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FINANCIAL AID

Oakland trumps ACE

Applications for loans increase

By JEFF KRANTZ
Senior Reporter

It's a shame to see college students dropping out of school as a result of rising tuition costs, Gov. Jennifer

Granholm said Tuesday. Even more disappointing, she said, is the fact that aid is available for every college student.

"I think it's real important for students to not drop out — especially if loan opportunities are available," she said at a meeting with Oakland Press editors and reporters.

"The economy does not reward stu-

dents taking a class here and there," she said. "The economy rewards completion. You gotta complete that degree."

The governor's comments were in response to an Associated Press story that found many low-income students who would probably qualify for financial aid are not even bothering to apply.

The findings were based on a results of a national study conducted by the American Council of Education, often referred to as ACE.

Apparently, Oakland University students are savvier than other college students. The number of financial aid recipients at Oakland

Fewer undergrads applying for aid

The percentage of students who filed out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in the 2003-2004 academic school year was down across all institutions compared to 1999-2000.

Percentage of undergraduates who did not file a FAFSA

ALL UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS	1999-2000	2003-2004
Public two-year	67.4	71.0
Public four-year	54.8	56.5
Private nonprofit four-year	44.8	52.2
Private for-profit	18.9	12.9
Other*	47.2	56.4

*Includes students attending public less-than-two-year institutions, private nonprofit two-year colleges, and military institutions in 2003-2004.

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Behind the veil

By JAMIE WAUGH
Contributing Reporter

When her mother found out, she was upset. She told her daughter not to wear "that shit" and that she didn't want to be seen with her in public.

Her father reacted in very much the same way, only worse. Why did his daughter want to do this, he asked. Why would she want to be like those people?

Heather Green faced a problem that is growing increasingly large in this country: being accepted in American society as a woman who wears hijab.

Hijab is often mistaken to be the traditional head covering worn by Muslim females. However, it is more than that.

Muslims believe females should cover their entire bodies excluding their hands and face after reaching puberty.

Green, 19, is a sophomore majoring in psychology at Oakland University. She started wearing hijab in October.

Green, whose parents are Christian, converted to Islam in April of 2004. Since then, the Auburn Hills resident has struggled to gain acceptance from her parents.

"I had wanted to start wearing it for a long time, but I just didn't want it to be a shock to my parents," Green said. "It is a very big step. It's a lifelong commitment."

Green represents just one of a growing number of Muslims in this country.

According to the U.S. Department of State Web site, Islam is one of the fastest-growing religions in the United States today.

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I don't usually like to draw attention to myself.

I consider myself a quiet and reserved person who doesn't like to get involved in anyone else's business.

I pretty much keep to myself and let others be.

Just imagine someone like myself being put out on the line to be the center of attention, exposed to the world for everyone else to see.

That's what I decided to do. And trust me, nobody would want this kind of attention.

I have always been aware of the fact that people who don't look "normal" get unwanted attention from an open audience. I have witnessed this many times.

I have seen people who are disabled get stared at as if they belong in a freak show, and I have seen people gawk at Muslim women who choose to wear hijab.

So, I put myself on the other side, and walked out of my comfortable home and out into the scrutiny of the outside world. I decided to wear hijab in two different areas to see the

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Photo illustration by Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Jamie Waugh, an American non-Muslim, said wearing hijab for a day was an eye-opening experience.

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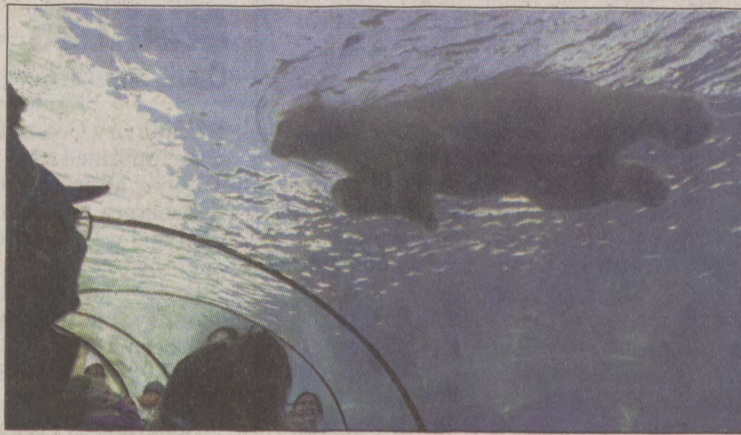
Committee investigates charges against legislator

By JEFF KRANTZ
Senior Reporter

The Oakland University Student Congress Disciplinary Committee is currently investigating three separate charges — including an accusation of verbal assault — that have been filed against

Legislator Justin Zatkoff. Zatkoff, a recently appointed Student Congress legislator whose controversial documentary film was the subject of an hour-long debate during his confirmation hearing, said that Montrell Porter,

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Visitors to the polar bear exhibit at the Detroit Zoo watch as a polar bear swims over them at the zoo's Ring of Life exhibit in Royal Oak.

DETROIT ZOO

Heated remarks exchanged over threatened zoo closure

By SARAH KARUSH
The Associated Press

DETROIT — A fight over the threatened closure of the Detroit Zoo turned into a racially charged war of words Tuesday between Detroit City Council members and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

But even as they turned the heat up on the rhetoric, council members who had rejected an agreement to relinquish the city's control of the zoo's daily operations said they were hopeful a deal could be reached to keep the beloved institution open.

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■ Turn to A4 for the latest happenings across the nation and throughout the world

Author recounts civil rights plight

By HEIDI ROMAN
Contributing Reporter

Michael Honey remembers taking part in a fast at Vandenberg Hall to protest a Detroit newspaper that wouldn't print the diary of a young black girl. This was in 1967, when Honey was a student at Oakland University.

Although the diary contained an expletive, Honey said he and his peers felt it carried insight into the fight over civil liberties.

"People have the right to protest and the duty to protest," he said. "So we protested. We had a sincere belief that we could change things."

Since he graduated in 1969, last week was the first time Honey had been on

campus in the last 36 years.

An expert on labor studies and a former civil liberties organizer, he spoke last Thursday on Martin Luther King Jr.'s unfinished agenda.

Honey's activism began in the '60s on OU's campus as the editor of the student newspaper, The Observer.

"OU wasn't as restrictive as some campuses in terms of thought," Honey said. "It was an oasis. It was a free-thinking university."

Raised in an all-white farming town near Lansing, Honey never had any interracial experiences until his college years.

But the death of Martin Luther King Jr. affected Honey dramatically, and at OU, like many other college campuses

across the country, students responded to King's death with massive strikes.

Honey said his career has been heavily influenced by retired OU professor of history Roy Kotynek.

"We used to debate ideas from various perspectives," Kotynek said. "And it was so fun to talk about controversial issues with him."

Kotynek, who retired a year and a half ago, taught Honey in several courses and describes him as one of his best students throughout his 36 years of teaching.

"Kotynek is a great intellectual historian," Honey said. "He really helped us figure out which end was up."

After graduating from OU in 1969, Honey was in the south participating in

the civil rights movement and became an expert on the life and dream of King.

"King was never afraid to ask the hard questions," Honey said. "He was always trying to find practical solutions to the issues people were facing."

Although most people think of King as a civil rights leader, Honey thinks of him as a union leader and focuses on the issue King addressed after 1965: poverty and economic inequality.

In King's Poor People's Campaign, he tackled the loss of unionized jobs and argued that even though unemployment is not just a racial issue, it has a large impact on the black community. He said that unemployment, like poverty, is a socioeconomic problem.

"King once said in a 1967 speech, 'You can't fight poverty at home when you're spending all this money on the Vietnam War overseas,'" Honey said. "And we're still in the same battles today in a lot of ways."

Honey said he doesn't believe that civil rights are enough; he said we need economic justice as well.

"King symbolizes American freedom, not just black rights," he said. "He meant complete and total integration of society, not just by race but by class."

Honey said that to combat economic injustice, today's activists need to learn from the past and think in terms of coalitions.

"We need each other and need a broad movement," Honey said, "and we can do it on college campuses."

Honey has written two award-winning books, he had been an organizer of the civil rights movement in the deep South, and he gained a distinctive perspective on the dreams of Martin Luther King Jr.

Honey's next book, "Going down Jericho Road: the Memphis Strike, King's Last Campaign", will be released in December.

LOANS

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University has increased between the 1999-2000 and 2003-2004 academic years, according to Cindy Hermesen, Financial Affairs director.

The figures show a 48.8 percent increase in the number of students receiving any type of financial aid, Hermesen said.

"The growth in enrollment during the same time period was 14.8 percent," she said. "The number of financial aid recipients is growing (at) a rate much greater than enrollment growth."

Hermesen attributes several reasons to the growth in the number of recipients in the past several years, including speed in the delivery of funding, the availability of funding and the ability to apply electronically.

Financial aid awareness initiatives have also contributed to the growth, she said.

Hermesen also found that the increase is due to more students needing funds as well as the ability or willingness of parents to assist with educational costs.

Many students say that the increased need for aid is the result of rising tuition costs.

"Without financial aid I wouldn't be here," said sophomore nursing student Rebecca Esemilola.

"It's covered all my books, all my costs for gas, and everything else I've needed. There's even been a little bit extra," she said.

Jason Mancini, a junior English major, also expressed gratitude for the financial aid he receives. "I've never had a problem — I do it online," he said. "For spring and summer I just fill out a form. It takes 30 seconds."

Despite the success of some, other students find

the process of applying to be a daunting task.

"It's a pain in the butt," said sophomore Sarah Brace.

"There's too much on there that they need; some of it seems irrelevant," she said.

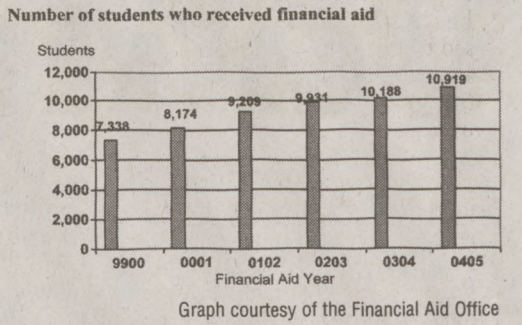
In order to qualify for aid students must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

In addition to filling out several forms, applicants are required to provide documents such as federal and state tax returns.

Aid is awarded based on a number of determining factors, including financial status and the order in which applications are received, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

These factors can sometimes be discouraging, which is what the ACE study suggests.

Oakland University Student Congress Legislator Matt Sawicki told The Post that although he'll



need financial aid again next year, he does not plan to reapply. "I don't even think I'm gonna fill it out this year because I know my financial situation is better now than it was last year."

HIJAB

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Further, converts to Islam make up 30 percent of U.S. mosque participants, and only seven percent of those who are participants are of a single ethnic group, according to the Web site.

Green said she feels somewhat fortunate that her family and friends have not done anything too extreme in reaction to her conversion.

A friend of Green's was forced to leave her home when her mother could not accept her conversion.

After that, she went to live with her grandmother, who eventually destroyed everything of hers that had any connection to Islam.

Green is one of the few fortunate people that haven't been ostracized for this religious choice.

According to Vault.com, a Web site that is dedicated to providing career information, the amount of intolerance in the workplace has grown significantly since Sept. 11, 2001.

Complaints to The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission about religious discrimination are on the rise.

In fact, complaints rose more than 20 percent in 2002, and stayed the same in 2003.

According to Charles Mabee, a United

Ministries Higher Education campus minister, recent events in history such as Sept. 11 could be why Muslims can be discriminated against.

"The negative image that the day brings up with people tends to play a role in it," said Mabee. He also said that in his opinion, that is exactly why some Americans are uncomfortable with hijab.

Even though most Americans like to think that the country that they live in is the most diverse and tolerant country in the world, it sometimes reflects the opposite, said Attiaya Ghani, 25.

Ghani works in Rochester Hills as an operations manager for TCF Bank. She moved to the United States from Pakistan more than a year ago. "People say that they want diversity, but they don't follow through," Ghani said.

Ghani, who lives in Sterling Heights, said that she has been treated unjustly at work because she wears hijab. Once, two middle-aged white women downright refused to have her wait on them. They told a teller that they didn't want her to handle their transaction.

Another instance occurred in which Ghani was informing a male customer about one of the bank's policies.

The man did not believe what she told him and said, "I know how the system works, I was

born and raised here."

"You can see in their face that they just don't like you," Ghani said. "There are times when I smile just to be friendly, and people act like they don't see me."

Ghani said she has received similar treatments outside of work as well.

Even though people have not said anything offensive to her, she said, she could see how they truly felt by their facial expressions and body language.

Ghani said she feels more comfortable in Sterling Heights and Troy than she does in Chesterfield or Clinton Twp.

"I go to spots where people act like they are OK with me," Ghani said. "If they treat me like I think a human being should be treated, than I will go there."

Green agrees with Ghani about the places where she feels more comfortable.

She said she feels at ease in Dearborn because of the large Muslim population, and that she likes most places in Oakland County, too. "It's not as normal to see a Muslim woman who wears hijab in Oakland County, but there are women who do, so it's more acceptable than it would be in other areas," Green said. "I'm pretty comfortable at school."

Both women believe there are several reasons

why they get treated the way that they do.

Green said she believes the reason her father doesn't accept her religion is due to the Sept. 11 attacks. He doesn't realize that the people responsible for it were extremists who do not represent the religion as a whole, she said.

Ghani feels very much the same way. She believes that, in a way, terrorists have tainted Islam in the eyes of other Americans.

"I asked myself why those people would do such a bad thing to my religion," Ghani said. "Those people say that they are Muslims, but they did not behave like true Muslims."

The attitudes of people are also due to misunderstandings of the religion, Green said.

According to the Web site for the Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance, Muslims represent 22 percent of the world's population.

Islam is also the second largest religion in the world. Yet, many people may not understand its fundamentals.

It is a religion that has aspects that would appeal to many people, Green said. It centers on family life, devotion to a Higher Being and hard work. "It is very important to me to be known as a Muslim," Green said. "That is really what hijab represents. It shows that you have no doubt in your mind about your conviction to your faith."

WAUGH

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difference in the types of reactions that I received.

On a Tuesday, I went shopping at the Meijer in Rochester Hills.

I didn't go alone. I took my friend Marsela along with me, for an extra set of eyes and ears.

She had heard me talk about doing this a few months ago, and excitedly offered to help me out.

We were both eager to see what kind of reaction two American women, who were obviously of Western European descent, would receive while I was wearing hijab.

I have to admit, I was a little bit nervous as I walked into that store.

I knew how people could be. I've heard about horrible things that have happened to people who aren't "normal" every evening on the nightly

news or on programs like "20/20."

Surprisingly, we didn't really draw that much attention. As we walked around the store, I only noticed a few glances here and there. But then again, I was with my friendliest friend. We had been in Meijer before, dressed as we usually do, and we didn't get treated that much differently than we had ever been treated before.

In fact, when Marsela was looking at a potted orchid to buy for her mother, an elderly woman struck up a conversation with us about her daughter's plants. She never gave us a second glance. After this, I felt a little bit better.

Maybe people really were more accepting than I had thought, and actually do respect the beliefs and privacy of others.

On the following Saturday, I wore a hijab to work.

I work at a bank in Clinton Twp., so honestly, I did expect a slightly dif-

ferent reaction.

Macomb County isn't as diverse as Oakland County.

I personally have never encountered any women who wear hijab where I work.

As I looked at my reflection in the mirror before I left for work that morning, I contemplated what my day was going to be like.

Nothing could have prepared me for what was in store.

I was feeling pretty confident when we opened the door that morning. However, this confidence was quickly shot-down by my first customer.

As he approached me, he stared at me as if I was from another planet. He looked me in the eyes, but not in a good way.

It was more as if he was questioning exactly what to make of me. The rest of the day went down-hill from then on.

My co-workers later informed me

that a lot of people were staring at me when I turned my back.

Others blatantly stared at me throughout their entire transaction, totally ignoring the teller that was helping them.

I almost couldn't believe it; I couldn't imagine just staring at someone for a matter of minutes at a time.

I felt like I was on display in a store window. Were these people brought up in a barn, I thought to myself?

As if I didn't already feel out of place, I noticed a trend.

People were avoiding eye contact with me. I felt horrible.

One of the few people that treated me normally only did so because he didn't understand what I was wearing.

He was a customer who I see a few times each month, and I could see a look of great concern in his face as approached me.

He asked me if I was OK. He said

that he thought that I had cancer.

After he left the building I felt grateful for his concern, but his ignorance really made me realize just how uninformed many Americans are about Islam, and about other cultures in general.

Throughout the day, my poise had been truly been put to the ultimate test.

As I walked to my car that afternoon, I realized that I had learned something that was more significant than proving my original hypothesis about how I would be treated differently.

I thought about women who wear hijab every day of their lives.

I genuinely admire their commitment and conviction toward their faith. I understood what it felt like to be a target of unwanted attention more thoroughly than I ever had before.

And, I understood what it meant to strive toward things that are truly meaningful, and not care about what anyone else thinks.

ZOO

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At a news conference at which six council members defended their no votes, several of them lashed out at Patterson, whose county includes dozens of Detroit suburbs, for saying the council members themselves belong in a zoo.

"We will not be divided by the racist comments of L. Brooks Patterson," council member Monica Conyers said.

Though the zoo belongs to Detroit, it is located in Oakland County in the city of Royal Oak. Gail Warden, chairman of the Detroit Zoological Society, estimated about 35 percent to 40 percent of zoo visitors were from the city, while the rest are from the suburbs and beyond.

Detroit's population is more than 80 percent black, as are eight of the nine city council members and all seven who voted against the zoo agreement.

Patterson, who is white and frequently spars with Detroit's leadership, told The Associated Press on Tuesday he did not believe his comment on the council was racist. He said council member Barbara-Rose Collins was the one who made inappropriate comments when she suggested suburbanites who complained about the coun-

cil's vote on the zoo were racist.

"This is not a plantation," Collins told The Detroit News. "Black folks are not owned by white folks anymore."

Patterson shot back: "I would rather own a '48 Buick than own Barbara-Rose Collins."

Collins said after the news conference Tuesday that she regretted her remarks.

Issues involving Detroit and the suburbs often take on racial overtones, and city leaders are wary of any initiatives that would seem to take power away from them.

The city has long opposed attempts by suburban leaders to gain some control over the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which the suburbs accuse of overcharging them.

And a seven-year state takeover of Detroit Public Schools provoked widespread outrage in the city and was ended at the ballot box.

The plan to save the zoo, which the cash-strapped city says it can no longer afford to subsidize, would have transferred operations not to suburban communities, but to the Detroit Zoological Society. Officials had asked the City Council to approve the agreement by Sunday, when an offer for \$4 million in state aid contingent upon the transfer expired.

Council members said the agreement did not adequately protect

the city's interests and said they were rushed into approving it.

But James Canning, a spokesman for Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, said administration officials agreed to all of the council's proposed changes during talks on Friday and Saturday, though they did not have time to put them in writing by the Sunday deadline.

The final version of the agreement was to be resubmitted to the council later Tuesday, Canning said.

Meanwhile, state Senator Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, has said she is trying to get the offer of \$4 million in state aid back on the table.

The city's annual contribution to the zoo's \$20 million budget has averaged \$5.2 million in recent years, Warden said.

Under the transfer agreement, the city would pay \$900,000 of the operating expenses for insurance and security in the first year and possibly in subsequent years. Detroit would also be committed to provide \$10 million over two years for capital improvements.

Warden said that even as the society lobbies the council to approve the deal, the zoo is preparing to transfer its approximately 3,000 animals to other zoos and to lay off its 115 employees.

Shutting down the zoo would cost the city about \$10 million, he said.

CHARGES

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Disciplinary Committee chair, informed him Tuesday afternoon that the charges had been filed and were currently pending.

Porter confirmed late Tuesday that the charges had been formally filed and that an investigation is taking place.

According to Porter, one of the charges called into question Zatkoff's professional ethics.

Porter said a member of Student Congress claimed to be approached by Zatkoff in a threatening, confrontational manner after the Feb. 13 OUSC meeting.

Porter would not reveal the name of the accuser as the investigation is in progress.

"I had a conversation with this (Student Congress) member after one of our meetings, because she had said that I was very rude during the meeting," Zatkoff said. "I told her if she want to see how rude someone could be, she should look

at herself during my confirmation hearing."

"I told her that she should 'tread lightly,' because I don't appreciate people telling me that I'm unethical and I misrepresent the students and that I'm a rude person."

According to Porter, the three charges are:

- Misrepresentation
- Violation of Professional Ethics
- Defamation of character

Zatkoff told The Post that he plans on contest-

ing the legitimacy of the charges.

Porter said a hearing could follow the investigation, where both sides would be allowed to speak before the Disciplinary Committee.

After the hearing, the committee would render a verdict, which in this case could range from a warning to a removal.

A verdict calling for Zatkoff's removal would have to be approved by two-thirds of the legislative body's vote.

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UP AND COMING

U.S. Senatorial candidates Mike Bouchard, Keith Butler and Jerry Zandstra will visit campus to talk to students this Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
—Meet the Candidates Night, Oakland Center Banquet Room B

Students rock for change

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Four local bands rocked for some change Friday night in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms — but not the kind of change that's going to help them pay for new guitars and amplifiers.

The Rock for Change Concert, hosted by the Gender and Sexuality Center, was organized to promote progressive thinking, awareness and acceptance, according to the event's planners.

"It's not like we're going to be sitting here doing activism tonight," said GSC President Heather Brewer. "But the student orgs are coming together for this to promote progressive change."

The show was sponsored by several student organizations, including: Students for Choice, Women's Issues Forum, Gay/Straight Alliance, the Sociology Club and Students for the Advancement of the Gender and Sexuality Center.

Brewer said the event was also planned in order to showcase some of the local music talent.

"I love local music, I think it has a lot to offer," she said. "That's another reason for having this — we're supporting the scene."

The concert featured a lineup that included Lazy Sunday, Nice Device, Search Party and The Satin Peaches.

Providing laughs and commentary in between sets was Leslie Thompson, comedian and executive director of Affirmations Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

Thompson's jokes reflected the night's progressive theme. At one point she told the audience that she was often confused about her



Lazy Sunday, an all-female band from Ann Arbor, perform at OU's Rock for Change concert.

JEFF KRANITZ/The Oakland Post

tendency to mimic her older brother's "manly" walk while growing up. She explained that only after hours of therapy and realizing she was a lesbian was she able to make sense of that confusion.

Some of the musical performances were politically charged as well. Lazy Sunday, an all-female folk group from Ann Arbor, expressed their discontent for President George Bush when they performed a spoken-word poem titled "Stone in Your Shoe."

The poem was filled with

provocative statements aimed at President Bush.

"How do you expect to negotiate for peace when you publicly confuse words like fetus and feces?" said lead vocalist Kristen David. tendency to muddle words.

Brewer and GSC Programming Assistant Dan Kubicek both said that planning and promoting for the event was hindered by OU's new dance policy.

"The turnout's not gonna be what it could have been if we would have been allowed to publi-

cize off campus," Brewer said during the show.

Kubicek agreed, but noted that more people were arriving as the night progressed.

"It's nice to see some bands that don't really have the commercial following that other bands do," said senior Heather Nelson, business management major.

"This is the first time that a lot of people that I talk to have even heard of the GSC, and I think it's good that people are even hearing about it at all."

Profs discuss cars, Super Bowl effects

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Whether it was the Palestinian elections, the inability to 'buy American' when it comes to cars or the Super Bowl, a wide range of current events were discussed at last week's current events panel.

"It was kind of refreshing to talk about things of importance," said senior Dan Lewkowicz.

Despite differing political views, assistant professors of political science David Dulio and Peter Trumbore agreed on some issues.

Discussing the Hamas victory in Palestine, Trumbore explained the shock of the victory and the potential impact the United States and Israel will have with the new government's finances.

"I don't think that anyone was surprised that Hamas did well," he said.

"The magnitude of the Hamas' victory was unexpected," Trumbore continued.

The United States lists Hamas as a terrorist organization and holds it responsible for attacks on Israelis.

"The United States provides substantial foreign aid to the Palestinian National Authority;

more importantly, Israel collects taxes on behalf of the PNA. It collects taxes and it redistributes those taxes back to the Palestinians," Trumbore said.

Following the elections, both nations said they would stop helping Palestine.

"Assuming they follow through on this, the Palestinian National Authority is looking at something in the neighborhood of a \$1.3 billion deficit immediately," Trumbore said.

The two professors were asked to comment on the United States' response the victory of Hamas in a fair and democratic election.

"This isn't the first time that the United States has acted in a hypocritical manner," Trumbore said. "We assume that the working of free and fair democracy will result in the creation of states like our own."

Dulio said it was a problem to assume that the 'good guys' will always win.

"Democracy is a dangerous thing," he said. "It's not going to guarantee you an outcome that you like, and it's a chance you take. Now, the United States may not want to admit that, but that's chance you take and that's what happens."

Discussing how the American auto industry can struggle while the number of foreign cars keeps growing, Dulio said, "We don't make anything here anymore that is complex, that is technical."

Trumbore, however, said he felt aesthetics was at issue.

"They're making cars that no one wants to buy," he said. "They haven't been redesigned in a decade."

Another problem, Trumbore said, is American cars have is the origin of the parts.

"Buy American' doesn't mean anything anymore. Nothing is made solely in the United States out of solely American components," he said. "You can't

'buy American'."

Sparking response from the audience about manufacturing shifting overseas, the men said companies chase efficiency.

Manufacturing will keep moving to undeveloped areas and countries, Trumbore said.

"The short-term economic pain caused by realignment is very real. But the argument is that long term economically you're better off by going through that process," Trumbore said.

To wrap up the hour-long discussion, the talk turned to the Super Bowl and whether Detroit can continue the progress it made.

"I think that now the hard part is just starting. The easy part was already done and now the pressure's on," Dulio said. "I hope they can do it. I'm not going to say that they can't but I think it's going to be a hard thing to do."

Trumbore said hosting the Super Bowl challenged two major assumptions about Detroit.

"I think it demonstrated that the city and the suburbs can, in fact, cooperate, and they can do so efficiently and effectively," he said.

"It also demonstrated that people would use public transportation — were it available and were there something people would want to come downtown for."

Dozens of people filled the Fireside Lounge to hear the professors' views on the discussion topics.

"I know what they're talking about," said senior Brett LeVesseur. "I just wanted to hear what they had to say about it."

Others in the audience shared LeVesseur's knowledge about the topics but wanted to find out more.

"I was aware of the topics, but I definitely came for information," said Lewkowicz, "and I definitely got more information."

"I think that now the hard part is just starting. The easy part was already done and now the pressure's on."

Professor David Dulio
On Detroit's progress after hosting Super Bowl XL

How much do you know about current events?

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.

Michael Honey protested on campus during which year?

- a. 1982
- b. 1978
- c. 1967
- d. 1995

Islam is one of the fastest growing religion in the United States.

- True
- False

How many points did Jayme Wilson score in the ORU game this past Monday?

- a. 7
- b. 21
- c. 13
- d. 50

What is the average ratio of serious crime to 100,000 citizens in Detroit over the past 4 years?

- a. 12
- b. 100
- c. 5
- d. 1,000

Doctors are advocating preventive measures for what type of cancer?

- a. Brain
- b. Lung
- c. Colon
- d. Skin

Last week's winner: Audrey Burck

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STUDENT CONGRESS

Financial Aid still hot topic for Congress

By JEFF KRANITZ
Senior Reporter

Financial Aid Director Cindy Hermesen told Student Congress Monday that changes made to the Financial Aid Office over the holiday break have had a positive effect on processing applications.

Hermesen said that despite a Jan. 11 story in The Post that expressed the woes of students seeking financial aid assistance early in the semester, her office has been processing applications and awarding financial aid much more efficiently.

"I'm happy to let you know that those who have visited our office have seen that we look different," Hermesen said at Monday's OUSC meeting. "Students who have been to our office this semester have received good and knowledgeable advising."

The office now has meeting areas where students can privately meet with advisors to discuss financial matters, and an increased staff to help streamline the application process, Hermesen said. She also said that phone calls were being returned faster.

New staff members all have quality financial aid experience, and weekly staff meetings keep all financial aid advisors informed of current concerns and changing policy.

Legislator Mia. C. Evans said the service she received when she needed advising was competent and helpful.

Hermesen acknowledged that many students had to endure extremely long lines as the semester began — in some cases for three hours.

Excessive traffic early in the semester is expected, she explained — due in part to the fact that many students file late applications.

"Sixty-four students arrived with their documents in hand on the first day of the semester," she said. She urged OUSC to work with her in encouraging students to take better care of their financial aid by applying early.

She addressed the concerns of some students who were unable to register because of account balances.

"It shouldn't have been a surprise," she said, citing the university policy that places registration holds on unpaid accounts.

Student Congress also discussed a proposed bylaw amendment that would record the votes of all legislative members into the official meeting minutes.

The proposal sparked an intense round of debate. Advocates for the amendment said that being accountable for how they vote is something that is owed to the student body.

Some legislators said the amendment might not help students as much as it would help some members of OUSC.

"I feel it would put pressure on some members of Congress to vote a certain way," Evans said.

Legislator Mark Ewing responded, "I shouldn't have a problem sharing my vote; I should be firm enough with my decisions to not to feel pressured."

OUSC will not be meeting next week due to the closing of the university for winter recess. Congress will meet next on March 6 at 4 p.m. and will further discuss the proposed voting amendment.

POLICEFILES

■ An officer stopped a male driving on Meadow Brook Road for tinted windows. A routine run of the license plate revealed the male was not allowed on campus and his driver's license was suspended. The male was arrested for trespassing and driving with a suspended license. The officer confiscated his license plate and operator license and gave him a paper plate. The male was released at the scene pending a warrant and warned about his tinted windows.

■ A female student hit a car while parking in lot P-1. She told police she turned too wide and hit a male student's car in the spot next to the one she was aiming for. Her car was not damaged. However, the taillight was scratched and cracked on the driver's side of the male's car.

■ A groundskeeper filed a report after hitting a car in the parking lot outside the George T. Matthews Apartments with a dump truck. He left a business card on the door of the SUV he hit. The impact caused scratches on the rear bumper of the SUV, owned by a student housing employee.

■ Nearly \$60 cash was stolen from the Rec Center. A male student left the money in his wallet, which was also stolen, in his jacket in an unlocked locker. His car keys, jacket and cell phone were not taken. The wallet also contained credit cards and his ID.

■ Two students were issued tickets for minor in possession in East Vandenberg Hall. The 19- and 20-year-old students were given a Breathalyzer test, which they failed. The 20-year-old was more than one and a half times the legal drinking limit of .08. The other student registered a .034 blood alcohol content, which violates the zero tolerance policy.

he said, she said...

"It creates a national security issue and we're held hostage for energy by foreign nations that may not like us."

—President Bush on alternative energy

NATION

Economic indicator rises in January

NEW YORK (AP) — A closely watched gauge of future economic activity rose sharply in January, suggesting the nation's economy could see robust growth in the spring, a private research group said Tuesday. The Conference Board said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators, a measure of the economy's well-being in the near term, rose 1.1 percent last month, better than the 0.5 percent gain expected by market analysts. January's increase follows a 0.3 percent increase in December. The leading index's January increase reflects improvement in six of 10 components, including stock prices and building permits. The index has increased 2.3 percent from July 2005 to January 2006. "The economy got off to a good start (early) in the first quarter," said Joe LaVorgna, chief fixed-income economist at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

High court may hear late-term abortion case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will consider the constitutionality of banning a type of late-term abortion, teeing up a contentious issue for a new-look court already in a state of flux over privacy rights. The Bush administration has pressed the high court to reinstate the federal law, passed in 2003 but never put in effect because it was struck down by judges in California, Nebraska and New York. Justices had been split 5-4 in 2000 in striking down a state law, barring what critics call partial birth abortion because it lacked an exception to protect the health of the mother. But Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who was the tie-breaking vote, retired late last month and was replaced by Samuel Alito. Abortion had been a major focus in the fight over Alito's nomination because justices serve for life. In his past rulings, Alito has been more willing than O'Connor to allow restrictions on abortions. Alito's views "are not going to change the outcome of the central principle of Roe v. Wade," said John Garvey, the dean at Boston College Law School.

California postpones execution indefinitely

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — State officials on Tuesday postponed indefinitely the execution of a condemned killer, saying they would be unable to comply with a judge's order that a medical professional administer the lethal injection. Prison authorities called off the execution after failing to find a doctor, nurse, or other person licensed to inject medications to give a fatal dose of barbiturate, said Vernell Crittendon, a spokesman for San Quentin State Prison. "We are unable to have a licensed medical professional come forward to inject the medication intravenously, causing the life to end," he said. It was unclear when the execution would be carried out, but the delay could last for months because of legal questions surrounding California's method of lethal injection.

Groups protest use of carbon monoxide in meat packaging, meat industry defends practice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shoppers who judge the freshness of meat by its pink color may be deceived by a relatively new industry practice of treating meat with carbon monoxide, critics say. The meat industry defends the use of carbon monoxide to help meat retain its pink hue, saying large sums of money are wasted when sellers throw away meat that is still safe to eat but is not as attractive because it is slightly brown. "Color is the number one indicator that's used" in selecting meat, said Don Berdahl, vice president of Kalsec Inc., a maker of natural food extracts in Kalamazoo, Mich. Last November Kalsec filed a petition with the Food and Drug Administration seeking a ban on the use of carbon monoxide in meat packaging. Berdahl said Tuesday that carbon monoxide-treated meat could be left on the kitchen counter for five days and would still look bright red and fresh. Carbon monoxide "also suppresses bad odors and the presence of slime, other telltale signs that meat is spoiled," Kalsec's petition said. The petition said treated meat could hide the growth of pathogens such as Clostridium botulinum, Salmonella and E. coli.

BUSH MAKES STOP IN MICHIGAN



President Bush, right, tours United Solar Ovonic, LLC, with Subhendu Guha, left, president of United Solar System, Monday, in Auburn Hills. The Associated Press/Pablo Martinez Monsivais

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WORLD

22 people die in car bomb in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded Tuesday on a street packed with shoppers in a Shiite area of Baghdad, killing 22 people and wounding 28, police said. It was the deadliest bomb attack in the Iraqi capital in a month. Terrified children screamed and several women waited for their dead, crying, "the terrorists, may God punish them." Shattered bits of fruits and vegetables from vendors' pushcarts lay scattered on the street amid pools of blood. At least eight other people were killed and more than 30 injured Tuesday in bombings and shootings elsewhere in Baghdad and in attacks on beauty parlors and liquor stores symbols of Western influence in Baqouba northeast of the capital. The car bombing occurred shortly before 5 p.m. in a Shiite corner of Dora, a predominantly Sunni Arab district of Baghdad and one of the most dangerous parts of the city rocked almost daily by bombings, ambushes and assassinations.

Bird flu confirmed in swans in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Test results confirmed Tuesday that three dead swans found in Hungary were infected with deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu and other countries reported new cases as Europeans sought measures to keep the disease from spreading. Hungary was the seventh European Union nation in addition to Austria, Germany, Greece, Italy, France and Slovenia to confirm the lethal H5N1 strain of bird flu. The 1,000-year-old Tower of London moved its famous six ravens inside for protection. Britain so far has been spared, but wardens were taking no chances. "It's purely precautionary," Derrick Coyle, the tower's Yeoman Raven Master, said Tuesday. The zoo at Paris' Jardin des Plantes also closed its aviary on Tuesday and another on the city's outskirts took measures to keep its flamingos from mixing with wild ducks. The deadly H5N1 strain of avian flu has devastated poultry stocks and killed at least 92 people, mostly in Asia, since 2003, according to the World Health Organization.

China taking aim at Internet spam

BEIJING (AP) — China is cracking down on junk e-mail and "illegal" mobile phone text messages, the official Xinhua News Agency said Tuesday. A new regulation will ban sending e-mail for advertising purposes to people without their permission, and all advertising e-mail must be titled "advertisement" or "AD," the agency said. It also said that mobile phones must be registered under users' real names, and that text messaging will be controlled more tightly due to the spread of "illegal messages." The government was vague on details, however. For instance, the report did not describe what constituted illegal messages or how they would be controlled, nor did it specify any penalties or say when the new rules would take effect. It's also not clear how well the rules could be enforced. Several countries and U.S. states have anti-spam laws, yet junk e-mail continues to be an online pest, with much of it coming from or through computers in China and other Asian countries. China now has 111 million Internet users, second only to the United States, and Xinhua said Tuesday that each e-mail subscriber in China received an average of 16.8 pieces of junk e-mail a week from August 2004 to April 2005. "China has become seriously affected by junk e-mail," said Li Guobin, an official with the country's Ministry of Information Industry. On the mobile phone rules, state media already reported in December that China would soon require that all mobile phone users — including the large number who use prepaid phone cards — register with telecom providers or face a service cutoff.

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FUN IN THE SUN!

Going to Florida, the Bahamas or the Caribbean for spring break? Here are some simple guidelines from the Michigan Dermatological Society to help protect your skin while enjoying the sunshine:

- Minimize sun exposure during the hours of 10AM to 2PM.
- Apply sunscreen before every exposure to the sun. SPF 15 or greater is recommended; reapply every two hours. Change sunscreens if you develop an allergic reaction to one.
- Photosensitivity, an increased sensitivity to sun exposure, is a possible side effect of certain medications, drugs, cosmetics and birth control pills.
- Beware of reflective surfaces. Sand, snow, concrete and water can reflect more than half the sun's rays onto your skin.
- Avoid tanning parlors. The UV light causes sunburn, premature aging, and increases your risk of developing skin cancer.

New Student Programs

FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

Studying and Note Taking, Thursday, February 23, 5 PM, Lk. Superior A, OC

New Student Programs is searching for Peer Leaders to serve as co-facilitators of the COM 101 course in Fall 2006. Applicants must have junior or senior standing in Fall 2006 and have a cumulative GPA of 2.8. Applications are available in New Student Programs (121 North Foundation Hall) or online at www.oakland.edu/newstudents (Under "Leadership Opportunities") and are due on Friday, March 10, 2006 by 5 PM. For more information, contact New Student Programs at (370-4418 or nsp@oakland.edu).

Campus Recreation

Celebrate recreation with us by participating in **Rec Sport and Fitness Day** on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 4-8pm. Former NFL player Lomas Brown will be on hand to sign autographs! Compete in a 3-point shootout, hockey slap shot competition and an obstacle course. Win Spirit cash and other great prizes, have fun and enjoy being active.

Come Try the Rec Before Swimsuit Season!

The Rec is now offering 1 semester memberships. This inexpensive trial gives you a chance to take advantage of our free programs, group exercise classes, personal training packages, indoor track, racquetball courts and more. Half semester memberships go on sale Monday, February 27. For more information call 248-330-2663 or visit www.oakland.edu/campusrec.

Intramural Sports

The floor hockey deadline is quickly approaching—sign up your team by March 10th!

Graham Health Center

Graham Health Center wishes to remind you to have a safe spring break. Safety does not have to spoil fun! If you are going to include alcohol in your partying, remember the golden rule—"No more than one drink per hour!" This is especially important when on vacation. You will want to be able to control your own behavior. Remember to watch out for date rape drugs by only taking your drink from a waiter/waitress and by keeping an eye on it at all times. If you would like more information on how to party responsibly, please call GHC at ext. 2341 or email health@oakland.edu.

EDITORIAL

Yes to a roll-call vote

Debate on a bill that would institute mandatory roll-call voting consumed much of Monday's Oakland University Student Congress meeting.

The bill, introduced as an amendment to the bylaws OUSC is expected to vote on next week, would require the student body vice president to call on each voting legislator in alphabetical order for his or her vote on any voting issue.

In addition to the roll-call vote, legislators have the option of voting in two other methods.

The most common form of voting involves the vice president saying "all in favor," and legislators in favor raise their hands; then the vice president says "all opposed," and legislators opposed raise their hands; then "all abstaining," and those abstaining raise their hands.

The third form of voting, which can be a highly dangerous form of manipulation, is the secret ballot.

In this form, legislators put their decision in writing, and the unsigned ballots are then counted by the vice president.

No one knows who voted for what. Legislators used the secret ballot voting method to appoint Justin Zatkoff to the legislature.

Heated debate surrounded a controversial film he had made, sparking discussion to determine his eligibility to become a legislator.

But students do not know who voted for or against him.

Some Student Congress members opposing the roll-call vote said it would cause friction between the divi-

sive legislative body, as well as intimidate legislators from speaking their voices against a majority.

But intimidation should not be an issue; legislators should not feel intimidated to speak their views.

If they can't stand up for their beliefs, they do not belong in Student Congress.

However, it is our hope that no one intends to abuse the roll-call vote in order to intimidate others.

Student Congress is given the responsibility of representing the best interest of students, and it is our hope that this bill was created with this intent in mind.

Those supporting the roll-call vote said legislators should be held accountable to the students they represent.

Indeed, legislators should be held accountable for the decisions they make.

If they don't want their opinions to be known, why are they in a position where they are representing and leading the student body? Why are they in politics?

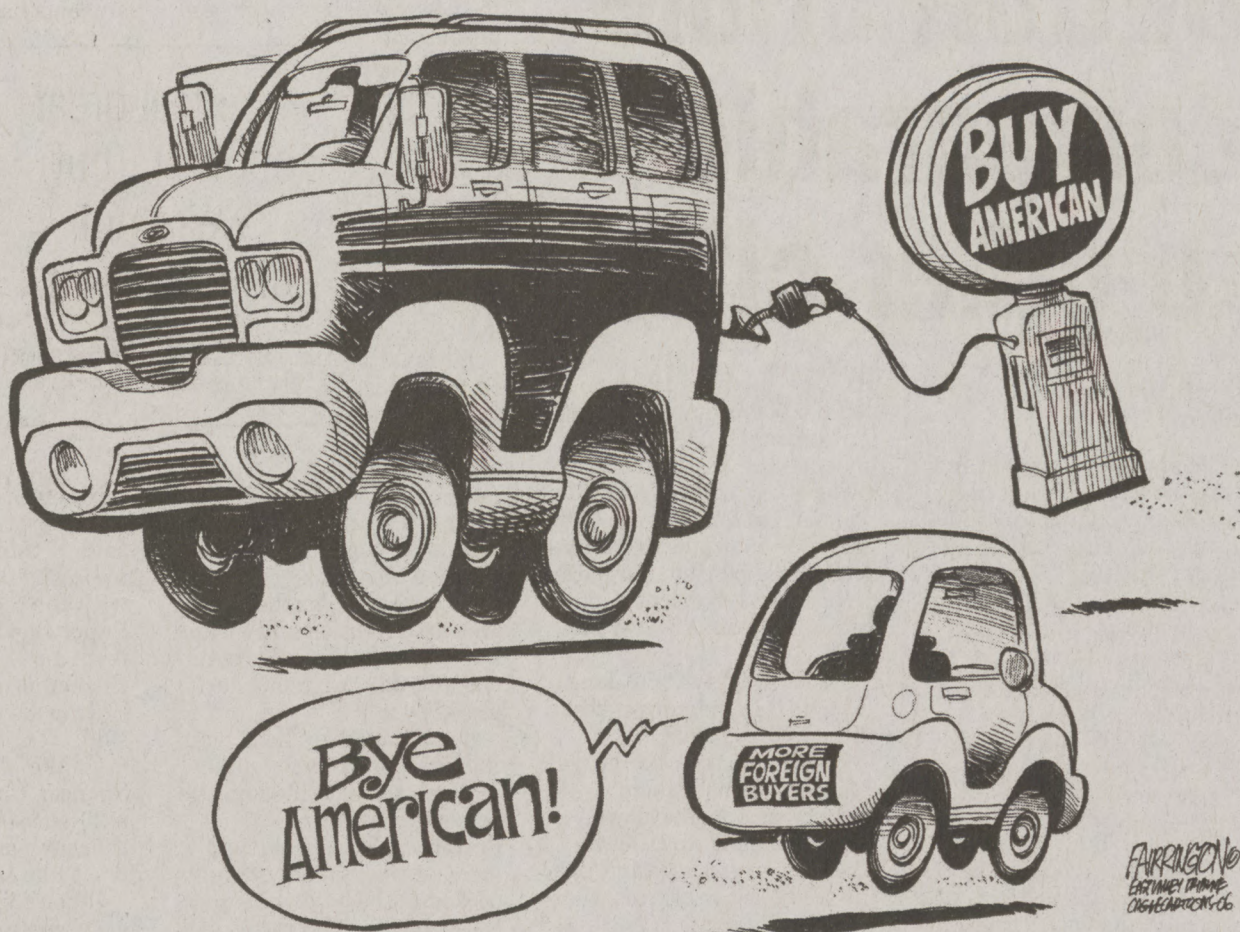
They are politicians — public figures chosen by the public to serve the public, and thus they must answer to the public.

We elect you, and we have the right to know how you vote so we can determine whether or not we find you fit to represent us.

You are called public servants for a reason.

Public.
Look it up.

— THE OAKLAND POST



OUSC's role is to represent, not dictate

Dear Editor,
Last Wednesday when I was reading my copy of the Post I felt like I was back in undergrad. Why you might ask, because I read an article about Student Congress deciding not to represent the students, but to dictate to them.

I was transported back to 2004 and to the great Prop 2 debate, or the last time that this Congress decided to push its radical left wing agenda on the students of Oakland as opposed to encouraging students to actually research a provocative issue and make up their own mind.

The last time it was proven that the Student Congress was out of touch with the students and the rest of the state when the position they took went down in flames, but even afterwards the debate wouldn't stop, it couldn't die because they had to prove to someone that they were right.

So here we are back in 2006 and it's

happening again, the Student Congress is taking a stance that is contrary to the idea that they should serve the students, which would imply they would want them to be informed on an issue so they could find out for themselves if it was a good idea or not, however this Congress, and the leadership of it, obviously can't grasp that simple concept.

This just shows once again how woefully out of touch this Congress is, evidenced by the fact that less than 10% of the student body actually bothered to vote for it last time out.

I believe Freshman Scott Meal said it best last week when he said Congress is non-existent. To most of this university they are.

Scott Ryan Czasak
OU Alumnus, Class of 2004
Political Science
Thomas M. Cooley Law School
First Term Student of Law

Legislator's view into important issues

Dear Editor,
I am writing this letter in response to The Oakland Post article last week regarding the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) meeting.

I wanted to offer some insight into my stand on an issue discussed at that meeting, so that the students might better understand the position I have taken on their behalf.

At the meeting Monday Feb 13th 2006, the OUSC Legislature discussed two resolutions surrounding the issue of affirmative action, with an emphasis on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI).

As the article last week pointed out, OUSC passed Congressional

Resolution CR 06-11.

I opposed this resolution, and made note of that opposition in the official record. I did so because I feel that education on controversial ballot proposals is far more effective than dictation.

I was not comfortable voting in favor of any resolution for or against the ballot issue because of the many complex nuances involved.

There are many questions regarding the language of the MCRI, the constitutional challenges that may ensue if it passes, and philosophical discussion about the greater concept of affirmative action.

Everything I have learned about the MCRI thus far has me leaning

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Those legislators who speak up, like Mersol-Barg, have my support

Dear Editor,

Upon conversing with students and other legislators of OU's Student Congress and reading the Oakland Post every week, it appears that Legislators like Mike Mersol-Barg seem to be one of the only students in congress who care to make a moderate standpoint regarding serious political issues that truly matter to the student body.

Instead of applying one's own beliefs and political views on issues such as the MCRI (Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, which is evolving into a lesser form of the Proposal 2 fiasco), it was seen in last week's article that Mike actually stood up for a stance of neutrality regarding the issue, educating the students while standing back and allowing

one's decision to be made on their own, instead of portraying what the student leaders on campus believe — we cannot forget of course such students are our role models and therefore influence the general student body in some form of opinion — then stepping back immediately and acting as though no attempt at coercion had taken place.

Although my own personal views are far left, it is by no means an excuse for me to vote for equally extreme representatives of student congress who enforce or even suggest their own opinions before knowing their constituents' opinions, then not taking an unbiased view that properly educates (must I remind who it may concern that we have less than 50 active students representing seventeen thousand in situations like these?) which would in turn reinforce the foundation of

democracy, even on such a scale as a University's Student Congress.

Then again, maybe the idea of democracy doesn't work for OUSC on such issues as the MCRI since it really "isn't their job to represent the opinions of all students", and that they "represent what is best" for us (So these 50 people know which side is best for us before they would even bother to represent the opinions of all students?) ...

Legislators like Mike Mersol-Barg who speak up therefore continue to have my support, for I feel at least somewhat assured at the fact that the responsibility of some of the largest decisions and issues on campus are not always put into the hands of those that are all comprised of extremists who sometimes forget the difference between politics and personal power.

Sean Buono

that this resolution did include language directing some sort of education on this matter. The legitimacy of any education however, is compromised by our opposition.

Regardless of the intentions of those who would be charged with planning such an educational program, and I do believe those intentions are sincere, I do not feel the student body will take to heart any information provided by a group with declared opposition.

What I supported, and this continues to be my personal stance, although I will not challenge the decision of the majority, is an education only approach. Oakland University is an institution of higher learning, and

our student body is rich with intelligence. Instead of standing opposed to a controversial issue, OUSC should lead the charge in helping our student body obtain relevant information. We should be providing them information that will lead them to making their own informed decision.

I wrote this letter to more accurately explain my opposition for any who question my logic or integrity. I know everyone on OUSC acts with the best intentions of the students at heart, and I welcome your thoughts or concerns on this, or any other matter.

Respectfully,

Junior Mark Ewing
Political Science
Legislator, OUSC

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CORRECTIONS CORNER

Student Services Director Katie Miller was misquoted in the Feb. 15 article "Congress supports 'no' vote." Her quote should have read, "It's not Student Congress' job to represent the opinions of all students. It is our job to represent the best interest of all students."

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— The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States

SAFETY

Study finds Detroit crime comparable to other cities

By CRAIG A. COLE
Contributing Reporter

The perception visitors and tourists have of Detroit may have changed for the better during the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl.

The rate of serious crime in downtown Detroit is 26 percent below the national average, according to a study prepared by Wayne State University and released by Michigan's Tourism and Economic Development Council.

The study found that the rate of serious crime in the downtown area has dropped 22 percent in the last four years

and now averages 12 crimes per 100,000 people, a number that is comparable to other major cities.

The study, which analyzed crime in Detroit between 2001 and 2004, indicates that rapes declined 36 percent, burglaries dropped by 40 percent and felonious assaults fell 44 percent.

Second Deputy Chief James Tate, the commanding officer of the Office of Public Information at the Detroit Police Department, said, "Crime has not gone down."

He explained that Detroit has always been safe and that the study just reinforces what was already true.

Tate added that Downtown Detroit is the safest area in the city and that it is one of the safest downtowns in the nation.

Tate said the study has changed perceptions because the downtown has never been unsafe. He

attributes the low crime statistics in the study to a combination of police and community, adding, "We (DPD) take ownership of it (the city)."

Tate said a strong police presence and community involvement

have helped keep the city safe, adding, "Personal safety in the area is not a problem."

Renee Monforton, communications director for the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau said, "We feel great about it, (but) we're not surprised by it."

"I think they are heading in the right direction for sure."

Monforton said the improved perception of downtown Detroit's safety should help increase the number of events booked in the city, which can boost the area's economy.

"We feel great about it, (but) we're not surprised by it."

Renee Monforton
Communications director for the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau

"Detroit has really been on the map for new development," Monforton said.

She added that more and more businesses are setting up shop downtown.

Oakland University students have mixed

perceptions about Detroit's safety.

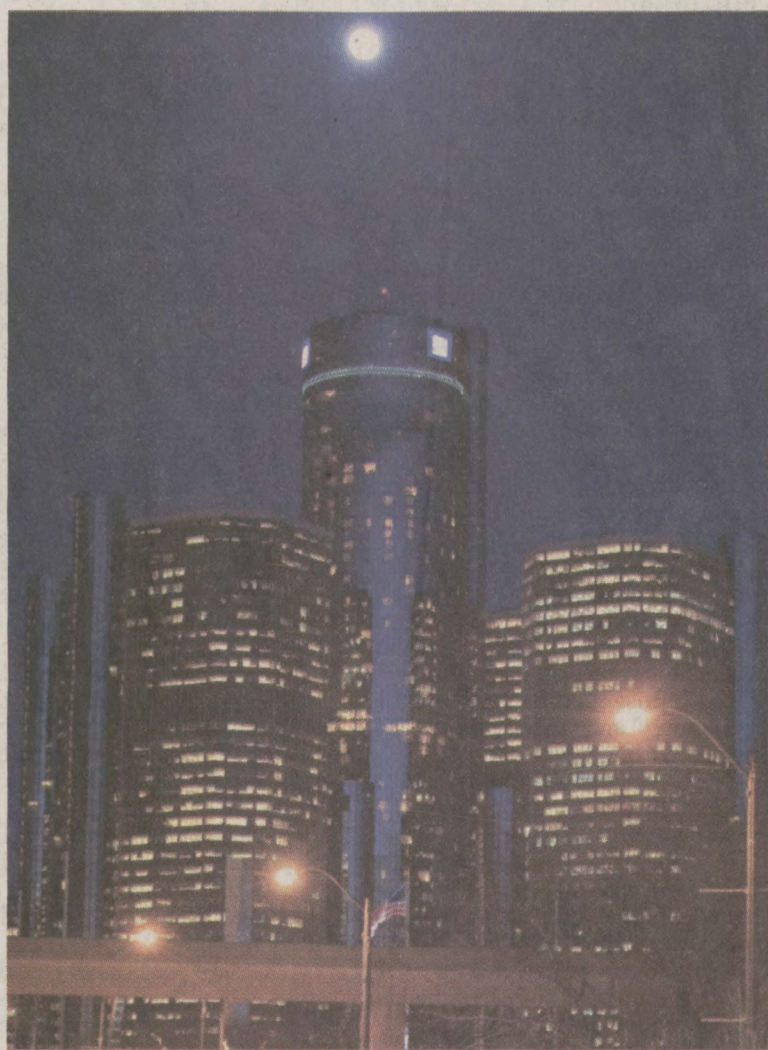
Jonathan Mayer, a 23-year-old business major said, "I've never had a bad experience," adding "You hear stories and that, (but) I've never witnessed anything."

Nineteen-year-old business major Andrew Spencer said, "I think that it's improved dramatically with the money from the Super Bowl and winter festivals ... they've really cleaned it up."

"It looks a lot better," he said.

Unlike Mayer and Spencer, Courtney Vassall, a 20-year-old pre-physical therapy major said, "I don't like Detroit."

"I don't feel that it's a very safe place," she said.



DANTE CIULLO/Oakland Post file photo

A study released by Wayne State University shows that serious crime in Detroit has decreased in the past four years. OU students disagree on their views of the city.

IN BRIEF

Plane caught in no-fly zone

AUBURN HILLS—The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating a small plane that flew into a no-fly zone set up for President Bush's visit to the United Solar Ovonic plant on Monday.

The unidentified pilot of a single engine airplane flew into restricted air space and was routed out of the area by two fighter jets, said Lt. Penny Carroll, spokeswoman for the 127th Fighter Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

She said two F-16 fighter jets were in the air monitoring the air space when they responded to the violation about 4:55 p.m. Monday. Elizabeth Isham Cory, FAA Great Lakes Region spokeswoman said that the penalties can range from a letter of correction to a certificate of revocation.

—The Associated Press

Free meal for a day

ROCHESTER HILLS—If you thought there's no such thing as a free meal, there is actually such a thing after all, at least for a day.

Qdoba Mexican Grill, a national fast food chain, will be hosting "Free Meal Day" Tuesday, February 28. This event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The day is reserved as a benefit day for mission efforts in Honduras. Donations will be collected instead of payment for meals. The Rochester Church of Christ in Rochester and the Heritage Church of Clawson will be utilizing donated funds to take to the children of Honduras and build churches and schools in addition to taking food and med-

ication to the people in need. The restaurant is located at 224 E. Auburn Rd. on the corner of Rochester Rd.

—Contributing Reporter
Roxanna Rives

Petitioning for a raise

DETROIT—The Michigan Needs a Raise coalition, comprised of unions and other activist groups, needs to collect 317,000 signatures to get a proposal on the November ballot to raise the minimum wage. If the ballot measure passes, the state constitution would be amended to raise the

minimum wage to \$6.85 next year, from the current minimum of \$5.15, and link it to the rate of inflation after that.

—The Associated Press

Silverdome plans fail

PONTIAC—The troubled effort to redevelop the site of the 80,000-seat stadium hit another snag, with the last remaining bidder withdrawing from the project. Schostak Brothers & Co. issued a news release Monday saying that it was withdrawing the redevelopment proposal that it made with partner General Development Co.

Schostak said it was disappointed that Pontiac was unable to decide on plans for the project.

"I would like to talk to (them) about what we can do to facilitate the process," Pontiac Mayor Clarence Phillips told The Oakland Press. Phillips said he agreed that the process had taken too long and said he was disappointed by the developer's withdrawal. In June 2005, a competing bid from partners Etkin Equities and Danou Enterprises Inc. was withdrawn.

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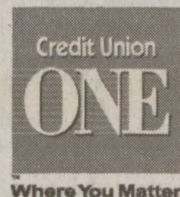
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Downtown Detroit

"Annie," the classic musical, is back in town and playing through Sunday at the Masonic Temple. The performance features popular songs "Tomorrow" and "It's a Hard Knock Life" sung by America's favorite redhead and orphans. Tickets range from \$16.50 to \$61.50. See <http://www.nederlanderdetroit.com/masonic>.

Now Playing ...

The winner of six Tony Awards, **"Chicago the Musical"** is at the Fisher Theatre through March 6. The musical stars Robin Givens, one-time wife of Mike Tyson, as Roxie Hart. From \$29.50 to \$69. Check out <http://www.nederlanderdetroit.com/fisher>.

Michigan's own Jeff Daniels has a new comedy playing at the Gem Theatre. **"Norma and Wanda"** is the story of two sisters, an old high school boyfriend, a church social and much more. The play broke a box office record at the Purple Rose in Chelsea, Mich., the theater at which it opened. Find more information about the ongoing show at <http://www.gemtheatre.com>.

On campus

"Syncopation" is a romantic comedy playing at the Meadow Brook Theatre. The story begins in New York in 1911 with a lonely man who places an ad for a dance partner. The play, making its Michigan debut, was written by well-known playwright Allan Knee. Knee is known for writing the book for the adaptation of "Little Women," which

is now playing on Broadway. The show runs through March 5. Visit <http://www.mbtheatre.com>. **Dinner and a movie** at Meadow Brook Hall this week showcases the romantic film "Sabrina." The night out is \$30 per person and includes a three-course dinner in the mansion's ballroom. The movie plays Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. Call (248) 364-6263 for more information.

MOVIE REVIEW

Disney's 'Eight Below' rises above

By DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

There was a great nature and survival film to be had in "Eight Below," the story of sled dogs struggling to stay alive in Antarctica after their two-legged overseers leave them behind during a killer storm. All it needed was more face time with the canines and less with the humans. As it is, "Eight Below" is a solidly entertaining tale of endurance and companionship that offers some glorious snowy vistas, a good dose of action and eight very cool-looking quadrupeds. In "Eight," director Frank Marshall ("Alive," "Arachnophobia") and first-time screenwriter David DiGilio fall back on a framing story centered on the dogs' handler, Antarctic guide Jerry Shepard (Paul Walker), who has forged such a bond with his team that he cannot live with himself after a hasty evacuation leaves the animals stranded. Jerry and his team of grand furballs are assigned to help a researcher (Bruce Greenwood) hunt for meteorites. The dogs' sturdy heroism allows both men to return to base after a near-deadly accident, but with the storm of the century forcing research teams to beat their retreat from Antarctica, the dogs are abandoned. The dogs are regal presences well suited to the majestic landscapes captured by cinematographer Don Burgess. Idiosyncrasies of personality shine through among the dogs, especially in established leader Maya and up-and-coming alpha male Max. It's easy to anthropomorphize animals and assign human motivations to the basic



The Associated Press
The dog that plays "Shadow" and fellow sled dogs led the box office pack last weekend in Disney's "Eight Below." The film made \$25 million in its debut.

instincts they act on to stay alive. But this is a Disney film, so you're supposed to identify with the dogs as something more than dumb beasts. And some of their actions — mournful looks of resignation, moments of self-sacrifice, grieving growls over an injured comrade — will melt the iciest heart. On the other hand, the humans are on a tight leash, their characters pleasantly shallow, their exchanges largely limited to lamentations over the dogs and repetitive backslapping reunion scenes. Jason Biggs of the "American Pie" flicks is on hand for comic relief as the team's slaphappy cartographer, but his goofy antics are not funny and just make you long for more time with the dogs.

This is the sort of film that prompts families to unwisely adopt the breeds of adorable animal their kids fall in love with on screen, only to dump them at shelters when the persnickety problem pets turn out to be too much of a hassle. Presumably, the size and strength of the heroes of "Eight Below" will result in less of a run on purebred huskies and malamutes than, say, "101 Dalmatians" caused for spotted dogs. "Eight Below," a Walt Disney release, is rated PG for some peril and brief mild language. Running time: 120 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

Recommended ...

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By CRAIG COLE
Contributing Reporter

Hatchy's sports bar and grill is a hockey-themed restaurant serving up dishes, drinks and dancing in a multilevel loft-style atmosphere. Conveniently located in downtown Utica, Hatchy's is a close drive from almost anywhere in southeast Michigan, and is a scant 15-minute voyage from Oakland University. I arrived in Utica around 8 p.m. After entering downtown, I began a ritual that's very familiar to OU students — looking for a parking spot. I briskly walked through the chilly evening air towards the glowing blue sign that proclaimed "HATCHY'S." Passing through the double doors at the prow of the building, I entered the first floor of the establishment and was surprised by what I saw, or rather didn't see. There was no "please wait to be seated" sign; in fact, there was no sign to direct me and no one to greet me, so I just sat down at a table of my choosing. I was also surprised by the lack of patrons. The place was deserted with only the odd table or two occupied by couples or singles — very unusual for primetime Friday night. Seated in one of the booths that runs nearly the length of the first floor, I was treated to a personal table-side flat-screen TV. With numerous channels and a crystal clear picture, these televisions would be perfect for sports fans eager to root for their favorite team during the playoffs. Also notable were the table tops, fashioned of Plexiglas and carved to look like ice. After settling into my booth, I was promptly greeted by a rude server. She handed me a laminated menu then disappeared. After scanning its pages, I was befuddled. The menu had few items to choose from with perhaps only half-a-dozen entrées. With so few choices, I settled for a grilled chicken dinner. Other tidbits on the menu include typical bar fare such as potato skins, hamburgers, nachos, soups and steaks. There are also several sandwiches to choose from, such as a garbage burger, made of two half-pound grilled patties and loaded with cheese and vegetables. Drinks also include typical bar fare with typical draught beers, typical bottled beer and typical liquor. The saving grace of the whole Hatchy's experience was the food. Everything was excellent. The chicken was tender, perfectly cooked and had a most wonderful taste. The thick-cut French fries were the best I've ever had; crisp and flavorful, not soggy and bland like most steak fries. Only the mixed vegetables were a letdown. Hatchy's is a good all-around eatery. Great food, good drinks and three floors makes Hatchy's a winner in my book and garners it a solid three-fork rating out of four. Give Hatchy's a (slap)shot if hockey, food, alcohol and three floors of fun tickle your fancy.

Hatchy's is located at 7759 Auburn Road in Utica. Visit <http://www.hatchys.com> or call (586) 991-0408 for a full menu and specials. Open daily at 11 a.m. Live bands play Friday and Saturday at the second floor lounge. Third floor is VIP only. No cover.

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- Chicago (Feb 28, March 5)
- Three Mo Tenors (March 14, 26)
- Aida (April 26, 28)
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (May 25, 28)
- Wicked (May 31, June 1, 4, 8, 11, 18)
- Annie (Feb 21)
- Les Grans Ballets Canadiens (April 7)
- Cinderella (May 17, 19)
- Salome (June 7, 9)

"The Flicks" @ Oakland University
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March 28: Glengarry Glen Ross
April 4: Rashomon

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Push to find out sooner when cancer may spread to the brain

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one ever checked whether Leslie Bather's breast cancer was spreading to her brain, until the day tumors caused three frightening seizures.

MRI scans can help spot when cancer in another part of the body sends seedlings into the brain, but few patients get routine checks.

Neurology specialists say it's time to change that: More patients are surviving initial tumors long enough for their brains to be at risk, as treatments get better at battling cancer below the neck yet fail to protect the brain. And improved technology is making it easier and safer to treat those new brain tumors, if they're caught early.

"If I were diagnosed with cancer tomorrow, the first thing I'd want is a brain scan," says Dr. Leonard Cerullo, director of the Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch.

This type of brain cancer "is becoming a bigger and bigger

clinical problem," adds Dr. Frank Lieberman, neuro-oncology chief at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Cancer.

Already, about 150,000 Americans a year are diagnosed with what is called a "metastatic brain tumor" — cancer that spread into the brain from some other part of the body.

Any cancer can spread to the brain. But lung cancer is the leader; it will happen in up to 40 percent of lung cancer patients, often very early in their disease.

Up to a third of breast cancer patients will experience a brain metastasis.

Also common spreaders are melanoma and kidney and colon cancer.

Not too many years ago, doctors mostly discovered metastatic brain cancer when its victims already were close to dying from tumors riddling other parts of their bodies.

Now, breast specialists in particular are reporting an increasing number of women who beat back cancer elsewhere in the body, only to have

it flare in the brain. It seems to be a special concern among users of Herceptin, a powerful drug that targets an aggressive type of breast cancer — everywhere except in the brain, because it's too large a molecule to penetrate the blood-brain barrier, explains Lieberman.

Scientists are beginning to fight back:

■ Studies are under way to see if an experimental drug called lapatinib, made by GlaxoSmithKline, can treat breast cancer that spreads to the brain. Lapatinib targets the same aggressive breast cancer as Herceptin does but is thought to easily penetrate the brain.

■ Also under study is whether some commonly used cancer drugs could ever cross into the brain, especially if used in conjunction with brain radiation.

■ And neurology specialists are urging general oncologists to start checking patients, especially those with lung or breast cancer, for spread to the brain well before symptoms appear.

Local atheletes Torino update

The Associated Press

Jean Prahm, a former student in Oakland University's performing arts program and native of Waterford, Mich., took sixth place Tuesday in the women's bobsled finals. Prahm and her partner, Vonetta Flowers, were in ninth place out of 16 after opening day and moved up in the standings Tuesday in the final. Fellow Americans Shauna Rohbock and Valerie Fleming won the silver medal. These are the second Olympics for 27-year-old Prahm, who drove her sled to fifth place in the 2002 games. She and Flowers

(2002 Olympic gold medalist) won a World Cup gold in 2005.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Detroit Red Wings forward Pavel Datsyuk had three assists for Russia in the men's hockey team's 9-2 win over Latvia. With the victory, Russia advanced to the men's

Saturday, Feb. 18

Shani Davis won the gold medal in men's 1,000-meter speedskating. Davis trains at the United States Olympic Education Center in Marquette, Mich., in the summer and is a junior at Northern Michigan.

2006 WINTER GAMES				
Medal count				
As of Feb. 21 Includes 56 of 84 medal events				
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Canada	3	6	5	14
Italy	4	0	5	9
Switzerland	2	2	4	8
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France	3	1	3	7
Sweden	2	2	3	7
China	1	2	4	7
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Finland	0	3	3	6
Estonia	3	0	0	3
Croatia	1	2	0	3
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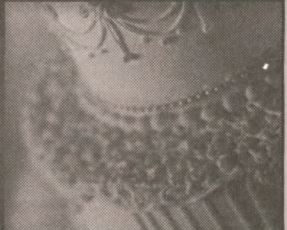
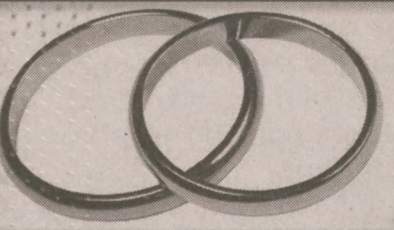
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HEALTH

Diabetics should take control

By BETH VANNOY
Contributing Reporter

Imagine worrying about homework, papers and tuition payments. Sounds like the life of a typical college student. Now, add worrying about whether or not your blood sugar levels are too high or too low. Such is the life of a college student with diabetes.

Cassie Jacovetti, a senior marketing major, has had diabetes for twenty years. Now 24, Jacovetti found out she had diabetes when she was 5-years-old, after struggling with flu-like symptoms that the doctors couldn't seem to diagnose.

After the doctors finally checked her blood sugar, they realized what was really causing the symptoms was diabetes.

What is diabetes?

Diabetes, in three forms: type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes, is a disease caused by either a lack of insulin, a hormone produced in the pancreas that helps glucose convert to energy, or because cells in the body are not using available insulin properly.

Consequently, individuals with diabetes have difficulty converting food into energy. Instead of the body carrying glucose to all areas of the body, the amount of glucose in the body continually increases and the body is starved from a lack of energy.

High blood glucose levels can cause damage to the nerves and blood vessels, which can in turn cause complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, nerve problems, infection and amputation.

While the main problem is the same between the three forms of diabetes, the age of onset and other factors do differ. Type 1 diabetes is usually found in children, teenagers and young adults, and is caused because beta cells in the pancreas have been destroyed by the immune system and cannot produce insulin.

Type 2 diabetes can be found at any age and is considered the most common form of the disease.

This form usually begins with the body resisting insulin, which does not allow cells of the body to use the insulin efficiently. While at first the pancreas can keep up by producing more insulin, eventually it cannot produce enough insulin to keep the body healthy.

The final form of diabetes, gestational diabetes, is found in women during the last stages of pregnancy because of hormones or because of a shortage of insulin. This form of diabetes usually disappears after the baby is born.

Regular schedule very important

Jacovetti had a hard time keeping her blood sugar levels stable when she started college.

Keeping a regular schedule is essential for diabetics, which may be problematic with some college students. Eating and administering medication at the same times every day helps to keep blood sugar levels stable.

Joanne Talarek, director of Graham Health Center, stresses the importance of schedules for those with diabetes.

"How stable a diabetic is has a lot to do with how stable their routines are.

"Anyone who is striking out on their own, experiencing changes in lifestyle is going to face some challenges, and then when you add medication it can become even more difficult," Talarek said.

However, college doesn't always allow students to keep a regular schedule.

Hectic class schedules, jobs and campus organizations often interfere with students keeping regular schedules.

"I would tell my doctor that everyday is different for me (in terms of scheduling), and that it was hard trying to figure out the timing," Jacovetti said.

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For more information visit:

- <http://www.diabetes.org> (American Diabetes Association)
- <http://www.fda.gov/diabetes> (Federal Drug Administration Web site)

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—Joanne Talarek, Director of Graham Health Center

Methods of medication

Due to the lack of insulin in the body, individuals with diabetes must introduce new insulin, either in the form of insulin shots or through an insulin pump.

Insulin pumps are connected directly to the body and emit insulin in certain amounts to keep blood sugar levels stable. Jacovetti got the pump about a year ago and says it has made things a lot easier for her.

"I was skeptical at first about having something connected to my body all the time, but now that I have it, it has given me a lot more flexibility," Jacovetti said.

Night classes and all-nighters can also pose a problem for diabetics. Such a long time span without the chance to eat or administer medication could cause blood sugar to reach dangerous levels.

Keeping it under control

"It bothered me," Jacovetti said about how she felt when she had a night class. "I wanted to live a normal life, I didn't want to have to get up during every class."

Drinking, a typical college past time can be extremely dangerous for students with diabetes. Drinking excessively can lead to low blood sugar levels if an individual with diabetes does not eat before going to bed. Also, the morning after can pose a problem if a hangover prevents diabetics from administering their insulin.

Jacovetti admits that she went through a time in college where she started not to care about keeping her diabetes under control. "If I got around to getting a shot, then I got around to getting a shot. Sometimes it just seemed easier to not care," Jacovetti said.

Looking back, Jacovetti now realizes how dangerous this behavior was for her health.

Due to the fact that diabetes affects so many different parts and systems of the body, not maintaining proper treatment, even for a short period of time, can have a profound effect on a diabetic's future health.

Regularly scheduled treatments are the best defense against the many complications diabetics are susceptible to.

Regular exercise and following a diet are also important for diabetics.

However, sometimes even when diabetics are maintaining their lifestyles, their blood sugar levels can still cause concern. Often this may be because of another minor health problem, such as the common cold.

When diabetics do get sick, the effects can be even worse for them because the sickness can interfere with the regulation of their blood sugar levels.


"Last month, even though I was on a strict schedule, I couldn't get my blood sugar regulated," Jacovetti said. "It ended up that something as small as a sinus infection was causing my blood sugar levels to go up and down. There have been times when I have had to take a day off to help regulate my blood sugar."

Stress also plays a large role in the life of a college student, especially one with diabetes.

"If I freak out for just a minute, my blood sugar will go up," Jacovetti said.

Talarek has the following advice for students with diabetes: create a structure for yourself and stick to it, have an emergency plan for times when your blood sugar isn't stable and maintain a good exercise routine.

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BASKETBALL

Women's home streak snapped

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Contributing Reporter

To say the Oakland University left it all on the floor would be an understatement.

In the seniors' last game in the Athletics Center O'Rena, OU once again had a game go down to the wire against Oral Roberts (13-11, 8-6 Mid-Con). But this time the Golden Eagles came out on top, 55-54, snapping OU's five-game home winning streak.

"It was the same way out there (playing ORU in Tulsa), but it was better jumping up and down there than what happened here tonight," OU head coach Beckie Francis said.

The first half played out in the Golden Grizzlies favor as they led by as many as 11 points.

After ORU junior Sarah Davidson got things underway with a 3-pointer, junior Nicole Piggott and freshman point guard April Kidd pulled OU ahead, and remained for the rest of the half as ORU entered a six-minute scoring drought.

OU (12-13, 8-6) led 29-24 at halftime.

The second half would prove to be much more of a challenge for the Golden Grizzlies, as they would have to go through six ties and nine lead changes.

After leading by as many as nine points, OU watched their lead whittle away to the first tie with a jumper by junior Elisha Turek.

The game proceeded to seesaw between the two teams until the game was tied, 50-50,

with 2:54 remaining. Senior Jayme Wilson pulled up with an easy jumper to put OU ahead 52-50 at 2:07.

The Golden Grizzlies fell behind 53-52 after another Davidson 3-pointer.

Piggott put OU back in front, 54-53, with two free throws with 45 seconds, but their excitement was quickly silenced five seconds later with a layup from ORU freshman Marianna Comargo.

The Golden Grizzlies could not capitalize on four shot attempts in the last 21 seconds of the game, handing the Golden Eagles the victory.

"It's always a physical game when two good teams go at it," Wilson said. "It's all you can expect, I guess."

After the loss, the mood in the locker room was what Francis described as "solemn."

"It was pretty quiet and sad," Francis said about the locker room atmosphere. "But we are a confident team and not taking this loss hard. We're pretty level-headed about it. We said this would be the last Mid-Continent Conference loss of the season and we'll win three in a row at the tournament."

Wilson shared her coach's sentiments about putting the game behind them as she and her fellow seniors closed the door on their home careers for good.

"It's a disappointing loss, but in another way, it's just another game to us," Wilson said. "I'm sure we'll see them in the tournament."

The Golden Grizzlies close out their regular season by heading out on a two-game road



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post
Senior Jayme Wilson goes up for a shot in a 55-54 loss to Oral Roberts. Wilson scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds in her last game in the Athletics Center O'Rena along with fellow seniors Anne Hafeli and Lakeshia White.

trip, starting with Chicago State University on Feb. 25 and wrapping things up with Southern Utah on Feb. 27. The Mid-Con tournament begins March 4.

SPORTS

Men's swimming wins seventh consecutive title

Oakland University scored 1013 points to win their seventh consecutive Mid-Continent Conference title Saturday. Senior Chris Sullivan was named Mid-Con Swimmer of the Year after winning seven total events. Sullivan set a new conference record with a time of 44.30 in the 100-yard freestyle. OU also set a new conference record in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:59.18. IUPUI finished second with 480 points, and Western Illinois took third with 433.50 points.

Women's swimming continues dominance of Mid-Con

OU won every event at the Mid-Con Championships to take their seventh consecutive title Saturday. OU also took home every individual award. Junior Melissa Jaeger was named Swimmer of the Year, Pete Hovland was Coach of the Year, senior Linda Keskey earned Diver of the Year and freshman Sophia Gustafsson took home Newcomer of the Year. Eastern Illinois finished in second with 583.50 points, just ahead of Western Illinois, who ended with 548 points.

Men's basketball goes on road to beat Centenary

After playing well in a home loss to the University of Missouri-Kansas City, sophomore Brandon Cassise continued his play, scoring 21 points at Centenary (4-22, 2-13 Mid-Con) to lead OU to a 86-76 win over the Gents Saturday. OU (10-16, 5-9) assured itself a spot in the Mid-Con tournament with the win. Junior Calvin Wooten finished with 18 points and junior Vova Severovas recorded his second double-double of the season with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

— Dustin Frucci,
Sports Editor

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Kidd's energy and hustle offset lack of experience



DANTE CIULLO/The Oakland Post
Freshman April Kidd in action against Oral Roberts on Monday.

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
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When starting point guard Riikka Terava injured her shin during a shoot-around before a game Jan. 30, Oakland University head coach Beckie Francis knew she needed a spark plug to fill in for the quick freshman guard.

She found her answer in April Kidd, another freshman ready for the challenge.

"I knew I had to play harder than normal," Kidd said. "I had to step it up a little more. Coach let me know she needed me to play harder."

Thus far, Kidd is making an impressive showing.

In her starting debut at home against WIU, she tied her career-high in points with 14 and recorded a new career-high of six steals.

"Kidd brings a spark," said senior Jayme Wilson, after

defeating UMKC on Feb. 11. "She's so quick and she's a big part of our defense."

"She has really stepped into the starting lineup and has delivered under pressure," Francis said. "She is a key reason we are doing so well. Her defense, steals and knowledge of the game are helping the team."

Before coming to play at OU, Kidd had quite a resume. She was a four-year letter-winner

at Grand Rapids Central and served as team captain from her sophomore through senior season. She received an honorable mention all-state selection and was tabbed as a McDonald's All-American nominee.

"I had a few visits (to OU) and I really liked it," Kidd said. "I really enjoy it and I loved the team history here."

With the Mid-Continent Conference tournament just

over the horizon, Kidd feels the team is gelling just in time for Tulsa.

"I think we've come a long way from when we first started this season, and we're looking to get far in the tournament."

The Golden Grizzlies, currently in a tie for fourth place in the Mid-Con, will close out their regular season schedule with a two-game road trip, beginning at Chicago State University Feb. 25.

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