and will cost \$6 for matinee viewings, \$16 for general admission, and \$8 for student admission. For more information on ticket purchases, visit www.starticketsplus.com or call (800) 535-8787.

Adult Career Counseling Center Open House

The Oakland University Adult Career Counseling Center is holding an open house Friday, Nov. 17 in Pawley Hall's SEHS Counseling Center Room 270 A from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The open house hopes to teach the students about their services,

introduce the tour advisors and give tours of the counseling center. The open house is free and refreshments will be available.

Native American Celebration 2006

Spanning from Monday, Nov. 20 through Wednesday, Nov. 22, Oakland University's Center for Student Activities present their Native American Celebration 2006. The event will contain a historical display in the Oakland Center Monday and Tuesday from 1 p.m.-7 p.m., a jewelry sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, as well as a Peace Talk to take place in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge Wednesday the 22nd from 12 p.m.-12:30 p.m. led by Lama Lhanang Rinpoche a Tibetan Buddhist. The Peace Talk will be followed by a Peace Walk around the campus.

— Compiled by Contributing Reporter Erik Westfall

POLICEFILES

■ Officers responded to a medical emergency on Sunday when a female ingested four bottles of pills. Upon arriving to the scene, they found a female lying on the floor crying. When asked what she had taken she told police that she took four bottles of pills because she wanted to die. She said she wanted to die because she was very bad and that everyone was going to hate her. The pills were three different medications meant to treat depression and anxiety. When asked if she had ever attempted suicide she stated that she tried to hang herself in August. The girl was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac for further medical attention.

■ OUPD was called to Parking lot P-1 where they met a victim who stated that an unknown female swung open her car door repeatedly causing a dent to his passenger side door. A witness of the act told him that she saw the driver of a Buick Century repeatedly swing her door open and hit his car. The victim sat in his car until the girl returned. When he confronted her she became defensive and told him that she was having a very bad day and that she probably did hit his car. She also said that she would not pay for damages because his car was a piece of junk. The girl drove off following a brief argument. OUPD will follow up with the plate information.

Pumpkin Creme Brulee

Yield: 6 1/2 cups ramekins
1 1/4 cups whipping cream
1 tps. vanilla
5 egg yolks
6 tbs. sugar

1/2 tps. nutmeg
1/2 cup solid packed pumpkin
2 tbs. orange liqueur
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 cup sugar

Bring cream to a boil and let cool for 20 minutes. Stir in vanilla, egg yolks, sugar and nutmeg. Blend pumpkin and orange liqueur until smooth. Whisk into cream mixture. Divide into oven safe ramekins. Bake at 350 F in a water bath until sides are set and the middle moves slightly. Remove from water bath and let cool. Refrigerate for 1 hour or overnight. When ready for service, top with sugar and cinnamon mixture and brown with a torch.

'I WISH I WAS AN OSCAR MAYER ROCK STAR'



DAN WILKINSON/The Oakland Post

Junior Doug Bowen, a business major, performs his version of the Oscar Mayer jingle in front of the Oscar Mayer "Weiner Mobile" on Thursday. Bowen — who responded to a radio advertisement calling for video taped performances of the jingle — is one of 20 finalists who have been chosen to compete for a spot in a national commercial. The "Weiner Mobile" stopped by campus last week while on a journey to track down and meet all 20 finalists.

Holiday cooking at OU

By YVONNE SZYMCAK
Contributing Reporter

Sick and tired of the same old turkey on Thanksgiving?

Gerald Gatto, a chef for 28 years and part of the Chartwells culinary staff, has the cure for the common holiday dish.

As part of the "Lunch and Learn" series at Oakland University, "How to Make Holiday Appetizers and Desserts" was a big hit as attendees learned how to wake their taste buds.

Gatto demonstrated how to make Pumpkin Crème Brulee by torching the top to create a crispy shell, when broken into with a spoon reveals a sweet and fluffy fall-colored pudding.

Other appetizers include warm apple chutney, smoked turkey wrapped in phyllo and

crab and shrimp salad in a cool cucumber cup.

Melcher, an Assistant in the Education Advising Office, admitted that, "half the taste is the appearance and how the product is presented. I knew I would like it even before I bit into it."

Gatto suggests making a list and checking it twice before heading to the grocery store.

"It is a good idea to measure things ahead of time" Gatto says, "because it saves so much time."

The "Lunch and Learn" series provides a number of other programs. Join Chef Gatto and others Tuesday, Nov. 28 for the "Winter Extravaganza Luncheon." The event begins at 11:30 a.m. in Oakland Center Banquet Rooms A and B. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

Men's & Women's Conference Tournament AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Nov. 2 #1 Valparaiso vs. #4 Western Illinois (W) 11 a.m.
#2 Oakland vs. #3 Southern Utah (W) 2 p.m.

Nov. 3 #1 Western Illinois vs. #4 IUPUI (M) 11 a.m.
#2 UMKC vs. #3 Oral Roberts (M) 2 p.m.

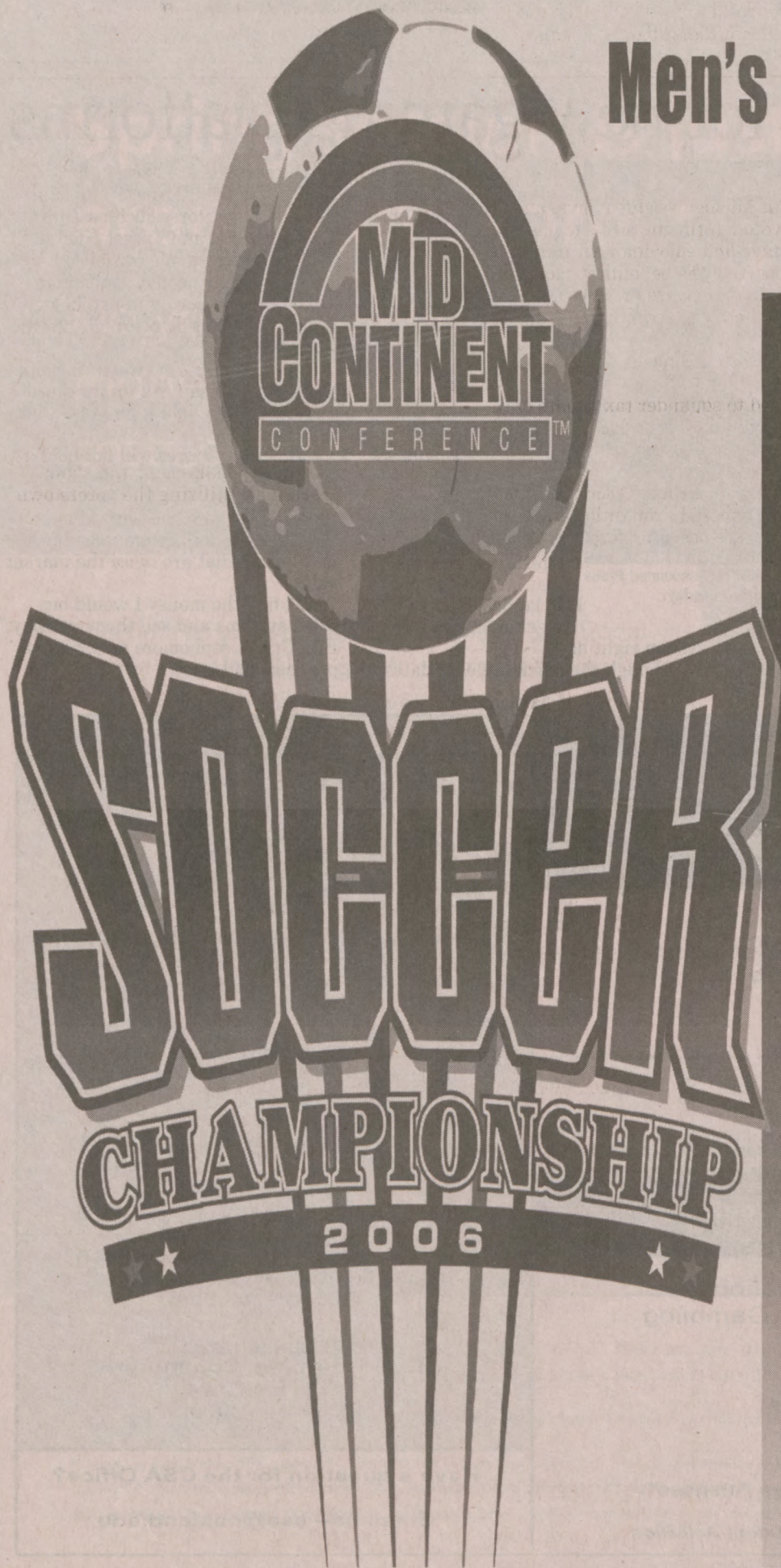
Nov. 4 Women's Championship 1 p.m.

Nov. 5 Men's Championship 1 p.m.

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Time to talk with Iran

America tried isolation before, and the policy proved itself worthless on Dec. 7, 1941. Pearl Harbor taught us that dialogue is worth infinitely more than bloodshed. We could take a lesson from one of our darkest hours, pick up the phone and call Iran. British Prime Minister Tony Blair decided to do just that.

In a major foreign policy speech Monday, Blair offered Iran and Syria the opportunity to engage in dialogue over the future of the Middle East.

Blair urged President Bush to acknowledge that finding a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be the key to solving the entire umbrella of problems in the region.

"A major part of the answer to Iraq lies not in Iraq itself but outside it, in the whole of the region where the same forces are at work, where the roots of

global terrorism are to be found, where the extremism flourishes," Blair said in his speech.

The current administration has effectively turned Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad into a cult hero before the rest of the anti-American community. The best way to combat him and his anti-Zionist agenda is to face him in front of the international community. Ahmadinejad will appear to be 10 times the fool he is now if he retains his views in the face of a new foreign policy that allows both sides to engage in public discourse.

If what many are saying is true, and military conflict is inevitable, wouldn't it be wise to exhaust every possible means to reach a mutual diplomatic agreement?

We know this guy is a nut, and most likely will have to be dealt with using aggressive tactics. But, discrediting him on a global stage will help garner

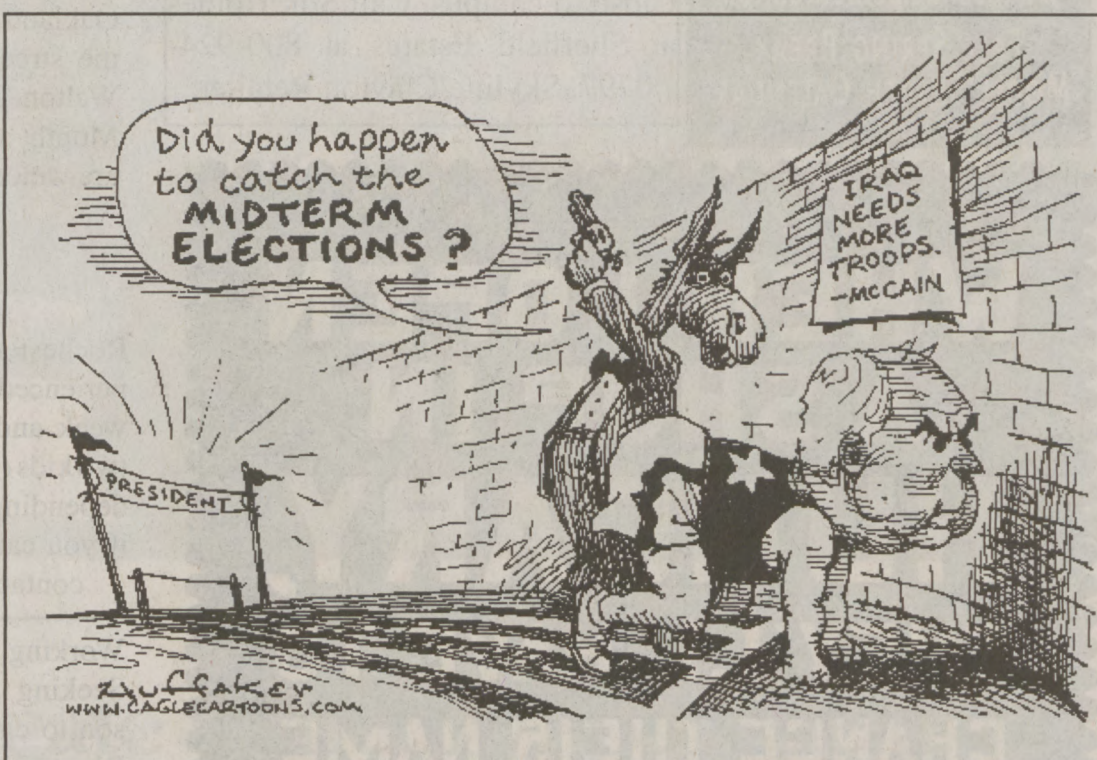
the widespread support that we now lack in Iraq.

The international community doesn't perceive that we have made any attempt to address the concerns of Iran, and we would look completely unjustified if we skipped straight to military action.

Israel is faced with the constant threat of terrorism, from its closest neighbors, whom they have the means to destroy. Israel exercises restraint — at great risk — in order to allow peaceful coexistence the right to exist. In the eyes of the global community, this is a much more reasonable approach than the one Ahmadinejad advocates, denying Israel its own right to exist.

If there is any hope of dodging what seems like a probable military showdown, restraint and empathy must be employed.

— The Oakland Post



"McCain and Iraq"
By Sandy Huffaker

STAFF COLUMN

What would it take to make students care?

By KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Editor in Chief

You may be wondering why The Post has run so many stories about apathy on campus in past weeks.

The reason is simple: Apathy is a huge problem on campus and we want you to care.

Our main goal as a newspaper is to give you the news and information that you want to know and that you need to know. You may have noticed this as a recurring theme in the last few editors of the

paper with the abundance of election coverage.

But, it's not that we want to beat you over the head with the fact that people on campus don't care — we want to bring about change.

Oakland University, as we all know, is mainly a "commuter campus." When you ask people why they don't care, they say they live 60 miles away and between driving into school, work, homework and the other pressures of being a young adult, they just don't have time.

My question to you is: Why not?

In case you haven't noticed, there is a war in Iraq that is killing hundreds of people each month, many of which are Americans who are our age. Do you agree with the war? Do you agree with President Bush? Do you even know what you agree with?

If you have visited (almost) any other campus in Michigan or across the United States, you may have noticed there are many protests, controversies and students getting mad

at other world events.

Why don't we do that here? During Vietnam there were huge protests on campuses speaking out against the war. We certainly aren't condoning protesting, but it would be nice to see even an ounce of emotion either way regarding the war.

Last week, there was an election. How many of you voted? How many of you even knew what was at stake?

Did you know that there was a ballot proposal that passed, and when it did, it ban

affirmative action? That ballot proposal effects everyone on campus because we will all be getting jobs (hopefully) soon. Did you make yourself educated and cast your vote?

I'm not saying that everyone on campus is apathetic and doesn't care. I'm simply saying that, as an editor of a newspaper, it gets extremely frustrating to see that my classmates and people of my generation are too "busy" to take 10 minutes to learn about what's going on in the world and take a stance.

Next week, there will not be another story about apathy in our newspaper. There will only be the editorial, front-page story and this column that, hopefully, will resonate you.

Whether you are for or against the war or voted for Granholm or DeVos, I don't care. I just want to see someone, anyone, everyone take a stance and get informed about the decisions and the events going on in this state, on this campus and in this world that effect our lives and our livelihood.

STAFF COLUMN

Is Sheffield the right answer for the Tigers?

By PAUL GULLY
Assistant News Editor

I have to admit, I'm a little uneasy with the Tiger's recent signing of 9-time All-Star outfielder/Designated Hitter Gary Sheffield. There are several things that have me fretting his addition to the team.

First of all, to me, Sheffield is a poor man's Barry Bonds (which is not necessarily be a bad thing).

Like Bonds, Sheffield is perceived as having a negative and selfish attitude, placing his needs above his team's.

Like Bonds, Sheffield is an aging slugger, with a lightning quick bat and good power, who doesn't strike out (Sheffield hasn't

struck out over 100 times in a season during his 19 year career.

And like Bonds/his ex-friend, steroid allegations surround Sheffield; and for good reason—the 1992 National League batting champion admitted to unknowingly using the a steroid.

In his prime, Sheffield had one of the best bats in the league. But at the age of 38, and after two injury-plagued seasons, I question if he is the same player that once consistently put up .300, 30, 100.

With the two-year, \$28 million contract extension the Tiger's gave Sheffield, the team now has a lot on money invested in aging players on the decline. Ivan Rodriguez signed a four-year, \$40 million contract

in 2004; Magglio Ordonez will be making \$15 million a year through 2009.

I'm also a little uneasy about getting rid of premiere pitching prospect Humberto Sanchez, although the club seems to have a plethora of young, live arms.

With all that said, I trust team President and GM Dave Dombrowski and the moves he makes. Regardless of Sheffield's perceived attitude, there is no question that he busts his ass on the field.

I would have liked to see Dombrowski go after Devil Rays outfielder Carl Crawford or sign free agent slugger Alfonso Soriano, but I guess a guy with a .297 career batting average, and 455 home runs will do.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Now that Michigan's elites have failed to persuade voters (utilizing a five to one spending advantage and enjoying near universal media support) of the benefits of race and gender preferences, they are predictably turning to the courts to try to strip the voters of their rights.

Following the example of elite's in other states, Mary Coleman; president of U of M, has promised to squander tax dollars of the voting majority in 80 out of 83 counties by trying to reverse and prevent their basic democratic rights.

It is the very elite's like Coleman, I have noticed, who opposed Proposition 2 and support sex and race based preferences for the masses that have little, if any effect on themselves.

These people are many of our CEOs, university presidents, politicians, etc., who have the clout, connections and privileges, including legacy admissions, that allow them to achieve their specific goals by circumventing and opting out of the normal process required of ordinary citizens.

The average voter saw through their duplicity and hypocrisy and voted to treat all people equally under the law.

However, in the future, the voters must also conduct proper due diligence on future university regents candidates to verify their position on these issues to prevent the voters principles being challenged and their wishes thwarted all utilizing the voters own tax dollars.

Jim Runestad
Waterford

What do you think?
Is there an issue you want to speak out about? Write a letter to the editor and send it to editor@oakpostonline.com.

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Author, Attorney, Product of rape

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Please join Students for Life as they welcome Rebecca Kiessling to speak at OU. Author, family law attorney, wife and mother, Rebecca will be speaking on adoption, overcoming adversity, abortion, law, philosophy, domestic violence and rape. She has been featured in Marie Claire Magazine, Glamour, has appeared on Extra, and on Tuesday will visit the students of OU to share her powerful story.

This event is free and open to everyone, and includes lunch!



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For more information on Students for Life at OU, please send an e-mail to: mtmajche@oakland.edu.

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a. Ford and Carter
b. Garfield and Hayes
c. Washington and Lincoln
d. Bush and Clinton

2. A story features the day and the life of what drug user?
a. Heroine
b. Marijuana
c. LSD
d. GHB

3. What time frame does American Hardcore take place in?
a. 1980-1986
b. 1970-1980
c. 1986-1992
d. 1990-2000

4. What system does Guitar Hero II play on?
a. PlayStation II
b. GameCube
c. Xbox
d. PC

5. How much did the Women's Basketball team score on Monday's game?
a. 107
b. 34
c. 80
d. 99

6. Do students suffer apathy at OU?
True
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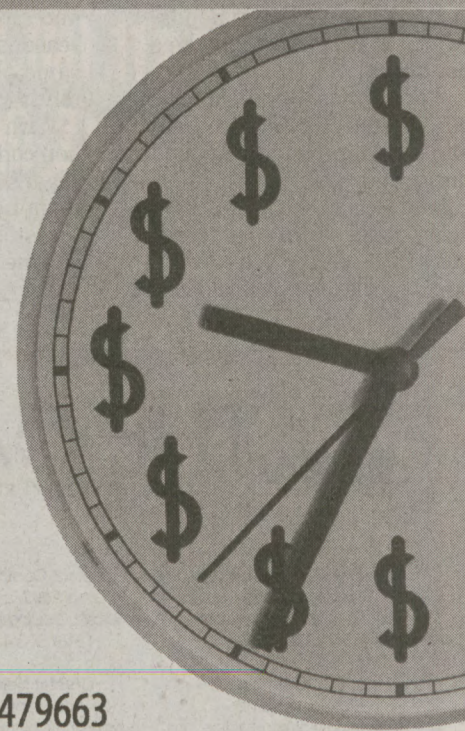
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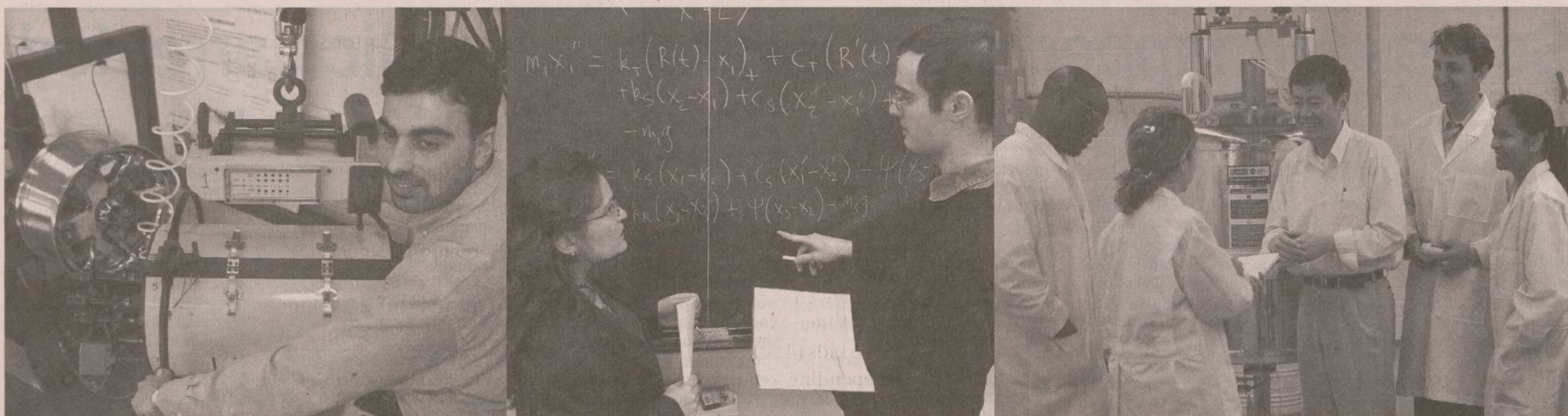
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— Elizabeth Zbrozek, biology student, on her project entitled, "Effects of UVA light in vitro on guinea pig lens crystallins"

"I was able to participate in the University of Michigan Meeting of the Minds and see my research efforts materialize into a tangible product that I could share with others. I consider the opportunity to present my work at such an event a platform to share the capstone experience I have gained during my undergraduate studies."

— Monica Bowman, art history student, on her project entitled, "Gunther von Hagens' Gestalt Plastinates: The Convergence of the Modernization of Art and Science - Recreation of Man as Art Object"

QUOTE OF THE DAY ...

"Initially, they (the U.S. and its allies) were very angry. The reason was clear: They basically wanted to monopolize nuclear power in order to rule the world and impose their will on nations."

— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Scores kidnapped from Baghdad, 5 police arrested

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Gunmen dressed as police commandos kidnapped scores of staff and visitors in a lightning raid on an education ministry office Tuesday in one of the biggest mass abductions since the start of the U.S. occupation. Five senior police officers- including the neighborhood police chief- were arrested, the gov-

ernment said.

At least 82 people were killed or found dead in murders, bombings and clashes nationwide.

Alaa Makki, head of parliament's education committee, interrupted the legislative session Tuesday morning to say that between 100 and 150 people, both Shiites and Sunnis, had been abducted in the 9:30 a.m. raid at the ministry offices, calling the kidnapping a "national catastrophe."

Abed Theyab, the higher education minister, told parliament he had repeatedly petitioned for more university security from the government but had received none.

He ordered all universities closed, saying he was "not ready to see more professors get killed," but later rescinded the directive after the government promised to increase security.

By late Tuesday, government officials were giving wildly varying figures for the

number abducted, with the higher education ministry saying about 130 were missing and the prime minister's office saying about 50 were taken and 20 of them had been released.

"It was a quick operation. It took about 10 to 15 minutes," Theyab said. "It was a four-story building and the gunmen went to the four stories." He said the gunmen had at least 20 vehicles.

Makki said the gunmen

had a list of names of those to take, and claimed to be helping the government's anti-corruption body check on security ahead of a planned visit by the U.S. ambassador. Those kidnapped included the office's deputy general directors, employees, and visitors, he said.

Police and witnesses said the gunmen, who numbered about 80, had closed off streets surrounding the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific

Research, Scholarships and Cultural Relations Directorate. The institute is responsible for granting scholarships to Iraqi professors and students wishing to study abroad.

Maj. Gen. Jalil Khalaf, an Interior Ministry spokesman, said those arrested included the police chief for the central Baghdad neighborhood of Karradah, the commander of the police brigade in charge of the area and three other officers.



THOMAS WRIGHT/AP Photo/University of Florida/IFAS
In this photo released from the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, bedbug specimens are seen in a laboratory at UF's Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center, Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006. Known scientifically as Cimex lectularius, the blood-sucking insects are well-adapted to human environments.



SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP Photo
Newly-elected House of members leave the steps of the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006 after posing for their group portrait. From left are, Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., Tim Mahoney, D-Fla. and John Hall, D-N.Y.



BEN GRAY/AP Photo/Atlanta Journal Constitution
Georgia Aquarium veterinarian Tonya Clauss, left, sets up an IV on Ralph, a whale shark, with help from Paul Clarkson, the aquarium's manager of husbandry, during a physical exam Thursday, Nov. 9. The examination was part of a groundbreaking series of exams on some of the world's largest fish at the only place outside of Asia where the sharks are on display.

NATION

Roman Catholic bishops approve new guidelines on gay ministry

BALTIMORE (AP) - The nation's Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved new guidelines Tuesday on outreach to gays, trying to support gay parishioners while strictly affirming the church stance that same-sex relationships are "disordered." Gay Catholic activists immediately judged the document a failure that will push gay and lesbians away from the church. The statement, "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination," upholds the Catholic prohibition against same-gender marriage and adoption by gay or lesbian couples. Yet bishops insisted that they're trying to be more "welcoming than condemning." The document says it's not a sin to be attracted to someone of the same gender — only to act on those feelings.

Jury selection begins for Ohio parents accused of keeping some of their 11 kids in cages

NORWALK, Ohio (AP) — Jury selection began Tuesday in the trial of a couple accused of abusing some of their 11 adopted special needs children by making them sleep in cages. Michael and Sharen Gravelle are charged with 16 counts of felony child endangering and if convicted could face one to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000 for each count. They also each face eight misdemeanor child endangering charges. The process of seating a jury in Huron County Common Pleas Court could take days, with 100 people being questioned. Earlier, about 350 potential jurors were sent questionnaires, and 250 were weeded out because of bias or other issues, said Ken Myers, who represents Sharen Gravelle.

Weakened at home, Bush faces tests abroad as he meets with world leader

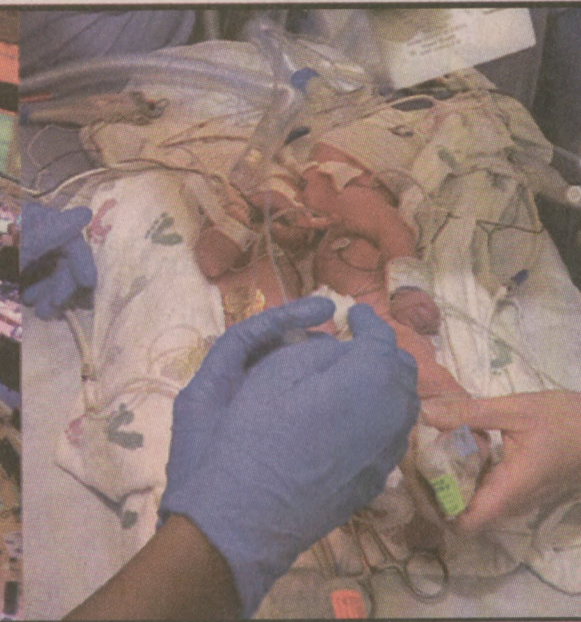
WASHINGTON (AP) — Humbled by elections at home, President Bush is heading into talks with dozens of foreign leaders in Asia and Europe who will be watching for signs of weakness, uncertainty or retrenchment. Bush's challenge is to demonstrate that U.S. leadership as the world's last superpower is undiminished on the world stage. "I think he will go vigorous, I think he'll give a powerful performance," said Kurt Campbell, a top Pentagon official in the Clinton administration who now is with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Some world leaders, particularly those who resented Bush's cowboy swagger and saw his decision to invade Iraq in 2003 as a dangerous act of unilateralism, might be gloating privately at the president's political misfortunes.

Study: Government, media must take responsibility for minorities' plight

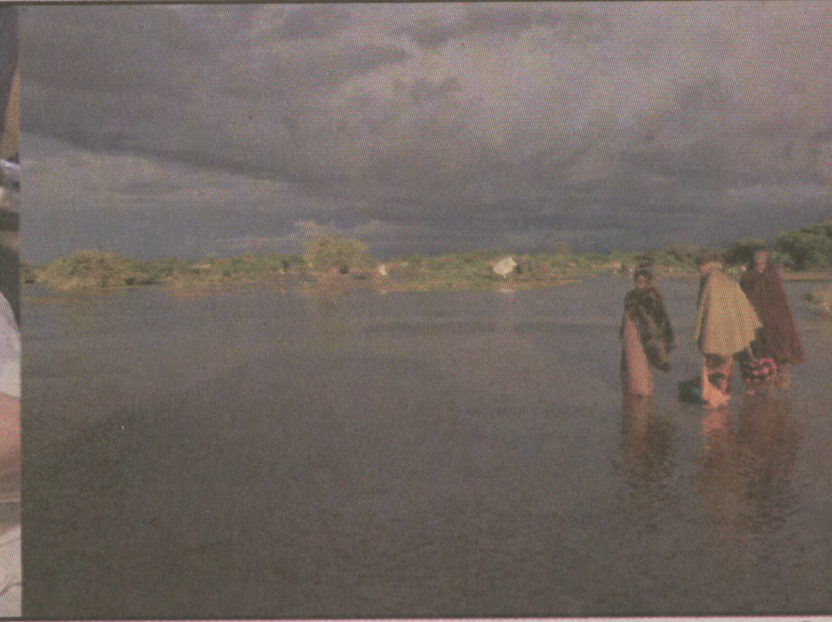
WASHINGTON (AP) - Flawed government policies and negative stereotyping of minority men have limited their economic opportunities, a new study says. It urges improved health care and education for minorities and less media consolidation. The study by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a research and policy group that focuses on issues that affect minorities, examined the impact of U.S. policies on men of black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American descent. It said the media and entertainment industries overrepresent minorities as criminals and whites as victims and law enforcers. Blacks are twice as likely as white defendants to be subject to negative pretrial publicity, it said. For Hispanics, three times as likely.



HAMID JALAUDDIN/The Associated Press
Al Jazeera English Channel staff prepare for the broadcast in Doha news room in Qatar on Tuesday. Today at 12:00 GMT Al Jazeera launches an English-speaking channel on to report world news from a Middle East perspective and challenge the dominance of Western media.



ERIC SHEAHAN/AP Photo/Courtesy Mayo Clinic
This Nov. 7, 2006, photo provided by the Mayo Clinic shows preparation before the start of a surgery to separate conjoined twin boys at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. This is the third such set to be cared for at the clinic in the past year.



FREDERIC COURBET/The Associated Press
Somali refugee women waded through rainwater outside the Ifo refugee camp in northern Kenya Sunday Nov. 12, 2006. Sections of refugee camps in northern Kenya are under water after heavy rains flooded them. Thousands of people are dealing with hard living conditions as all roads and lots of temporary tents have been destroyed by the rains.

WORLD

Group sues to have Rumsfeld and others investigated by Germany on war crimes charges

BERLIN (AP) — Civil rights activists filed suit Tuesday asking German prosecutors to open a war crimes investigation of outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and a host of other U.S. officials for their alleged roles in abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison and Guantanamo Bay. The 220-page document was sent to federal prosecutors by U.S. and German attorneys under a German law that allows the prosecution of war crimes regardless of where they were committed. It alleges that Rumsfeld personally ordered and condoned torture. "One of the goals has been to say a torturer is someone who cannot be given a safe haven," said Michael Ratner, the president of New York's Center for Constitutional Rights, which is behind the litigation. "It sends a strong message that this is not acceptable."

Iranian president says country will soon complete nuclear fuel program

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad boasted Tuesday that Iran will soon have mastered the production of nuclear fuel, but he added the country was far from producing enough fuel to power its Russian-built reactor. Iran has been locked in a standoff with the West over its nuclear program. The United States and its European allies have been seeking a U.N. Security Council resolution imposing sanctions on Tehran for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment. Addressing a press conference, Ahmadinejad claimed that the world had finally accepted that Iran has the complete cycle of fuel production — from mining uranium to enriching it to the level required for consumption in a nuclear power plant.

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Nov. 17, 1956 - USSR performs atmospheric nuclear test
Nov. 20, 1995 - "Beatles' Anthology, Vol 1" released
Nov. 21, 1877 - Tom Edison announces his "talking machine" invention (phonograph)

THE WORLD IN BRIEF

Bush, security team plan to meet on setting new course in war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to a humbling election, White House aides said Sunday that President Bush would welcome new ideas about the unpopular war in Iraq, even from Democrats he had branded as soft on terrorism. As Bush planned to meet Monday with a key advisory group on the war, his advisers adopted a new tone, days after a dissatisfied public handed the White House a divided government. "Full speed ahead" in Iraq, as Vice President Dick Cheney put it in the final days of the campaign, was replaced by repeated calls for a "fresh perspective" and an acknowledgment that "nobody can be happy" with the situation in Iraq. "We clearly need a fresh approach," said Josh Bolten, Bush's chief of staff, making the rounds of morning talk shows. Democrats, meanwhile, showed they were not all in accord on how to proceed in Iraq. Although party leaders back a multifaceted approach to stabilizing the country, lawmakers have not unified on when to bring troops home without risking more chaos in Iraq.

Shiite prime minister promising Cabinet shake up

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Shiite prime minister promised Sunday to reshuffle his Cabinet after calling lawmakers disloyal and blaming Sunni Muslims for raging sectarian violence that claimed at least 159 more lives, including 35 men blown apart while waiting to join Iraq's police force. Among the unusually high number of dead were 50 bodies found behind a regional electrical company in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, and 25 others found scattered throughout the capital. Three U.S. troops were reported killed, as were four British service members. Also Sunday, the country's Sunni defense minister challenged Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's contention that the U.S. military should quickly pull back into bases and let the Iraqi army take control of security countrywide. Defense Minister Abdul-Qadir al-Obaidi rejected calls by al-Maliki for the U.S. military to speed transfer of security operations throughout the country to the Iraqi army, saying his men still were too poorly equipped and trained to do the job.

Sen. McCain edges toward White House bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain said Sunday he is taking the initial steps for a White House bid in 2008, setting up a committee that allows a potential candidate to raise money and travel the country to gauge support. Democratic Sen. Joe Biden reaffirmed his intention to seek his party's nomination, though an announcement about establishing an exploratory committee probably will not come until early next year. The anticipated wide-open campaign — for the first time since the 1928 race, the field will not include a sitting president or vice president — lost one possible participant when Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., decided against a long-shot run. McCain, R-Ariz., said he is moving toward a 2008 bid by "doing things organizationally and legally" but will not make a final decision until early next year. McCain, considered the front-runner for his party's presidential nomination, said he could create an exploratory committee as early as this week.

Insurgent activity rises in Afghanistan, 3,700 deaths recorded this year

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Insurgent activity in Afghanistan has risen fourfold this year, and militants now launch more than 600 attacks a month, a rising wave of violence that has resulted in 3,700 deaths in 2006, a bleak new report released Sunday found. In the volatile border area near Pakistan, more than 20 Taliban militants — and possibly as many as 60 — were killed during several days of clashes, officials said Sunday. The new report said insurgents were launching more than 600 attacks a month as of the end of September, up from 300 a month at the end of March this year. The violence has killed more than 3,700 people this year, it said. Afghanistan saw about 130 insurgent attacks a month last year, said the report by the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board, a body of Afghan and international officials charged with overseeing the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact, a five-year reconstruction and development blueprint signed in February.

Poor, indebted farmers donate kidneys for money

JANDALA, Pakistan (AP) - Nasseem Kausar has done it. So, she says, have her sister, six brothers, five sisters-in-law and two nephews. Each has sold a kidney to a trade that has led Pakistan's media to dub the country a "kidney bazaar." "We do this because of our poverty," said Kausar, who is in her 30s and lives with her family in Sultanpur Mor, a village in eastern Pakistan. A kidney nets the donor \$2,500, sometimes less than half that amount, while recipients — some 2,000 a year — pay \$6,000 to \$12,000, compared with \$70,000 in neighboring China. Critics blame an economic system that enmeshes farmers in chronic debt, forcing them to sell their kidneys, and say the trade should be banned. The government says it is taking action. In the United States, donating kidneys for money is banned. But the Belgium-based International Society of Nephrology has suggested expanding the pool of kidney donors by legalizing payment of about \$40,000 to donors.

Ex-presidents Bill Clinton, George Bush keep them laughing

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — They're separated by more than 20 years, they come from opposing political parties, and one evicted the other from the White House. But Bill Clinton and George Bush act like a team, a pair of touring comedians with a well-honed act. The two former presidents even have their entrance down pat, striding in with arms aloft, music pounding, lights flashing, the crowd standing and going wild. The pair addressed more than 25,000 people attending the National Association of Realtors convention on Saturday, drawing at least six standing ovations and almost continuous applause. Bush and Clinton thanked the real estate agents for holding their convention in New Orleans. It's the biggest convention to come to the city since Hurricane Katrina hit Aug. 29, 2005, and the pair has raised \$130 million to aid New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in recovering from the storm.

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Punk's NOT dead

book and documentary share the stage

By ERIC ALLEN
Contributing Reporter



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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS of bands like The Ramones and The Sex Pistols, hardcore bands of the 80's took what they learned from these first generation punk bands and gave the music their own twist. These bands played faster, angrier and more politicized than any other form of rock and roll in the past.

The scene that rose around the formation of hardcore music is now the basis for the documentary "American Hardcore." Based on the book of the same title, the film follows the story of disillusioned American teens searching for an outlet for their rage. Through music, bands like Adolescents, SS Decontrol and Bad Religion were able to take out their frustrations about daily life and Regan era politics.

The timeline of the movie follows bands Black Flag, Bad Brains, and Minor Threat while simultaneously looking at scenes that sprouted up in major cities around the country. However, there is so much focus on these three main bands that it feels as though many others that made contributions to the hardcore genre were left on the cutting room floor. Bands like Dead Kennedys and The Misfits are not present in the film at all even though they received full chapters in the book version of "American Hardcore."

Director Paul Rachman uses powerful

interviews and amazing current-day footage to make up for the lack of quality footage from the 80's. Monumental modern video of the Bad Brains coming together to produce a new song and the rocky reunion of SS Decontrol takes the film to another level.

While there is no main narrator, influential scene figures like Ian McKaye (Fugazi, Minor Threat), Henry Rollins (Black Flag), and H.R. (Bad Brains) are joined by a literal cast of thousands that talk about the positives and negatives of hardcore's history. The movie's depiction of the start of the independent record industry is one of the most interesting parts of the film as McKaye talks about the creation of his label and others. The idea of DIY, or "do it yourself", reigns throughout the film as bands talk about creating their own records, magazines and flyers for shows.

"American Hardcore" is something that will startle much of the crowd that goes to see the movie, as the people that star in it are loud, vulgar and brash about their music's violent history. Nonetheless, this is what hardcore punk rock was and the movie documents the scene in a meaningful way that showcases some of history's most underrated and forgotten bands.



BILL AND TED WOULD CRAP THEMSELVES photo courtesy of guitarhero.com

Too much metal for just one game

Guitar Hero II shreds up the gaming world
By KEVIN ALFORD — Contributing Reporter

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK? If the answer was anything other than HELL YES, get a move on, because Guitar Hero II is only for the metal-hearted purists (or those who like to pretend to be metal-hearted purists).

On Nov. 7, 2006, the sequel to Guitar Hero was released to the public. For the uninitiated, Guitar Hero II is a rhythm based game for the Playstation 2 console where average Joes live out their long-haired, leather-pants wearing, groupie-mesmerizing dreams of being a rock god.

If the premise doesn't strike you, the practice will. Players wield a replica Gibson SG guitar controller with five "fret buttons" and a "strum bar." Holding down various frets while strumming acts like playing different notes of a song. Keeping time with the beat of your backup band plants you in the spiky-metal boots of a lead guitarist.

The real joy of a game like Guitar Hero is the song selection. Whichever

generation you hail from, this game has the songs you grew up on. For today's average college student, "Beast and the Harlot" by Avenged Sevenfold or "Woman" by Wolfmother are recognizable songs you can jam on in game.

For those of us a few years older, classic tunes like Alice In Chain's "Them Bones" and Danzig's "Mother" are playable. Oh, and for you cartoon nuts, you can play a track from [adult swim's] premier metal-ambassadors Dethklok, or Strongbad's perennial favorite "Trogdor".

The game features four settings of difficulty, Easy to Expert, to accommodate all levels of gamer.

Game modes are: Career, Quick Play and Multi-player. While Career mode is necessary to unlock new songs, axes and rockers, Quick Play is a fast way to jump into the game and burn a few cords in your spare time.

The most fun aspect, and greatest improvement on this game from the previous

version, is the Multiplayer. Whereas before you and a friend could trade licks, then play through a few verses in stereo-strumming, Guitar Hero II now allows one player to pick lead guitar, and the other to back up with bass or rhythm.

Another improvement in Multiplayer is the ability for players to pick their own difficulty level. Gone are the days of trying to rock out with your friends only to hear "Can we play on easy? I've never done this before!"

"I personally like Guitar Hero 2 even better than the original," said Liz Testa, a Bumpers Game Room Employee and avid Guitar Hero fan.

If you've never played, try the first Guitar Hero, available for rent from Bumpers Game Room in the basement of the OC, before dropping \$80 on a copy of the sequel.

Go out, buy this game, and get a second controller and rock. Remember, if it's not metal, MAKE IT METAL.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY ...

The fact is, as a Muslim living in America, though it's the land of my birth and upbringing, I feel the constant need to justify myself as a good person, or person at all.

— Nora Gothamy, Contributing Reporter

Muslim stereotypes unveiled

MSA answers questions about faith

By NORA GOTHAMY
Contributing Reporter

Terrorists. Oppressive. Primitive. The United States media constantly bombards the American public with images of war, destruction and oppression, and the culprit is often Islam.

Generally, viewers consume information regarding topics like health foods, weather and most of all Hollywood celebrity news with a degree of skepticism; but when Muslims are portrayed as a dehumanized enemy it seems it's accepted as fact.

Most people shy away from asking questions about Islam to those Muslims who practice, but the opportunity was offered Thursday for students to be more open. At "Islam Revealed," a panel of six students answered audience questions on Islam in the Fireside Lounge. The event was produced by the Oakland University Muslim Students Association (MSA), who could be identified by black T-shirts printed with the slogan "We Will Not Be Silent" in both English and Arabic

COMMENTARY

as a commentary on human rights atrocities.

Initially, a brief explanation was given on the five pillars, or basic principals of Islam, and then the event was opened to questions. Audience members asked about Islamic fasting, Muslim women's attire, jihad, polygamy, Judgment Day and capital punishment.

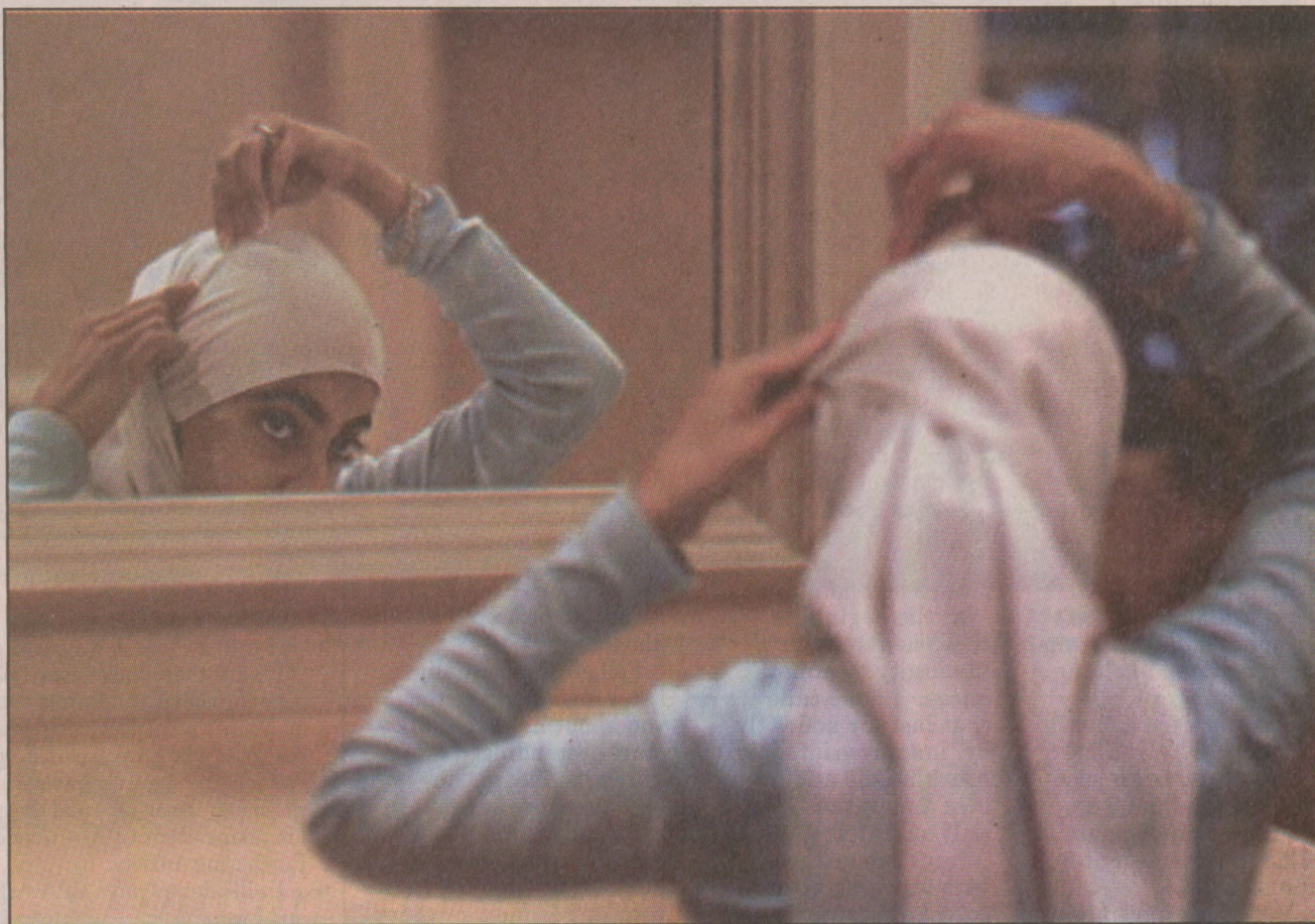
Although some topics stirred more emotion than others from both panelists and audience members, such as if Islam was spread by the sword, the panelists responded rationally and without hostility.

Although a few audience members chose to reject panelist explanations, clutching preconceived notions, the majority of students appeared open-minded.

"There were questions that had some knowledge behind them. It made me think people really wanted to learn instead of just stereotyping Islam" said MSA Secretary Nadia Khan, a sophomore biology major.

As a Muslim, I'm always enthusiastic about this type of event. The fact is, as a Muslim living in America, though it's the land of my birth and upbringing, I feel the constant need to justify myself as a good person, or person at all. My loose fitting clothing and veil covering my hair makes my faith obvious, and generally stirs public concerns and criticism. This is the reality for most Muslims, and the instigator appears to be ignorance.

"I want people to know they shouldn't substitute the minority for the majority; they shouldn't generalize," said panelist Rania Al-Mufti, a



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Sadaf Butt, of Alabama, adjusts her hijab in a mirror at the 43rd annual Islamic Society of North America convention in Rosemont, Ill.

junior elementary education major.

It is unfortunate that an entire religion had to be capsulated in one hour. Though personally, I would have explained topics such as polygamy differently or more in-depth, I'm pleased at the outcome of Thursday's event. Perhaps the large audience was due to the event's location in a

high traffic area, or perhaps because it took place during Multicultural Awareness Week.

Still, I would like to imagine that the crowd was drawn in by a curiosity and desire to educate themselves about a group of people who compose their neighbors, co-workers, and friends, and not a craving for spark-

ing controversy by making offensive comments about Islam disguised as questions, which I reluctantly suspected. "Baby steps, but we're getting somewhere," said Khan.

For more information about Islam or the OU MSA, e-mail msaoakland@gmail.com, or visit their office, room 49 in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

Students raise their "Diverse Voices"

Students speak out for diversity at annual conference

By ERIC ALLEN
Contributing Reporter

In the wake of the defeat of Affirmative Action, the Human Resource Development Department at Oakland University held its annual "Diverse Voices" conference Saturday in attempt to raise awareness about diversity.

The conference, which is now its ninth year, began as an initiative of Oakland University staff member Dr. Chaundra L. Scott.

The purpose of the event is to "support students in promoting unity, equality, and under-

standing among all cultures," which is achieved by providing students with a chance to speak out publicly about diversity.

The "Diverse Voices" conference has grown considerably to include students and faculty from universities around the state including Madonna University, Davenport University, Oakland Community College and University of Detroit Mercy.

OU students such as Amy Prachaseri gave speeches about their feelings on diversity in the world today. Prachaseri, the President of the Diverse Voices Student Organization, talked to the audience about how diversity is not just about other people, but about the decisions we make for ourselves and our futures.

Speaking about her plans for finding a job after graduation, she said, "Companies I want to work for must have the same values as me."

Dr. Juanita Johnson-Bailey, professor of adult

education and women's studies at the University of Georgia, was the "Diverse Voices" keynote speaker. In her speech, Johnson-Bailey talked about the need for diversity around the world and ways we can achieve this in our own society.

Emphasizing that programs like affirmative action benefit not just one group of people but also individuals of all kinds, Johnson-Bailey pointed out that even in 2006 many people are still at a disadvantage. However, she asked, what have the privileged people done to make life any better for those who are disadvantaged and ignored in society?

Johnson-Bailey related the privileged and their ignorance to playing a game of baseball. "The privileged think they hit a triple," said Johnson-Bailey. "But really they just started out on third base."

Instead of realizing that their privilege is purely out of luck, Johnson-Bailey made it clear that she believes that many privileged people

don't believe it's their responsibility to give back to groups that could truly use the help from the wealthy and powerful.

Johnson-Bailey stressed that, "diverse speech is alright, but it needs to be in action at all times."

In a country where last year alone over 7,000 hate crimes were committed, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the need for diversity and understanding among all kinds of people is vital. In her speech, Johnson-Bailey quoted the words of Indian philosopher Mahatma Gandhi, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Scott agreed with Gandhi's statement and explained in closing that the only way we can achieve diversity is by making changes in our own lives. Doing things like saying "Hello" to someone you have never talked to before and holding the door open for people are simple ways of opening yourself up to different cultures that you have never experienced before.



Photo courtesy of Joni Hubred-Golden
"By Jupiter" cast members include (clockwise from left) Elise Castle as Hippolyta, Jacob Mondry as Theseus, Courtney Lynn Warford as Antiope and Ben Lynch as Sapiens.

Warrior women fight and sing in 'By Jupiter'

MTD presents revival performance of musical

By KELLY KOZLOWSKI
Assistant Features Editor

Walking in, you get the feeling that you are part of the show. Lights are dimmed. The audience gazes toward the center of the room. And if you aren't careful, you may walk right into one of the sparkling columns of the set. The pit warms up in the background. The harp. Then the trumpet. Then percussion. The murmur of the audience fades to silence. The clock shows five past eight, and it begins.

"By Jupiter" opened Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Varner Studio Theatre at Oakland University. Written by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, "Jupiter" first saw the stage in 1942. OU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD) presents its revival of the musical this month, directed by Tom Suda, special instructor of theatre, with musical direction by Fred Love, assistant professor of theatre.

Singing Greek warriors start the show off with a delightful melody that leads into the introduction of the Amazon army. It's the men versus the women from the very beginning.

"Jupiter" uses song, dance and a fair share of humor to show what happens when gender roles are reversed. Pomposia the Amazon woman, played by Kara Kimmer, informs listeners that "the Greeks have reversed the natural order of things." She is referring to Greek social structure, in which the males are the more powerful gender.

Amazon culture is precisely opposite. The women fight, lead and resist romance ... in the beginning.

In the course of two acts, separated by a brief intermission, audiences come to know Theseus and Homer as the Greek intruders in search of the sacred Girdle of Diana, worn by Hippolyta, the Amazon queen. Hippolyta fights the Greeks alongside her sister, Antiope, while tending to the relationally high-maintenance Sapiens, an Amazon man. Many of the characters begin the play as singles, and after a hilarious turn of events, they end the show with romances flourishing.

Fast-paced and quick-witted, "Jupiter" will capture audiences for most, if not all, of its two-and-a-half-hour duration. There are moments of hilarity, irony, seduction and surprise.

The cast of 23 includes multiple contenders for "best performance." Buria, played by Alicia Psuik, is the essence of an Amazon, adding an element of humor merely with her distinctly masculine presence.

Benjamin Lynch throws himself into the part of Sapiens without holding anything back. In a show that revolves around gender stereotypes, he handles the role reversal well, offering a refreshingly funny femininity without personifying cliché.

Craig Hemming's Homer is distinct in character; you will not mistake him for any other Greek. He holds his own well amidst other strong performances.

The vocal talent of Courtney Lynn Warford as Antiope establishes a strong presence early on, later complemented by the musical stylings of Jacob Mondry as Theseus. They are two to watch.

Using minimal sets and props, the cast of "Jupiter" reminds audiences that much can be done with a song and a dance.

Remaining performances are scheduled for Nov. 16-19, 30, and Dec. 1-3 at the Varner Studio Theatre. For showtimes, ticket sales and further information, visit the MTD section at www.oakland.edu or call the box office at (248) 370-3013.

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Keepin' it Fresh

By KYLE MAGIN
Special Projects Reporter

The first month and a half. Anyone who has ever been in a relationship knows that the first month and a half is the "free-ride" period.

Everything the other person does is cute, every time they slip up with their words or forget a phone call, it's totally cool, because they're awesome. Fights don't happen, smiles run rampant and hand-holding isn't weird yet.

Fast forward a month or two.

When you tell a joke and they laugh for a painfully long amount of time it becomes irritating as hell.

When you have a wording malfunction, the situation quickly escalates into a "so you think I'm fat" conversation, and miss a phone call?

Good luck with not having that held over your head for the next two weeks.

Yes, the initial leg of a relationship is pure bliss.

Remember when he didn't fart in front of me? Remember when she didn't mind that I sat around every night with my roommates, getting drunk and watching Family Guy?

The list of grievances are nearly endless.

Generally, things sour for a variety of reasons. You get to know the other person a bit too well, and while you may come to love them, it will just never be as fresh as when you're just getting to know one another.

During the first month and half, each is completely blind to the other's bad habits.

In the beginning, there is a built-in immunity to annoyances. Phone calls that last for hours fly by, inappropriate jokes draw laughs and a certain amount of BS is still tolerated.

Guys can get away with bragging about high school sports accomplishments, because she doesn't know his buddies well enough yet to get the truth out of them.

That's when she'll find out that you're a little less John Elway and a little more John Candy.

Girls can pull an "I'm (sad, mad, sick, worried)" and still reasonably expect to get attention. Pull that two months later?

Lady, your plea for a sympathetic ear will go about as unnoticed as the rest of the Superbowl post-Janet

Jackson.

The key to keeping that magic, to make sure the torch never goes out?

Find out as little as possible about the other person.

Don't stay up late asking each other questions on the phone — it's a waste of both of your times.

Girls, don't worry if he doesn't call for a week or three, you'll have plenty to talk about it when he decides to pick up that phone.

Fellas, stop actually listening when she tells you about herself and start pretending.

Insert a clever "uh-huh" here or there and really think about that awesome play you punked your buddy with on Madden, or that really hot friend your girlfriend has.

This will keep her interesting because she will be more of a mystery, and will keep you entertained because you don't have to hear about all the stupid crap she talks about anyway.

Maintaining a certain amount of uncertainty will ensure that the good times keep rolling.



KARA O'CONNELL/The Oakland Post

By PAUL GULLY
Assistant News Editor

I know that almost every guy has gone through it at one time or another. There's no medical diagnosis for it, but those who have experienced it all speak of the same symptoms: embarrassment, uneasiness and discomfort. I'm taking about CPA — Condom Purchasing Anxiety.

I will admit, I am a CPA sufferer and I want to share my story. For me, and many others who practice safe sex, buying condoms can be very nerve-racking and an overall humiliating ordeal.

My condom purchasing usually consists of slight variations of the same events/experiences.

First of all, whoever decided to place condoms in the same aisle as feminine hygiene products (Target), or skin care lotions and hair removal products (Meijer) is an idiot — the only people who utilize the aisle besides the nervous condom shopper are senior citizens and moms, which can be a major hindrance.

When I buy condoms I like to peruse the different brands and technologies to see what's new in the

world of condoms; because after all, it's only every two to three years that I'm in the market for more condoms (and yes, I just took a shot at myself).

I debate whether I should go with the "ultra ribbed," or "extra sensitive." In my latest condom outing, I also recently discovered the new Trojan Mint Tingle, which I was tempted to purchase — but then thought otherwise.

But since women seem to frequent the "condom" aisle, I always interrupted in my protection purchasing. And whenever I hear a shopping cart nearing, I instinctively turn to the parallel shelves, where I find myself fake-shopping for awkward items and catching weird glances from subsequent shoppers.

Now, after settling on my condom of choice, the humiliation is not over. I have to then navigate my way across the store to the registers, while rigorously trying to conceal my prized purchase. On the "walk of shame," I usually grab a pack of baseball cards and several Hershey bars to help disguise the true intentions of my shopping adventure.

Once I make it to the register, the humiliation hits its climax (no pun intended) — face-to-face contact with the cashier, who, by the way, is always

an older woman, who seems so joyous and innocent.

While waiting in line, I always build a wall of Hershey bars and baseball cards around the condoms, hiding them as they make their way down the conveyor belt. And the cashier is always in a dainty and chipper mood, making pleasant conversation, ringing up the baseball cards and chocolate until she eyes the provalactics. At that point, the once dainty cashier undergoes a metamorphosis—in an instance her smile quickly flattens out and she no longer will make eye contact.

It almost seems as though she is hesitant to touch the money that you pull out of your wallet—like it's somehow tainted.

Through my experiences, I've come up with some pointers so you no longer have to be a CPA sufferer. If you feel comfortable, have the girl buy them for you. If there's no way of getting out of it, go early in the morning, before 8 a.m., when there aren't as many shoppers. But the easiest way to avoid CPA is to buy in bulk online or through wholesale warehouses.

Hopefully, by taking these precautions, your next condom purchase will go smoothly and you will free of CPA.

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Clash of the titans

Three champions storm the pool in tri-meet

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Contributing Reporter

Last Friday's tri-meet hosted by Oakland University saw three of the best swimming and diving teams at the collegiate level pitted against one another. Oakland, the defending Mid-Con champions, fell short to both MAC champs Eastern Michigan University and Ivy League champs Princeton University.

The 400-yard medley relay team kicked things off for the men with a first place finish, and all four swimmers came up big in individual races. Junior Zolton Horvath edged out EMU's Don Ellison for first in the 200-yard breaststroke. Sophomore Aaron Holdsworth finished first in the 200 freestyle and set a season best in the 200 butterfly, where he placed second.

Sophomore Mike Templeton claimed victory on the 200-yard backstroke and his 1:51.80 time was enough to beat his season best.

Sophomore Andy Kellogg came up with a pair of second-place finishes in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. His 21.33 and 46.69 finishes broke both of his previous season bests.

Oakland placed third, fourth and fifth in both the one-meter diving and the three-meter diving events. Freshman Adam Ralph finished third in the one-meter board, followed closely by

junior Ryan Kish and senior John VanPortfleet. Kish finished third in the three-meter board, followed by VanPortfleet and Ralph.

The women's team was led by senior Amanda Burwell, who collected a pair of first place finishes in the 200-yard IM and the 200-yard backstroke. Junior Rachel Beardsley also finished in first in the 50-yard freestyle, beating her previous season best time by 0.10.

Sophomore Sophia Gustafsson and junior Riley Rigoli also swam season bests. Gustafsson shaved four seconds off of her time in the 1000 yard freestyle, where she finished second.

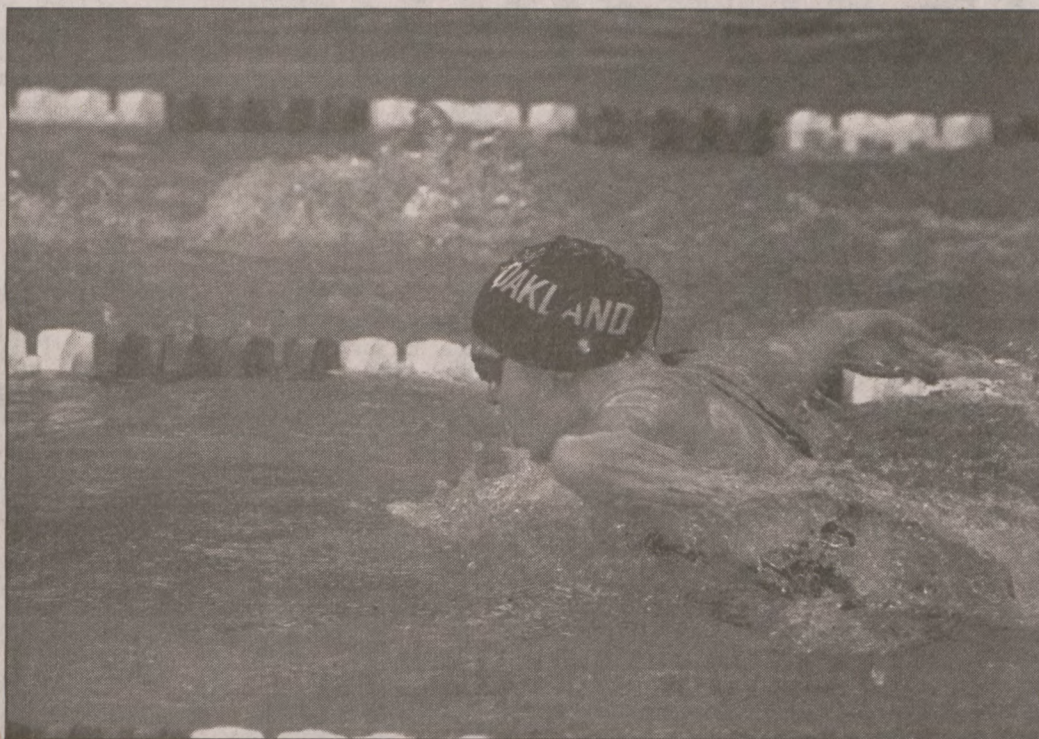
Rigoli tied with EMU's Stephanie Cholyk for second in the 100-yard freestyle for a season-best time of 52.72.

Freshman Missy Butcher placed fifth in both diving events for the Golden Grizzlies.

"Overall, I am very pleased with our efforts, although I am disappointed with the outcome," said Head Coach Pete Hovland. "We did well in a lot of areas, which is encouraging."

Hovland hopes to lead his teams to the Mid-Con championship again this season, where the Grizzlies have finished first all seven years since joining the conference in the 1999-2000 season.

"We swim tired all year and hope it comes together in February," said Hovland.



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The Golden Grizzlies women's team put forth a great effort, but fell to both visiting teams last Friday.

Grizzlies end season on sour note

Volleyball picks up two losses to put an end to their 2006 Mid-Con run

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Contributing Reporter

A disappointing season ended with nothing less than a pair of disappointing losses for the volleyball team. Oakland dropped matches to both IUPUI and Chicago State last weekend to bring the team's final record to 1-25.

Three games was all it took for the Jaguars to defeat the Golden Grizzlies Friday night in Indianapolis. IUPUI held an early lead in game one, but Oakland fought back and came within two points, trailing 15-13. The Jaguars then capitalized on an OU attack error and the Grizzlies were unable to catch up, dropping the game 30-25.

Game two was a close one, as OU came up with an 8-4 lead early and tied the game at 16-16 after the Jaguars had pulled ahead. The two teams stayed neck-and-neck, but IUPUI came up with the win, 30-28.

Oakland fell far behind in the final game, trailing IUPUI by 20-9. The Golden Grizzlies were able to make a comeback, however it wasn't enough to match the momentum of the Jaguars, as they claimed a 30-20 victory.

Oakland was led by freshman Leah Dupuie, who finished the night with 14 points, 13 kills and two blocks. Junior Monica Frechen had 13 points, with eight kills, three aces and three blocks and

sophomore Lauren Duquette had 18 digs.

Saturday night, the Golden Grizzlies managed to put up a win in the third game against the Cougars, but it wasn't enough for a repeat of the match between the two teams earlier this season, when OU came out with its only win of the season.

As Chicago State would win the first two games 30-24 and 30-26, OU refused to give up in game three, winning 30-23. The Grizzlies led the entire game and though the Cougars trailed by only one, 17-16, Oakland pulled ahead and past CSU for the win.

Unfortunately, the Golden Grizzlies could not keep the momentum and the Cougars came out on top, 30-19 thus ending Oakland's season.

Freshman Jessica Allera finished with 14 kills, while both Dupuie and Frechen had 13. Frechen also added six blocks and Duquette set a career-high with 30 digs.

Despite having only one win this season, Head Coach Dave Schmidlin looks past the win column and is pleased with how much the team has improved.

"We saw tremendous improvement during the second half of the conference season, especially on the offense," Schmidlin said. "We were much more competitive during the final stretch. If it were not for some of those injuries, we probably would have won 3-5 of those conference matches."

The Grizzlies are losing one senior in Jenny Dodson, whom Schmidlin called, "a tremendous leader who always stayed positive, even when the losses piled up."



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OU ALUMNI IN THE PROS ...

A number of former Oakland players are making their mark in the professional leagues. Rawle Marshall, traded to the Indiana Pacers over the summer, made the team's opening-day lineup. Likewise, Mike Helms is ranked fourth in Australia's NBL with an average of 22.8 points.

Grizzlies come out fierce

Men wipe out Yellowjackets, douse Phoenix fire over weekend

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

Blow-out. Slaughter. Roll-over. Whatever you want to call it, the Golden Grizzlies defended their home court like an army protecting their fort this weekend and put two fresh "W's" in the win column.

When Head Coach Greg Kampe called this year's Golden Grizzlies "a changed team" last week, he certainly wasn't kidding. The first evidence of that was Friday's home opener against Defiance College.

With a full student section and an always enthusiastic pep band behind them, OU hit the ground running and ran the Defiance offense into the ground. The only lead the Mustangs held was the first basket of the game to make the game 2-0 at 19:43 in the first half.

From then on, it was all down hill for Defiance. The Golden Grizzlies dropped a whopping 40 points in the first half, led by junior Rick Billings with 10 points, followed closely by Erik Kangas with eight points, two of those coming off three-pointers.

The second half only emphasized OU's new-found defensive focus, as the team racked up 31 defensive rebounds and 11 steals for the game.

"They made it hard for them and that's what pleased me the most," said Kampe on his team's defensive hustle.

It was also raining three-pointers, as Kangas sank another three treys in just over two minutes. But his teammates were hardly surprised at his 62 percent accuracy from behind the arc.

"It's not new to me, I see it every day in practice," said Billings. "When he misses, that's what's new to me."

In fact, there wasn't much missing going on, as the Golden Grizzlies led by as many as 43 points at the 10:40 mark in the second half. High scorers for OU were Kangas with 19, sophomore Derrick Nelson close behind with 18 points and five assists and eight boards, and Billings with 12 points.

Defiance's only offense came in the form of Anthony Pettaway, who put up 12

points for the Yellowjackets.

The high intensity basketball only continued on Sunday evening, when it was the Phoenix of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's turn to meet their match with OU. UWGB couldn't live up to their preseason hype and dropped a mere 57 points to Oakland's 74.

OU put up another great defensive effort and held the Phoenix to 23 points in the first half and 39 percent shooting from the field, which raises the question "who says you can't play with fire?"

"I really thought defensively, since we moved to Division I, the first half of defense was the best defense that an Oakland team's played," said a pleased Kampe. "We finally got a group of ten guys who can defend...We're going to be a good defensive team and it's for the first time since the Division II days that I can hang a hat on that as a coach."

Not only did this team put up the block on the defensive end, but they also carried their offensive momentum over from the Defiance game, with three Grizzlies in double figures. Senior Vova Severovas led the charge with 22 points and went 14-15 from the free throw line in a game with a whopping 47 fouls called.

Kangas continued his three-point reign and dropped another six treys and added 20 points to the total. Billings rounded up the high scorers with 12 points and two steals.

With two impressive showings at home under their belt, the Golden Grizzlies go out on the road for the next three weeks in a road trip, including the CAA Basketball Classic in Pittsburgh, Pa., then face Duquesne, Michigan State University, and Cincinnati.

"With the teams we are looking at down the line here, we need to play like that," said Kampe after the victory against Defiance. "We need to play with that level of intensity."

The Golden Grizzlies return home on Dec. 2, when they will play the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 4 p.m. The game will be broadcast on Comcast Local. From there, they embark on a five-game roadtrip to take on the likes of UCLA and Arkansas, among others.



Hot-handed sophomore Erik Kangas gets into position to knock down another three-pointer. Kangas went 5-8 from behind the arc against Defiance.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

OU steamrolls over Mustangs

By ROB TATE
Senior Reporter

The Oakland University women's basketball team started off the season with an exclamation point. The Lady Golden Grizzlies pounded Division II Marygrove College on Monday, 107-40 in their season and home opener.

Oakland wanted to open the season with a statement after reaching the NCAA Women's Tournament and were bounced out against Ohio State back in April. OU features some fresh faces in the starting line with new captain, sophomore Jessica Pike, making her first career start and sophomore April Kidd seeing extended playing time after the graduation of Jayme Wilson and Anne Hafeli.

The Mustangs of Marygrove never really stood a chance at the get go. The Golden Grizzlies came out firing on all cylinders with senior Nicole Piggott and Pike leading the offensive charge.

"You can't lose your intensity at all," Pike said about the blowout game. "We had a lot of assists tonight, out of 45 field goals we had 32 assists, it was really good unselfishness."

The 45 field goals were three shy of a team record of 48 that was set back in 1994, the 32 assists accumulated were seven shy of the record of 39 set in 2000.

Pike led all scorers with 19 points on 9 of 14 shooting.

"I don't really look at the stats too much, but it feels good to come out and play well," Pike added.

Piggott chipped in 17 points and 11 rebounds. Piggott is now nine points away from 1,000 points in her college career.

Head Coach Beckie Francis was glad to get a victory the first game of the season and that the team didn't show any signs of letting down. Oakland was 1-7 all-time on opening games since joining Division I coming into Monday night's game.

"We liked that we didn't lose our intensity, even though we had a lead," Francis said. "In the past, (when) we get a big lead like that, sometimes we would get sloppy. But everybody was hungry, they were still diving on the floor for loose balls."

Francis also loved what she saw out of her new players, especially the play of freshman Hanna Reising, who dumped 14 points on the Mustangs.

"We know that Hanna is a very good player, and she plays like an upperclassman already," Francis said. "She has poise; she just plays like a veteran already."

Reising showed the poise that Francis talked about and also showed that she wasn't nervous for her first career game.

"I felt comfortable going into the game, I like coming off the bench," Reising said. "It's nice starting, but coming off the bench is something different for me because I get some mental reps in. I like coming in, knowing what to do and making the difference."

OU faces a tough stretch with road games at Wisconsin-Green Bay tonight and then down to Tallahassee to take on Florida State on Sunday afternoon.

"We're looking to go see how we can compete against a mid-major like (Wisconsin) Green Bay, (they) have traditionally gone to the tournament seven out of the last eight years and then compete with a top 25 team with a new team like we have," Francis said.



Jessica Pike puts up three of her 19 points behind the arc against Marygrove Monday night.

Women's soccer bows out in opening round of play

By ROB TATE
Senior Reporter

Not even lightning could faze Notre Dame. The Oakland women's soccer team came up short in the first round of the NCAA Women's College Cup, losing to an unstoppable Notre Dame Fighting Irish last Friday 7-1.

The game featured a two-hour delay because of lightning in the area. The delay came in the last minute of the first half and lasted 90 minutes. When the game resumed, the rest of the first half was played and then the second half was played immediately, without an intermission.

Notre Dame came into the game with a 20-0-1 record overall on the season and drew the number one seed for the tournament. The Fighting Irish also drew home field advantage for the first two rounds.

Oakland got off to a good start in the second half. In the 49th minute, junior Kristi Evans notched Oakland's lone goal off a penalty shot from 20 yards out, making the score 2-1. The goal was Evans 8th of the season.

It all went down hill from there for the Golden Grizzlies, as Notre Dame reeled off five straight goals to end the game. Oakland was dominated by the Notre Dame offense on the game, being out shot 25-2. Sophomore goalkeeper Kim Herbst still managed 10 saves on the game.

Scoring goals for Notre Dame were Amanda Cinalli, Kerri Hanks (with three goals), Molly Iarocci, Susan Pinnick and Michelle Weissenhofer.

Notre Dame moved on in the tournament by defeating Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sunday by a score of 1-0.

Oakland's final record this season was 8-11-1, with junior Kristi Tomczyk leading the way with 10 goals this season.