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WXOU rallies for radio rights

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

WXOU is "Whistling to a slightly different tune." This is their slogan because they play music not necessarily heard on mainstream radio.

Christine Cronauer, WXOU's faculty advisor, was invited to speak at OUSC's Monday meeting in response and defense to questions raised about the radio having too big of a budget, the funding of their advisor and the significance the station plays in the OU community.

A few dozen supporters of the radio station gathered in the gallery at the meeting and gave Cronauer a standing ovation when she took the podium.

"We feel we represent not only the students, but each organization on campus," Cronauer said about concerns of whether WXOU served the entire campus.

She asked congress a rhetorical question of what the definition of a student was.

"Students are a diverse group of individuals from varying backgrounds, with varying interests, varying religions, varying ages, varying artistic tastes, etc., and there is no one uniform student and no organization will be able to adequately represent the students if that mindset is maintained," Cronauer said.

She provided everyone in attendance with an informational packet about broadcasting, the Federal Communications Committee and the station to answer more questions in depth.

"The individuals in the gallery are part of the 98 disc jockeys and staff members providing the students and community with a voice not currently available through traditional commercial means," Cronauer said.

Another problem she addressed is the limited listening area of the station, which she said WXOU is fully aware of, but there is not much they can do about it.

Cronauer said the FCC is a very difficult thing to deal with and things take time.

WXOU was one of the last to receive a frequency, and that is why it is such poor quality.

They are working to improve the listening area, but it will be a very expensive task, she said.

Anyone with an Internet connection can hear what is being played through the WXOU Web site, which now has a "listen live" option available.

So even if you cannot tune in on your radio, it is possible to still hear what is being played.

Peace was made between OUSC and WXOU after statements were made that "OUSC hates WXOU" and similar messages and conversations occurred over the Internet.

However, WXOU came up again during the discussion of the Student Activities Fee Assessment Committee proposal.

It was the same controversy that was sparked at the Feb. 7 meeting after student body President Jonathan Parks read the proposal that laid out cuts for OUSC and SAFB. WXOU escaped and their funding

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Governor flip flops

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Despite the emphasis Gov. Jennifer Granholm put on higher education in her State of the State Address last week, she slashed \$30 million from that line item in the proposed 2005-06 budget two days later.

The governor proposed a \$41.2 billion budget last Thursday that would cut operating support to universities by \$30 million starting this fiscal year.

OU President Gary Russi said he was pleased with the emphasis the governor placed on higher education, but was consequently disappointed when she announced a budget that would pose further cuts to higher education.

This is the fourth year in a row in which

OU has received a budget cut, Russi said.

"It's difficult to continue to provide a high quality education when your budget sustains multiple cuts in consecutive years."

Michael Bolous, executive director of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, agreed.

"This continued trend of cutting state support and capping tuition greatly compromises our ability to educate more, train more, and commercialize more research, at a time when everyone acknowledges higher education is the road to prosperity and economic growth in Michigan," he said in a prepared statement.

The governor's state budget office disagrees with that assessment.

In return for reduction in university operations, Granholm's budget calls for \$100 million in the current fiscal year and \$100 mil-

lion the next fiscal year for capital improvements on university campuses.

"Many institutions currently use operations funding to fund these capital improvements," said Greg Bird, spokesperson for the Budget Office.

They can now focus their operations funds on their operations, he said.

"That reduction is made up for in money we're giving to universities for capital improvements."

In 2003, the governor promised Michigan's 15 public universities she would reduce a five percent cut to two percent if they capped the tuition for the 2004-05 school year at or below the rate of inflation.

OU's tuition and fees schedule appears to have abided by Granholm's mandate.

"We made a promise to these colleges and universities, including Russi, that there

would be a freeze," said Republican State Rep. John Garfield, adding that many members of the legislature are displeased with the governor's stance.

Given the state of the economy, Democrat State Sen. Gilda Jacobs, said she feels the governor presented the fairest proposal she could, adding that the acceleration of some of the bonding projects will help universities and colleges to put their capital projects into place.

"Everybody has to tighten their belts," she said regarding reduced funding to universities.

Republican State Rep. Fran Amos, said the legislature will have to find a way to keep the promise the governor made, either by raising the cap on tuition or by giving the universities the money that was promised.

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Idlewild relived

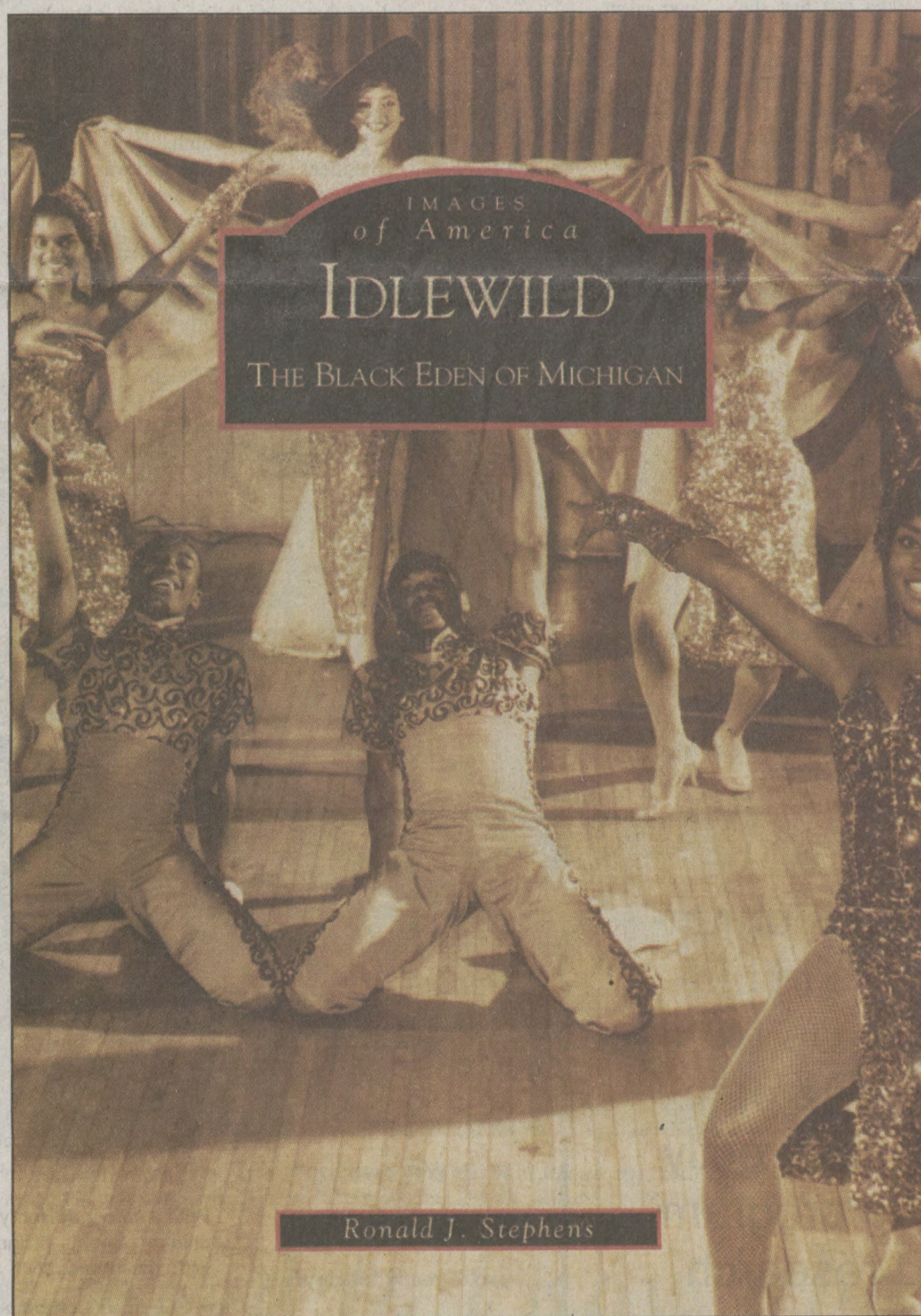


Photo provided by Ronald Stephens

A historical photo of a dance trip that once entertained at Idlewild, a resort that was known as the "Black Eden of Michigan." Reserved for African-Americans who were segregated from white vacation spots, Idlewild impacted the black community.

By ANDREW GAINES
THE OAKLAND POST

A gone and forgotten vacation resort was brought to the mind, hearts and attention of many OU students last Thursday in the Oakland Center's Gold Rooms.

Idlewild, originally a vacation resort for African-Americans who were segregated from white summer resorts, was the topic guest speaker Ronald J. Stephens enlightened the campus about last week.

Stephens, coordinator of African-American studies and an associate professor of sociology at Grand Valley State University, discussed and shared pictures of Idlewild, a settlement in Northwest Michigan that was very popular in the 1920s through the 1960s.

"My goal is to highlight the impact of the black community in the history of Idlewild," Stephens said.

The island was a place middle-class African-Americans visited in the mid-1900s and a headlining resort for prominent African-American entertainers such as Duke Ellington and Joe Louis.

According to Stephens, who is the author of "Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan," a lot of people have forgotten or never knew about the island and its significance to black history.

Freshman Brittani Hobbs agreed.

"Idlewild isn't something that you hear about all the time," Hobbs said. "It's good to learn something new for a change."

Hobbs was one of the many students who learned from Stephens that Idlewild was an

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Disparities revealed

By LOREEN BAHRI
THE OAKLAND POST

In comparison to other racial and ethnic groups in the United States, African-Americans have much higher rates of high blood pressure, prostate and breast cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

The School of Nursing held a health exhibit in honor of Black History Month last week, giving the OU community a chance to learn about health disparities affecting African-Americans. The Oakland County Health Department presented information about infant mortality, obesity and gambling issues.

The exhibit, held for the second time, was geared toward bringing attention to certain diseases and teaching prevention and abstinence, said Kristina White, admissions advisor for the School of Nursing.

"Sickle Cell predominately affects African-Americans," White said. "HIV/AIDS has also become a huge epidemic among African-American women."

The life-long inherited blood disease is usually diagnosed through checking the hemoglobin present in an individual's blood, according to a poster at the exhibit.

Erica Toton and Susan



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post
Senior Darnell Wilson gets his blood pressure taken at the School of Nursing Health Exhibit.

Guinn, junior nursing students, were assessing students' blood pressure, weight, pulse and temperature, and also helping students identify if they were at risk for hypertension.

Toton said that a steady flow of students checked their blood pressure; those who checked high were advised to get further testing.

"They took my blood pressure from my left arm first and it was high, so they had me wait ten minutes, and then they did my right arm and it was fine," junior Brian Dormam said.

Erin Cayce and Contessa Rudolph, OCHD health edu-

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Civil rights topic of heated debate

By ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

"Are gay rights civil rights?" was the topic that four homosexual, Democratic men and one heterosexual, Republican woman discussed on a panel last Tuesday.

A spirited discussion ended with the coordinator of the program, Duane Hurt, a political science and women's studies major, saying it was very productive for students and the OU community to come

together and talk about the issues that really don't get talked about, such as LGBTQ and African-American issues and HIV.

Panelist Charity Jones, a senior political science major and member of the College Republicans, defended her beliefs against what some audience members said was an unbalanced panel.

"As someone who supports gay rights and civil and human rights, I think there could have

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been a little more conservative representation on the panel for balance, but Duane tried his best, but I think it went really well," Emily Eisele, senior and a member of the women's issue forum, said.

She also said the panel was very passionate and educated.

Hurt, Student Congress public relations agent, asked the executive director of the Triangle Foundation, Jeff Montgomery, to moderate the discussion.

Montgomery is a longtime activist in the struggle for LGBTQ recognition.

Program director of MAPP, Midwest AIDS Prevention Program, Leon Golson said he thinks gay rights should just be a matter of human rights.

"Civil rights should be for everyone, especially for marriage, and there's no reason to say that gays should not have those same rights," freshman Angela Freeman said.

Is it a choice or is it genetics?

Jones said she is a deeply religious woman and believes homosexuality is a choice; making gay rights not civil rights in her opinion.

Other panelists disagreed, including Tim Larrabee, a new assistant professor of education:

"Is there a choice in being gay? No! Is there a choice in coming out? Yes!"

Panelist Rev. Dr. Darren

McCarroll said he doesn't get up in the morning and explain to someone why his hair is kinky, or why his nose is wider than others, or why he is attracted to men.

"That is just how things are, and I don't try to explain it," said McCarroll, a pastor for nine years.

He is also sick of hearing people refer to it as a lifestyle, because it is not, McCarroll said.

Golson's company does a survey that takes a different approach to the issue of choice.

They ask heterosexuals when they knew they were a heterosexual, whether their heterosexuality is a phase and when they came out as heterosexual. Other questions gays are typically asked were asked to heterosexuals.

He said it proves to be a useful tool in allowing people to see the discrimination gays face on the issue.

Discrimination

Larrabee said he feels it is discriminatory to set things up such as pieces of legislation to block people in their pursuit of happiness.

Agreeing on the issue of discrimination, Jones said there will always be discrimination against homosexuals, women and other minorities.

"No piece of legislation can change people. I'm sure gay marriage will be legal soon, despite whether I agree with it or not."

Gays are fired from jobs, lose their children and are denied services in restaurants due to

their sexuality, Montgomery said.

"How is discrimination different?"

"As a black, gay man I know what it feels like to be discriminated against both ways," McCarroll said.

He also told the infamous story of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student beaten to death for being gay.

Shortly after his death, students from his school rode atop a homecoming float that featured a scarecrow figure designed to resemble Shepard's battered body.

The figure was wearing a sign that read "I'm gay" and an obscene message was painted across the back of the scarecrow's shirt.

"Even in his death, he could not be at peace," McCarroll said. "We have to look at the negative aspects of discrimination."

Secular v. Church

"I heard a black reverend say he would rather walk with the Ku Klux Klan than a gay man because at least the KKK are anti-gay," McCarroll said.

"Heterosexuals always bring up the Bible and I think the Bible contradicts itself a lot, especially when it says gays should be killed, but yet the Bible also says 'thou shall not kill,' so I do not think it is a valuable source to say gays should not have rights," freshman Jessica Crumpton said.

Crumpton joined the panel later during the discussion bringing a

heterosexual, democratic, African-American woman's perspective.

"I feel gays wouldn't have so many problems if it weren't for so many religious hypocrites that live in America," she said.

Golson said the Bible has denied many people their rights.

"It is a sin according to God," Jones said.

Larrabee referred to the part of the Bible that says if you are an adulterer, then you will be stoned to death. He asked though, how often that happens now?

Just because it was once believed and held true in the Bible does not mean you have to believe everything, Larrabee said.

A King's opinion

"[Dr. Martin Luther] King, like Jesus, went against the grain. Only after they were dead did everyone jump on the bandwagon and say I love you. It is difficult for anyone to go against the status quo," McCarroll said.

He guessed King would have stood for the rights of gays, though.

Taking the opposite stance, Jones argued that King would not have supported gay rights.

"You didn't hear King discuss gay rights. Blacks were fighting to sit and eat where they wanted. I've never heard of a gay told they couldn't vote, or a gay that couldn't use a drinking fountain," Jones said. "There are similarities, but there are also a lot of differences."

Comparing struggles between blacks and gays is not going to

get society anywhere, she said.

Gays in the future

"Society loses when gays are denied their rights," McCarroll said.

"I've encountered many gay men who, because of the pressures of society, they marry a woman and end up ruining lives."

Jones posed the question "what do heterosexuals lose by gays gaining rights?"

She answered, "Being the only heterosexual on the panel, I stand to lose nothing."

Golson said all he wants is to have the same things "Mr. and Mrs. Next Door" have.

He wants his partner to be able to keep their house and belongings if something were to happen to him.

He also said if all the people that have died from HIV and AIDS is not enough to do something about the treatment of gays, then he doesn't know what will change people's minds and attitudes.

"It ultimately comes down to wanting financial rights and responsibilities. I don't care what it's called, but the only way to get that package is to marry," Larrabee said.

He said in the recent election, 11 out of 11 states voted to ban gay marriage, but yet they are legal in Massachusetts, the first state of the union.

McCarroll said our constitution should protect rights, never take them away. He feels society is just going in the wrong direc-

tion if that is the case.

Larrabee said his 17-year relationship with his partner, who was sitting front row in the audience, is just as valid as anyone else's.

However, people think it isn't, "because this man has a penis and not a vagina. Although I know people who have gone through multiple marriages and multiple divorces," he said.

Reaction to panel

"I think many individuals who were uncertain walking in are walking out with the understanding that gay rights are indeed civil rights, and it is important that we address these issues as a society," Mike McGuinness, student body vice president, said.

Mark Ewing, sophomore, said he thought five people on a panel in one evening is not nearly enough to discuss everything surrounding that question.

"It was a nice look at gay and civil rights, but there is going to need to be more discussion, more talk to get the question really answered. I don't think there is a right or wrong answer," Ewing said.

"The panel did a good job, Charity did an awesome job, and I think everyone should think about it. Not necessarily to change your view, but it will eventually help you to see there are different views," Antoinette Street, freshman, said.

Hurt also added that there could be more discussions in the works. He will keep everyone posted.

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The governor's proposed budget also calls for amnesty on college credits and a new \$4,000 dollar merit scholarship program, which Jacobs classified as "really good steps toward giving incentive to people for continuing their education beyond high school."

The governor also hopes to double the number of college graduates.

"There is no greater impediment to increasing college par-

ticipation than cutting state support and capping tuition at the same time," Bolous said, adding that universities cannot be asked to double the number of graduates on less money each year.

Democrat State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi said it was unfortunate that the governor proposed a \$30 million cut.

"Even a no-cut budget is a loss to the colleges because the cost of everything is going up," he said.

But the revenue isn't equal to the proposed spending, Vagnozzi said, and the gover-

nor proposed a good budget considering the continued financial circumstances.

"The mere fact that she's giving universities and community colleges more money at a time of great fiscal difficulty shows her commitment to higher education," Bird said.

It is unclear how the university will respond to reduced funding. Over the next few weeks, Russi will be in discussions with cabinet members and deans to find a way to accommodate the cut.

OU's budget will see an additional reduction of about

\$850,000 in one-time money, and the next fiscal year, which begins in July, the cut will be permanent.

But it's premature to discuss a possible tuition increase at this point, Russi said.

Granholt spoke on the future of Michigan's economy at Michigan State University's management education center in Troy on Monday.

Student body Vice President Michael McGuinness, who was in attendance, said the governor's initiatives seem promising for OU.

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island that consisted of a hotel, churches, doghouses, stores, a clubhouse and even a one room hospital.

"The presentation was very good," she said. "It brought a different perspective for Black History Month."

Stephens said that Idlewild was a part of the "New Negro Movement" of the mid-1900s, and that people came from across the country to visit the island.

According to Stephens, the 1920s consisted of the development for the resort.

He said that prominent African-American figures of that time such as W.E.B. Dubois and Madame C.J. Walker

built property and made Idlewild a summer home.

A founding father of the resort was Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, the first doctor to perform open heart surgery and the founder of Provident Hospital.

Rev. Harry Franklin and Rev. Robert Bradley founded the first churches on Idlewild's island, called People Community Church.

Stephens said the reverends were prominent enough to recommend jobs for African-Americans in the automotive industry during that time.

"It's always interesting to hear how African-Americans strived throughout history," said freshman Janice Larkins. "Idlewild was a great opportunity for African-Americans to live like they wanted."

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OU alumnus takes on Cisco

By ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The price of being a college student is not cheap.

Room, board, tuition and fees are just some of the costs facing students.

In addition to those necessities are textbooks. Most courses require at least one, if not more.

A study guide, lab book or other materials are often needed.

Students spend an average of \$898 a year on new and, when available, used textbooks, according to a 2003 survey by the University of California.

That figure represents 20 percent of the total yearly costs for an in-state student enrolled at a public four-year university.

But OU alumnus Matt Basham is one

professor who refuses to be the cause of extra costs for students.

Basham, who graduated in 1990, is now assistant professor and program director for the St. Petersburg College-Cisco Regional Networking Academy in Clearwater, Fla.

Cisco is an e-learning program that provides students with Internet technology skills.

There are over 260,000 students enrolled at the more than 9,800 academies at colleges, high schools and technical schools.

Appalled at the price of the manual required for his course, Basham challenged the only provider of the manual, a billion dollar company, Cisco, that charges \$180 a manual and profits \$30 million a year from its purchases.

In two months time, Basham wrote

his own 800-page manual for the course.

Although the writing took a short amount of time, he said "the ideas, sketches, and cocktail napkin drawings were assembled over three years."

Basham offered Cisco the option of publishing his manual, but the company declined.

So he offers students a downloadable version of his manual, completely free of charge.

Books can also be printed and shipped for \$20. He receives \$5 for every printed book.

Basham recalls the prices of books during the late '80s while he was obtaining his undergraduate degree.

"The cost of textbooks I paid at Oakland was outrageous then too, \$100 for a calculus book.

"Of course now they are a couple hundred," Basham said.

His manual is currently available at <http://www.lulu.com>, an online publishing Web site.

However, it will soon be available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other leading bookstores, Basham said.

To date there have been over 20 million downloads and a couple hundred printed.

The demand for his manual has not slowed since its release six months ago.

He is still receiving one or two e-mails a day, and a phone call or two every week regarding the manual.

Basham is currently finishing his Ph.D. program and plans on attending law school.

At the end of February, Basham will

re-release his manual with edits and new labs.

Basham is also writing a booklet, entitled "Why I Chose To Publish With Lulu," for the Web site to be distributed to faculty members.

Relations with Cisco are now better. The company has offered to send him to a conference to discuss security issues with community colleges.

Basham recommends that students take a stand, challenge authority and maybe even take a chance and write their own books.

"I find it all too strange that companies develop their own curriculum and software, push it into the 'academic' arena, yet no one seems to challenge the credentials of those who wrote it," he said.

Finally, Basham says, "Go Grizzlies!"



Photo courtesy of Orville Myers/Monterey County Herald /KRT

Experts say that individuals exposed to sunlight should wear moisturizers that contain broad spectrum treatment to block the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. The sun's rays are most harmful between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and are still somewhat harmful after that. Most skin cancers are sun-related and can be prevented by taking appropriate measures.

What you need to know about skin wise

By ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Marissa Penrod's father was part of the sunbather generation, and he has had dozens of skin cancer tumors removed from all over his body.

Penrod gave the second presentation in the Lunch and Learn Series, discussing aging and other skin problems.

Her father is not alone in his battle with the most serious type of skin cancer, melanoma.

It is the most common cancer in women ages 25-29 and the second most common in women ages 30-34, Penrod said.

It is expected to account for approximately 54,200 cases of skin cancer and most of the 9,800 deaths due to skin cancer each year.

Most causes of it are sun-related, according to the American Cancer Society.

Humans need the sun for its light and warmth, but the sun's radiation can cause damage to skin and eyes, even when it is cloudy or overcast.

Students and staff who attended Penrod's presentation last week received information and tips on how to keep their skin looking younger and how to stay healthy.

Ultraviolet rays are those emitted from the sun.

Short-term results of exposure to the rays are a tan or sunburn.

Aged skin, wrinkles, dark patches and cancers are some of the long-term effects. There are no safe rays.

The three types of UV rays are UVA, UVB and UVC. Penrod's trick for remembering what each does is as follows:

UVA - the A stands for aging.

These are the rays that penetrate the skin's surface and destroy collagen and elastin, which may cause wrinkles and sagging.

UVB - the B stands for burn.

These rays cause damage to the DNA of skin cells.

UVC - deadly rays emitted by the sun but stopped by the ozone layer.

That is just one of the reasons why it is important to stop the depletion of the ozone layer.

Penrod pointed out that most cases of cancer on the face in adults occur on one side of the face.

Can you guess which one?

The left side, because it is the side exposed to sun when driving.

The sun reflects in through your window, even on cloudy days, allowing UVA and UVB rays to constantly hit your skin.

Penrod highly recommends that everyone wear a moisturizer that contains a broad spectrum treatment, especially on the face.

Broad spectrum is a substance that prevents repigmenting or tanning of skin, thereby protecting skin from the sun's harmful rays.

Women should also look for broad spectrum in their cosmetics.

Penrod said that staying out of the sun is almost impossible.

But there are things you can do to limit your exposure to the sun's harmful UV rays.

A few may be common sense, but everyone needs a reminder here and there.

Editor's Note:

This is the fourth in a continuing series about health issues that may concern college students.

One tip is to limit direct sun exposure during midday, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are the most intense.

The ACS recommends doing the shadow test if you are unsure about the sun's intensity.

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police

files

A male student left his electronic dictionary unattended on a table in Cafe O'Bears last Friday. Upon his return at about

12:10 a.m., he found that the dictionary was missing.

Two males were seen entering the cafe at 12 a.m. and leaving quickly, but they were not seen taking anything from any table.

A female student has been receiving prank phone calls since

last month; to date, she has received approximately nine calls.

She suspects that the caller, an unknown female, may be her ex-friend, but she does not want to accuse her of anything until she has proof.

She was advised by an

OUPD officer to request a caller ID phone from housing.

A female was laying on her bed, complaining of a headache and being unable to see well.

AMR transported her to Crittenton Hospital.

An employee of Chartwells cut

his finger while slicing bread at Subway.

AMR found that his blood pressure was very high and advised that he might need stitches.

He allowed AMR to transport him to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

the LOW down

Wednesday, Feb. 16

A screening for the film "Imitation of Life" will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the OC's Gold Room C.

Professor Linda Benson will present "The New 'Great Game' Between China, Mongolia and Russia" at 7 p.m. in the OC's Oakland Room.

Thursday, Feb. 17

Representatives from Automation Alley, J.D. Power & Associates and Superior Plastics will lead a panel discussion on internships at noon in the OC's Gold Rooms A and B.

Alpha Sigma Tau is holding a Teddy Bear Drive in the main hallway of the OC. Teddy bears will be donated to needy children in the Metro-Detroit area.

Coretta Scott King will speak at this year's Keeper of the Dream Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Friday, Feb. 18

"The Mikado" will be performed at 8 p.m. at Varner Studio Theatre.

Saturday, Feb. 19

OU's Women's Basketball will play against Chicago State's team at 3:30 p.m. at the O'rena.

Sunday, Feb. 20

Delta Sigma Theta is holding a "Soul Food Honor Thy Mother Luncheon" at 1 p.m. in the OC's Oakland Room.

Monday, Feb. 21

Join professors David Dulio and Peter Trumbore as they discuss recent political events at noon in the OC's Fireside Lounge.

OUSC meets at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Today is the last day for competency exams. Contact the Registrar at (248) 370-3450 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Enjoy an evening of Chinese, American Indian and African-American folktales at 5:30 p.m. in 350 Pawley Hall.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi, Campus News Editor

New health program to help stroke victims

BY NICK COTTA
THE OAKLAND POST

Stroke victims who don't have medical insurance may benefit from a new program offered by the School of Health Sciences.

"Bridging the Gap" is a program intended to help such victims and to better train doctoral and post-doctoral students.

"This year is a pilot program in a manner of speaking ... to test the feasibility and the concept of raising private funds through philanthropy (and) to help make a difference in peoples' lives," said Kenneth Hightower, dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Hightower also hopes to bring in outside part-time clinicians to help with personalized care.

The care given is customized to each patient and is thus quite costly.

"Personal, customized treatment is time and energy intensive, and requires more monies. We are not charging these people in need," Hightower said.

The program started this year on two \$25,000 grants.

The \$50,000 pledged so far will mainly go to transporting patients, administrative

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Dr. Kenneth Hightower
Dean of School of Health Sciences

costs and scholarships to keep some of the best doctoral students around.

Further funds will help to increase research.

"The more we have, the more people we can treat, and the more research we can conduct to document which protocols and treatments work with specific people," Hightower said.

A pilot program was performed last year, with 12 patients selected from the Rochester Older Persons Commission and

Beaumont Hospital who came in for four trial sessions.

Students in the program said they felt more prepared to go into a clinic and evaluate and treat persons with a neurological diagnosis.

Instructors said it was especially worthwhile because students didn't have time restrictions like they would if they were learning at a clinic; they learn more efficiently if they are unrestricted.

Hightower said the school is currently at its maximum of 90 doctoral students.

The program is currently housed in the teaching laboratories of the School of Health Sciences.

Hightower's monetary goal for the program is to raise \$4 million to \$8 million to add a wing to another building or even build a separate building for the program.

The goal is to eventually add focus on other neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's, and add more patients than the expected 10-14 starting in the spring.

The program comes after Hightower started teaching a class in 2003, entitled "the Brain and Disease," designed to focus on brain experts' findings on current medicines and research.



Dante Ciuillo/The Oakland Post

Individuals are advised to wear sunblocking moisturizers when exposed to sunlight. Rays emitted from sun can reach an individual's skin even on cloudy days. (Photo of The Spanish Steps in Rome.)

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If your shadow is shorter than you, the rays are at their strongest.

Another way to protect yourself is to keep covered in the sun. Wear clothing that will cover as much skin as possible.

Dark colors provide more protection than light colors. A tightly woven fabric protects better than loosely woven clothing.

If you can see light through a fabric, then UV rays can also get through.

Another suggestion is wearing hats. A baseball cap can protect the front and top of the head but not the back of the neck or the ears, where skin cancers commonly develop.

Try a shade cap that looks like a baseball cap but has fabric draping down the sides and back.

Only 30 percent of Americans apply sunscreen while on vacation, and less than 20 percent wear it year round, Penrod said.

It should be applied at least 15-30 minutes prior to sun exposure and reapplied often.

It is also recommended to use lip balm with sunscreen.

A common myth is that UV rays of tanning beds are harmless. This is false.

The lamps in tanning beds give out both UVA and UVB in higher doses than the actual sun at its strongest time.

Penrod, the ACS and other health experts advise individu-

als to avoid sunlamps and tanning beds altogether.

If you are part of the 60 percent of the population that still strives to have a tan year round, Penrod highly recommends that you learn to love your pale skin.

She finds that people in the college-age group say they do not care what they will look like in their 50s or 60s.

What they fail to realize is that damage caused by tanning beds can be, in certain cases, fatal.

Penrod is an independent consultant for Arbonne and an elementary school teacher.

Arbonne is a skin-care company whose products are botanically and herbally based, and do not contain any chemical fragrances

Skin cancer facts

A sunburn doubles the chance of skin cancer every time.

Half of all cancers in men and women are of the skin.

Every year there are over one million new cases of skin cancer.

Skin cancer is three times more common than breast and lung cancer.

There is an 89 percent survival rate.

Eighty-two percent of melanomas are diagnosed at a localized stage.

~ Compiled by Allison Brunner,
Senior News Writer

that can lead to skin irritations.

The products she featured help reduce and reverse the signs of aging.

Arbonne is not available in stores.

The creator said he would rather spend the money on research and development instead of fancy advertising in drug stores and department stores, according to Penrod.

Individuals interested in Arbonne and its products can visit <http://www.arbonne.com> or contact Penrod at marissap23@msn.com.

The next presentation in the Lunch and Learn series will teach the audience about silk flower arranging and will be held on Monday, Feb. 28 from noon - 1 p.m.

Board of trustees cancels meetings

The OU board of trustees has not met for either a formal board meeting or a working session since last year.

The board cancelled its meetings scheduled for Jan. 12 and Feb. 2 of this year.

Board members have not yet responded to questions about why the meetings have been cancelled.

Members are not directly available to the public.

To get in touch with them, individuals may contact OU's media relations department or the board's general counsel and secretary.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on March 2 in the Elliot Hall Auditorium.

Please refer to upcoming issues of The Post for further information.

OU to help smokers break free from habit

The Graham Health Center is hosting "Freedom from Smoking," an American Lung Association program designed to help individuals stop smoking.

The program will start Thursday, Feb. 17 and will run through Thursday, April 21.

Students may enroll in the program for \$50, and staff and community members may enroll for \$70.

An informational session will be held at noon on Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Graham Health Center.

For more information, please call (248) 370-2341.

OU names Rajagopalan as director for MBA program

Balaji Rajagopalan was recently appointed as director of the Executive Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management program.

"Dr. Rajagopalan is natural as the director of the EMBA.

"He has taught in the program, is quite organized and has a keen interest in improving the program through increased use of distance learning technologies," said John Tower, interim dean for the School of Business Administration, according to an OU press release.

Rajagopalan, an associate professor of management information systems, is serving as co-principal investigator on a grant from the National Science Foundation.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi,
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CAMPUS RECREATION

Shape for Break!!!--It's time to think about getting in shape for break! Remember the Rec Center has plenty of drop in group exercise classes along with a state of the art fitness center and swimming pool. Don't delay. Keep your resolutions

Half Semester Memberships begin March 1st. Non-student affiliates can join the Rec Center for \$85 for March 1-May 5. Get ready for spring!

Intramural Sports--Registration deadline for Floor Hockey is March 18th and the captain's meeting will be March 21st at 7 PM.

Fitness/Wellness--Specialty class sign up for second session will begin soon. Second session classes begin March 7th.

Wellness Wednesday--Mark your calendar for March 9th at 12:05 PM in the Pioneer Room. Dr. Fang will present "Low Back Pain be Gone." If you suffer from low back pain this presentation can help you by teaching proper stretches, exercises and natural methods of easing the cause of the pain. Don't miss this session!

NATIONAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS AND FITNESS DAY

Tuesday, February 22, 4-8 PM, Campus Rec Center

This event will include a "health fair" and fitness challenge. The fitness challenge will include 5 categories: Knowledge, Flexibility, Strength, Cardio, and Sport. For each category, different activities will be offered and participants will be able to choose which they would prefer to do. Come and join the fun!

Student Liaison to the OU Board

Now accepting applications/nominations. The role of the student liaison is to serve as a source to the Board in decisions regarding student issues.

Term of office is one academic year, beginning July 1. Must be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher), have earned 56 undergraduate credits (28 from OU) or 18 graduate credits (9 from OU). Must not hold any other elected campus office, have a record of service to the campus or community, and no record of disciplinary action. Applications available at Student Affairs, 144 Oakland Center.

Deadline is March 31, 2005.

Call 248-370-4200 for more information.

CAREER SERVICES WINTER CAREER PREP MONTH 2005

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Internship Panel Discussion
Thursday, Feb. 17th, 2005 from 12 noon-1 PM, OC Gold Rooms A & B
Learn the value of internships in today's competitive job market and network with employer representatives.
J.D. Power & Associates and Automation Alley representatives discuss key skills/criteria sought by employers. Ask OU students about their internship experiences fields of psychology, business and engineering
Win a Prize! Snacks Provided!
For further information call Career Services at 248-370-3250.

Walt Disney World Presentation/Interviews

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 2005, 12 noon-1 PM, Oakland Room, OC
Attendance at presentation is required to interview! All majors and college levels invited. Build your resume, network with Disney leaders, and meet students from around the world!

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Tales from the crypt



Black History Month

Left: A view of Parent's Creek that runs through Elmwood. This creek was once named Bloody Run in the 1700s after a surprise attack by the Pontiac Indians when the river is said to have ran red with the blood of British soldiers.

Photo courtesy of Elmwood Cemetery



Black History Month Events

Feb. 15-20: A celebration of contemporary African-American dance at the Detroit Opera House
(313) 237-7464

Feb. 16: E. Azaliai Hackley concert featuring the Alvin Waddles Jazz Trio and the New Millennium Chorale at the Detroit Main Library
7 p.m.
(313) 833-4048

Feb. 24: Teen Black History Program at the Southfield Public Library featuring an African-American game show; the pop-culture edition.
8:30 p.m.
(248) 796-4200

Tuesdays-Saturdays in February: Flight to freedom underground railroad at the First Congressional Church of Detroit Living Museum
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
(313) 831-4080

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Hope Chavez-James is celebrating Black History Month by journeying 150 years back in time. As she walks through the old stone gatehouse, she is transported to a peaceful outdoor oasis in the heart of bustling Detroit.

Battling the early-morning cold, she walks aimlessly over the still-snowy grass to speak to D. Augustus Straker, Michigan's first black judge; to praise Cora Brown, the state's first black female senator; and to thank Sen. Jacob Howard, the man who drafted the Constitution's 13th Amendment to abolish slavery.

Chavez-James, a 25-year-old Detroit resident, spent two hours wandering the 80-acre sanctuary, stopping at many of the more than 55,000 markers at Detroit's legendary Elmwood Cemetery.

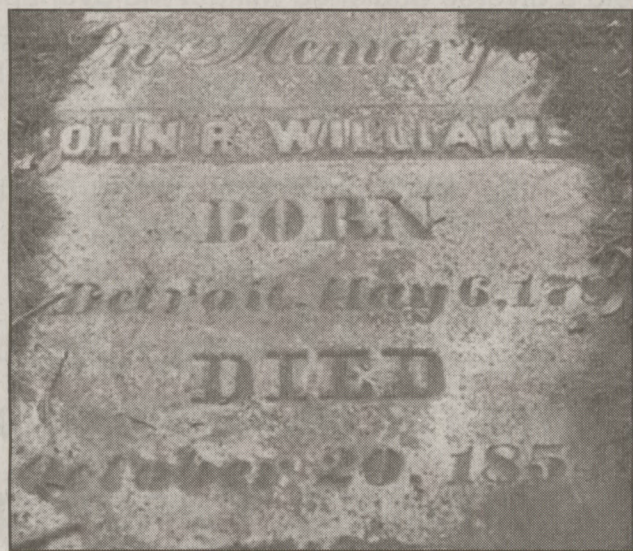
"When you walk through the gates, it's like you're entering another time," Chavez-James said. "All of the people that you read about in history books or see on television become real and it's like you have the power to visit them, to talk to them, to thank them for their work."

Founded in 1846, Elmwood was open to African-Americans, with merchants, police officers, musicians and residents buried beside soldiers, senators and politicians.

Among the elite eternally resting at Elmwood are 29 former Detroit mayors, 11 U.S. senators, seven Michigan governors, 28 Civil War generals and 17 black Civil War veterans, according to information from the cemetery's gatehouse.

Chavez-James said she took the day off to wander the sprawling grounds and bask in the mystery and history that is not only African-American culture, but Detroit's culture, as well.

Please see **CEMETERY** on A8



Above: The stone archway and gatehouse greets visitors as they enter the cemetery. The office in the gatehouse can provide guests with maps and information about the famous people buried in Elmwood.

Left: This towering monument marks the grave of John R. Williams, Detroit's first mayor and namesake of John R. Road.

Far Left: The headstone of John R. Williams' tomb is one of the most frequented graves, according to Elmwood staff.

Elizabeth Gorecki/The Oakland Post

Global Glance

-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Lebanon mourns leader

Lebanon shut down Monday to mourn former Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri, who was murdered in a huge car bomb blast. Streets were deserted as schools, shops and offices shut for three days of official mourning.

The 60-year-old Sunni Muslim billionaire, who master-minded postwar reconstruction, was killed Monday as his motorcade drove through Beirut's seafloor luxury hotel district.

At least 14 other people were killed and 135 were wounded in the blast, the biggest in Lebanon since the end of the civil war and the most high-profile assassination.

Togo election angers Africa

A team of African diplomats jetted to Togo Tuesday seeking to end a crisis over the country's leadership that has sparked deadly riots in the capital and drawn widespread international condemnation.

Togo's army infuriated world leaders this month when it snubbed the constitution and named a new president after the death of Gnassingbe Eyadema, who had ruled Togo for 38 years to become Africa's longest-serving leader.

African leaders want Togo to reverse its decision to appoint Eyadema's son as president without an election and have threatened the West African nation if it does not take action.

'Baby 81' reunited with family

Sri Lankan authorities say DNA results have confirmed the identity of a baby who was found alive in the rubble of the tsunami disaster.

Nicknamed "Baby 81," after he was the 81st patient admitted to the Kalmunai Hospital the day he was discovered, the toddler was the subject of a desperate eight-week custody battle.

Nine couples claimed the child, but only Murugupillai Jeyarajah and his wife Jenita followed through, providing DNA samples.

The boy, who became a symbol of families torn apart by the Dec. 26 tsunami, will be reunited with his family today.

Mayor may run for president from prison

Popular Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador pledged Friday not to use a legal appeal to stay out of jail, saying he could stage a bid for the presidency from behind bars if necessary.

Obrador has consistently led public opinion polls among potential candidates but has not yet declared candidacy. He said his decision would not be determined by prosecutors' attempts to strip him of immunity and charge him with failing to obey a judge's order in a local land deal.

Current President Vicente Fox will step down in December 2006 as Mexico's constitution prohibits presidents from running for re-election.

Global goof

Attempt to tempt gay penguins

After six penguins at the Bremerhaven Zoo in Germany failed to produce any chicks after years of mating, zookeepers conducted DNA tests on the penguins. It was then that they realized these birds were living homosexual partnerships. One couple even adopted a rock and protected it like an egg.

The zoo decided to bring in four Swedish female penguins to try to mate with their apparently-gay penguins.

But just in case introducing the German penguins to their new Swedish friends is not as successful as hoped, the zoo has also flown in two new male penguins so that the ladies don't miss out altogether.

Michigan's Canada's landfill?

BY KARL BUCHMAN
THE OAKLAND POST

The Department of Homeland Security has conducted a survey revealing that the number of Canadian garbage trucks crossing the border into Michigan has doubled in the past year to approximately 415 trucks per day.

Three members of Michigan's congressional delegation are seeking answers and solutions to this situation.

Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich) and Carl Levin (D-Mich) and Rep. John Dingell (D-Dearborn) have written letters expressing serious concern about the increase in trash traffic.

In December, they wrote a letter to President Bush inquiring as to whether he will discuss the matter with Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin,

and what measures the Canadian government will take to stop the Canadian trash shipments.

The delegates also requested a time frame for when the shipments will be stopped.

"These shipments pose a homeland security threat. I truly hope the recent U.S.-Canadian meeting marks the beginning of the end of this dangerous nuisance," Stabenow said.

The delegates are concerned that the trucks are a homeland security risk because terrorists may try to smuggle dangerous materials in the garbage.

"By their very nature, trucks full of garbage are extremely difficult for customs agents to inspect as compared to traditional cargo," their letter said.

Cases of drug smuggling are also a problem.

In September, nearly one ton of marijuana was found buried in a truckload of garbage crossing the Blue Water Bridge, entering Michigan en route

from Toronto.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents found about 1,900 pounds of the drug hidden in 59 plastic bags and hockey equipment duffel bags, with a street value of about \$9 million.

The imported garbage is also a threat on Michigan's environment.

"These trucks not only pose a threat to homeland security, but also have a negative impact on Michigan's environment, hamper Michigan's recycling efforts and jeopardize the safety of Michigan's roads and bridges," Stabenow said.

In September, one garbage truck was on fire when it attempted to cross into Michigan.

The fire required 8,000 gallons of water and one and a half hours to extinguish and caused large amounts of hazardous and toxic waste to be expelled from the truck.

In October, another truck crossing into Michigan carrying hospital waste was leaking blood and contaminants in violation of Michigan and Ontario law, which requires that medical waste be contained in secure containers and not mixed with other waste.

In October, Stabenow posted a petition on her Web site, stabenow.senate.gov, urging EPA nominee Mike Leavitt to enforce a 1986 treaty that allows the EPA to stop these shipments immediately.

Stabenow's petition has gotten over 165 thousand signatures.

"If we keep accepting imported trash at the present rate, Michigan's landfills will be exhausted in less than 10 years – instead of an estimated 17 years – forcing us to turn more of our state's valuable green spaces into landfills," Stabenow said.

Drink "Happy" with beer buddy

Drinking alone can be depressing, "I.M. Happy" keeps you company

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Drinking alone can be a sign of alcoholism, according to many health professionals.

So to avoid that lonely drinking feeling, Mickey Marchello of the band Good Rats designed a beer buddy to keep drinkers company.

Affectionately named I.M. Happy, the pot-bellied, stein-swilling toy smiles, sings and toasts with any drinker.

"Put Happy in an appropriate spot – atop the refrigerator or next to your bed – and he'll always be ready to brighten your day," said Scott Roth, a spokesman for Prestige Line Inc., the company advertising the product.

The 14 inch tall toy comes alive at the push of a button and happily growls along to four party tunes including the "World Party Anthem."

"It's not just a good product, it's a great conversation piece," said a post on the product's Web site.

Many students thought that this novelty was a great idea.

"This looks awesome," said senior Jamie

Rooke. "It's like a friend

that wants to drink whenever you do and to sing drunk party songs with you."

He added that he's definitely interested in getting one to set on his table.

And for less than the price of a keg, anyone can order their own "Happy" to take along to happy hour at the bar or to sip cocktails with before bed.

I.M. Happy buddies can be purchased online for \$44.95 at www.57happy.com or by calling (866) 97-HAPPY.



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Student Affairs Office – 144 Oakland Center
Student Congress Office – 62 Oakland Center
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Applications are due in the Student Affairs Office by March 31, 2005



For questions, please call: 248-370-4200

WE PAY FOR DIVERSITY!!!

Student Organizations, do you want an extra 500.00 in your flex account?

If the answer is yes, then I have the solution for you.

In conjunction with Student Congress' efforts to improve race relations on campus, SAFB is sponsoring Diversity for Dollars. Each organization is asked to submit a proposal for an event costing up to \$5000.00. The proposal should be detailed and include a budget.

The top three educational, social, or recreational programs that yield a diverse audience will get the event paid for by SAFB and also win \$500.00 upon completion of the event. Proposals will be available in the CSA office Thursday February 10, 2004.

Organizations should submit the proposal by March 4, 2004.

For more information contact Charity Jones at cr2jones@oakland.edu or (248) 370-4294
62 Oakland Center

Positions available on Student Activities Funding Board

Applicants must be OU students in good academic standing.

Meetings are Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Applications are available in the Student Congress office

Contact Charity Jones
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Editor in chief resigns

As the editor in chief of this publication, it is my responsibility to inform the readers of an important change that will be occurring at The Post.

I have made a decision to run for office within OU Student Congress, which will result in the resigning of my position as editor in chief.

While this decision may seem extreme, it is what must be done to maintain the The Post's integrity during the election process, since The Post covers the elections in great depth.

I will be stepping down as editor in chief, but will not be leaving the staff entirely. Due to scheduling conflicts, there has been a need for a full-time sports editor, so I will assume that role.

During my previous two and a half years on staff, I served as sports editor, making the transition timely and sensible.

I will remain a consultant, as well, providing assistance to Libby Baker, who will be taking over the responsibility of editor in chief. Editorial control will belong completely to Ms. Baker, but I will help the transition go smoothly by helping her in any way I can.

Ms. Baker is more than capable of assuming the role of editor in chief, and the staff is prepared for the transition, making me confident in The Post's ability to maintain its quality during this change. This will be official as of Wednesday, Feb. 16.

I thank the staff of The Post for helping make this opportunity possible and look forward to seeing how The Post grows over the course of the rest of this semester.

Thank you,
Brendan J. Stevens

EDITORIAL

Proposed changes to merit scholarship will impact many

Today's college education carries a hefty price tag, and many students are forced to carry some, if not all, of the financial burden.

Student loans and scholarships help, but students continue to face ever-increasing tuition expenses, book fees and living costs.

It's easy to get behind, and many students give up before completion because the cost and intensity of receiving a college degree becomes too hard to handle.

Our state realizes the importance of producing college educated citizens and because of this, numerous scholarships have been created to encourage and aid students in obtaining a degree.

In 1999, the Michigan Merit Award was created. Currently, it awards \$2,500 to high school graduates for performance on the MEAP test or the Michigan Merit Exam.

About 49,000 students benefit from this award each year. Last week during her annual State of the State Address, Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposed significant changes to the current award system.

Granholm proposed awarding \$4,000 to college students who complete two years of college, whether the student is working toward an associate's degree, bachelor's degree or is completing work in a technical program.

She said these changes will help make a college education available to all, which in turn will drive the state's economy.

This money would reward students for attending college and would provide incentive for students to complete four year degree programs.

All in all, the plan seems good, but what impact will this have on high school students, some of who may depend on that money to initially begin their college education? Will some students be unable to attend college without the initial assistance? Both the pros and cons of this proposal must be weighed.

The ultimate goal should be ensuring a college education to anyone who desires one, whatever the cost may be, and we should work to achieve that goal, in whatever way possible.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support continues for GSC

Dear Editor,

I have been a student at Oakland University for four and a half years, and I am proud to see the effort and work put into reaching out to students by placing a Gender and Sexuality Center on our campus.

As a woman and human being, I support a center and would like to clear up misconceptions students may have.

A Gender and Sexuality Center would not include structuring a brand new building, however, it would entail setting up an office in the basement of the Oakland Center.

The center would benefit women, GLBTQ students and students who may need research sources on various topics.

The center may provide opportunities for internships and networking.

I look forward to continuing my support for this center and whatever else is to come from our wonderful student body.

I wish students would open their eyes and see the need for such an office on campus.

Thank you for your time.

Kori Lynn Caver
Student Congress legislator
Junior
Elementary education

Congress should represent all views

Dear Editor,

Recently, there has been much debate over the proposed Gender and Sexuality Center, and I must say that when I first heard of it I was opposed to it, too.

I thought to myself, "Yet another instance of OUSC's special interest group serving themselves..."

When I speak of this "special interest group," I believe most of the campus is aware of what I am talking about.

Since the beginning of the year, it has been clear there exists a group in OUSC which is quite liberal in ideology and overly concerned with LGBTQ (Gay,

Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) issues.

This school year, this group advocated urging students to vote "no" on Proposal 2, and then used students' funds to pay for the advertising of this propaganda.

Later, this group advocated the installation of condom dispensers in the Residence Halls, and now this group is supporting a new Gender and Sexuality Center.

Many OU students, including myself, feel this special interest group has hijacked Student Congress.

Instead of putting others' interests first, this group has made their issues everybody's issues.

In any successful government, the people must be fairly represented.

OUSC's special interest group does what they believe is right, they just lack the conservatives to provide the necessary balance.

A good student government should represent all views.

Sadly, OUSC as it is has become more a political party than a government.

When I first heard about the Gender and Sexuality Center, I thought the special interest group was at it again, promoting their own agenda.

While I think that still might be true, this center's primary goal is to serve students.

Serving students is the goal of OUSC and by promoting a Gender and Sexuality Center they are doing just that.

Perhaps in the future this idea won't be tainted by a special interest group, but we as a student body should not deny any student a center which might benefit them.

If we can help just one student we should say yes.

The only question we should then ask ourselves is, "How can we help even more?"

Bryan Austin
Graduate student
Masters in arts and teaching

Many "victims" on campus

Dear Editor,

Typically when I give my opinion about any given topic on our campus, I feel no need or obliga-

tion to respond to any type of rebuttals unless my opinion has been changed.

This letter is different, however, because someone made a few good points, and I want to address them.

This editorial is in response to Ms. Katie Miller or Ms. Martyr, whichever name she prefers to go by. Ms. Miller says, with I'm sure a lot of passion, "if you are a victim you shouldn't have to seek out a student group for support."

This statement captured my interest because it is completely correct and with that being said, I am calling on Ms. Martyr to do her job as a legislator and help to establish a center for all of the other "victims" on our campus.

For example, I am a black male from the inner city. I am a "victim" of the streets and a "victim" of a single parent household.

Statistics show I will be dead or in jail by the time I am 25 and because of this I am at risk to not complete my education.

Although it is my last semester at OU because I am graduating in May, I ask Ms. Miller, where is my center?

I have white male friends who feel that because of their place in history, they have no support system to help them through college.

When any war breaks out or the economy is doing poorly, fingers point and heads turn to them with blame.

Where is their center?

Of course if you leave it up to Ms. Miller's clarification of our misconceptions, we can go to the GSC and utilize programs such as "Love shouldn't hurt."

A program that by its name alone implies that men are barbarians and don't know how to treat our significant others.

I guess abuse and violence are the only problems men face.

One-fifth of the students in the residence halls are on academic probation and many others will leave the university for other academic and financial reasons.

Although most of them will meet with the academic skills center, there is not a place for all of them to get help.

Where is their center?

What Ms. Miller fails to realize is that in one way or another, everyone on this campus is a victim.

Some people have been sexual-

ly assaulted, while some people suffer from physical abuse by spouses or parents.

Others have anxiety or weight issues. All issues we currently have resources to support.

Even if we didn't have these resources in place, the one thing everyone seems to forget is that we are at Oakland University to learn.

We are all here to be educated so we can develop into independent thinkers.

The university is not here to be a parent or hold our hands through every traumatic experience we have.

Ms. Miller is very correct when she says "we should know our university supports us;" and to me and many other students on campus, support is already here.

I think a vast majority of the students who are rallying for this center, especially those in student congress, need to drop the personal agendas and do their jobs; jobs that call for them to represent the entire student body and not just the flavor of the month or any other special interests.

If you want to bring ADDITIONAL resources to our campus for students to use, make sure they will benefit the entire student body.

Additionally, these students should stop throwing around violent language and examples. Although many women and men are sexually assaulted, there is no need to throw around words like "rape" to try and gain support for your cause.

Everyone is being completely PC about this issue and not many people are saying how they really feel.

The Gender and Sexuality Center, no matter how bad some students want it to, does not serve a purpose for most of the students on our campus.

Unlike what our "very liberal lesbian woman," Katie Miller says, there are not too many misconceptions about this center.

There are just a lot of people trying to redirect our attention from its actual purpose.

Steven D. Townsend
Senior
Chemistry

Corrections:

Saman Waquad was incorrectly quoted in last week's OUSC story in regards to financial aid. She did not make the statements attributed to her.

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HEALTH

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cators, presented separate displays, with Cayce focusing on gambling issues and Rudolph supplying information on obesity.

"Eighty percent of all Americans gamble at one point throughout the year, whether it's a single scratch off lotto ticket or a trip to the horse race," Cayce said. "Americans wager \$500 billion a year."

Rudolph spoke with students about the effects obesity has on health.

Proper food portions were displayed, and pamphlets discussing the benefits of physical activity were available.

Rudolph said that 60 percent of the population was either overweight or obese, adding that a good way to control obesity is by eating what you like in smaller portions.

"If you want to have a candy bar, choose the smaller

bite size instead of a big one," he said.

Theresa White, a registered nurse from the OCHD, who discussed infant mortality rate, said the rate has decreased in Pontiac since 2003, but overall, the cities of Pontiac and Southfield have the highest infant mortality.

The Nurse-Family Partnership Program, a free program available to mothers who live in Pontiac, provides the family with a nurse who visits the mother during pregnancy and until the child is two years old.

The exhibit also provided information about the School of Nursing programs.

According to the school of nursing Web site, U.S. News and World Report recognized the Oakland University/Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia as sixth in the U.S. in its 2004 edition of the Best Graduate School Programs. For more information, visit the School of Nursing Web site at www2.oakland.edu/nursing/ or to find out more about the OCHD, go to www.co.oakland.mi.us.

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stayed constant at 10 percent.

Sara Crampton, coordinator for student leadership development, said the people that comprise the SAFAC diligently spent hours presenting proposals, deciding what each organization could afford to cut or absolutely needed to keep.

"They were elected by you," she said to congress.

Some legislators felt the amount the radio station receives is just too much for what they actually do and didn't like the fact that their advisor gets paid from the student activity fee. No other advisor gets paid by the student activity fee because it is supposed to go to the students. WXOU is aware of this problem and is working to correct it.

Crampton and Parks said OUSC should give the radio station a chance to correct their own problems and have faith that they will do it.

The extensive discussion that lasted almost an hour resulted in delaying the vote until next week after it was tabled.

The decision to table the proposal vote was made primarily because the WXOU board of directors is meeting this Friday and congress will decide after they see the progress WXOU plans on making.

Cronauer obtained her bachelor's in communication from OU in 2002. She went on to earn her masters in broadcast from CMU and is now a professor in the RCJ department.

CEMETERY

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"There is a Civil War section here, where more than a dozen Michigan black Civil War veterans are buried," Chavez-James said. "It's because of them that this cemetery exists and I have the freedom to roam around it."

"The tombs of Michigan's first black judge, first female African-American senator, first black landowner, doctor, firefighter and lawyer are all within walking distance."

Chavez-James took some time to relax on a bench and reflect at the cemetery's quiet, clear stream and learn a little about the history.

Legend has it that the small sparkling tributary of the Detroit River that flows through the serene landscape of Elmwood Cemetery is the same river that ran red with blood after a battle between the Pontiac Indians and the British soldiers in 1763.

The story says that after Pontiac Chief Red Dwarf was seen stalking British Capt. James Dalyell on the banks of the Detroit River, the following day, the British captain and 58 of his soldiers were ambushed by Pontiac Indians at what is now known as the Battle of Bloody Run. The stream is said to have turned red with the blood of the soldiers for days after the battle.

None of the British killed during the Battle are buried at Elmwood, as the cemetery did not exist yet, but visitors to Elmwood often like to sit on the banks of the creek or walk the path of the tributary and recount the infamous legend, said Chris Little, a groundskeeper at the cemetery.

"This is a very popular place for visitors," he said. "Most simply sit and take in the beauty of the surroundings, but many recount the legend of the battle and the history of this spot."

Little was also able to tell the tales of less well-known guests at Elmwood.

Buried among Detroit's elite is Richard "Maserati Rick" Carter, a young black man and notorious drug dealer who was gunned down in 1988 in his hospital room where he was recovering from wounds received in an earlier attempt on his life. He is buried in Elmwood in a \$16,000 casket sporting a Maserati grille, hood ornament, wheels and tires.

Dudley Randall, named Detroit's distinguished poet in 1981 by then-mayor Coleman Young, is also buried in Elmwood.

"He had a gift not only to write beautifully, but to inspire the black community," Little said.

Chavez-James said she could not possibly take in everything the spa-

In other business:

• Accreditation representatives said OU's general education system has made great progress since their last visit in 1997.

• DISCUSSION OF THE WEEK topic for next week will urge students to use their OU e-mail and inform them of forwarding their OU account to another e-mail account, such as hotmail or yahoo.

• SAFB chair Charity Jones read a letter from BOT student liaison, David Lauber, regarding efforts they were making toward parking, parking meters and safety of residents. Jones took back any suggestions or questions from OUSC to Lauber.

• The first of two readings of congress' constitution was given.

Next week will be the first reading for the by-laws, and the second for the constitution.

• Technology Advancement Program applications are now available in the OUSC office.

• There is a Gender and Sexuality Center open forum today from noon-1p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

• A bill was passed to establish 12 members to the Publicity Committee, comprised of legislators and non-legislators.

• Casino Night is Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms.

• The final orientation for potential Congressional candidates will be Friday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. in the Lake Ontario Room.

• Monday, Feb. 21, OUSC will be meeting at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room and be discussing their constitution and by-laws, the student-funding proposal and other issues affecting the student body.

cious landmark has to offer in one day, and she said she plans to return to the cemetery to learn more about the city's past as well as her own history.

Cemetery personnel said that February, being Black History Month, usually brings more people than usual to Elmwood, especially on school trips.

The cemetery is open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to dusk. The cemetery's office, located in the gatehouse, which provides visitors with maps and information about famous people buried there, is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and 9 a.m.-noon on Sundays.

Before leaving, Chavez-James stopped in front of the unfinished column marking the tomb of her hero, Jacob Howard.

The white senator not only wrote the amendment that abolished slavery, but he helped pass the 14th Amendment, granting civil rights to all Americans.

Standing in the shadow of the soaring monument, Chavez-James let a lone tear run down her cheek as she whispered thanks before she exited through the stone gateway, back to the teeming streets of the city and her busy life, with a newfound pride and sense of history.

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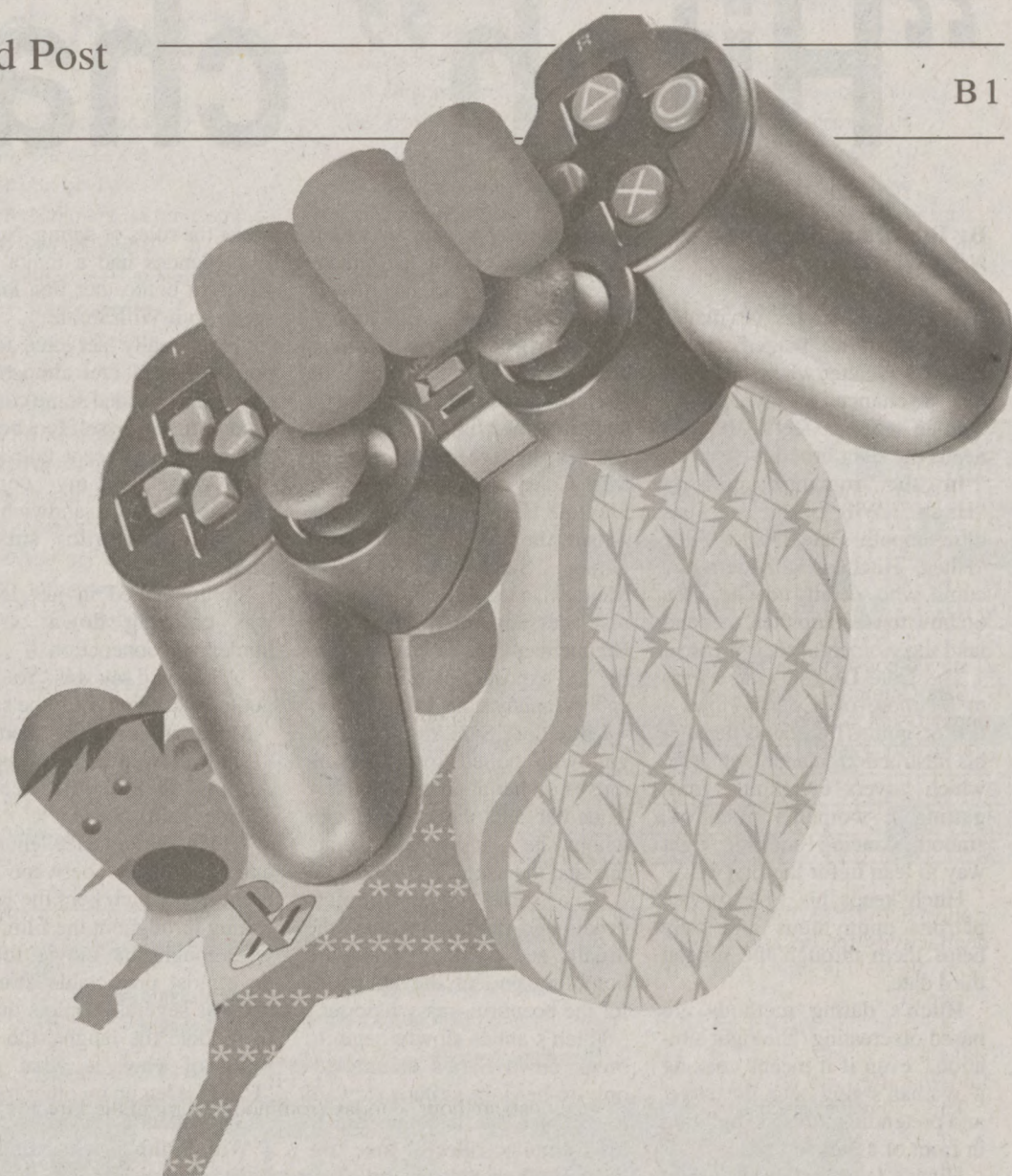
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Who's got game?

Check out which games made the cut for each system, and why they are on the list



BY SHEILA KOSZTOWNY & DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

Fifty-dollar bills drop like flies on the counter of the videogame store, and then the time consuming play begins. Gamers spend hours glued to the television playing videogames. So why do gamers sacrifice their time and money?

It is the graphics, the challenge and the competition. But more importantly, it is the entertainment.

Videogames are a craze that has never ceased, and their popularity continues to grow. Gamers anticipate release dates and spend a whopping 50 bucks on a single game. With so many games that hit the stores every month, it is hard to narrow the best picks, but OU students did it. Here are the top five videogames voted by OU students for GameCube, PlayStation 2 and Xbox.



GameCube

1. Mario Kart: Double Dash

With the Super Nintendo in the back of our minds, this game brings back those intense moments of the race. Mario Kart: Double Dash plays on concepts from the past such as the turtle shell that is giant or the improved courses. This old-time favorite stands on the top with its simple fun, allowing all of your friends to join.

"I like the multiplayer," Craig Gillman, junior, said. "It's cool because all of your friends can play."

2. Prince of Persia: Sands of Time

If gamers had a problem with the GameCube's obvious direction toward the younger audience, Prince of Persia did its job of satisfying the older audience. POP offers the best graphics the console has to offer, as well as the best interactive combat play. Yet, any gamer would tell you that the best part of a third person adventure is its save game system, which allows you to save during battle.

3. Legend of Zelda: Wind Waker

Nintendo platformers were eagerly anticipating the next installment of the most distinguished series this side of Mario – GameCube didn't disappoint.

The cell shaded version of a younger Link and the Kingdom of Hyrule offered gamers a unique view into the third person adventure genre.

With bosses and dungeon temples representing Zeldas of the past, GameCube's staple game was just what the often-disappointing console needed.

4. Metroid Prime: Echoes

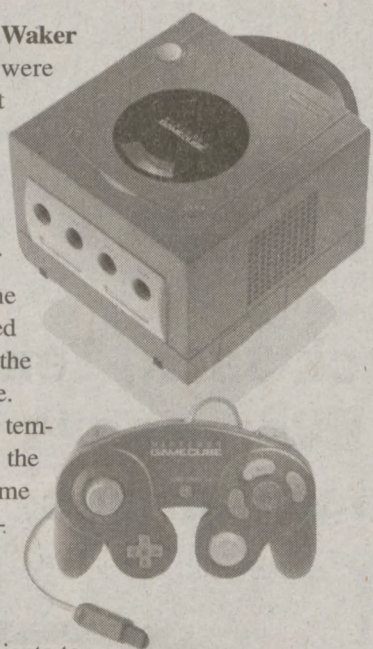
Enter the worlds of the giants to battle between the light and dark, better known as good and evil.

This first person shooter is unlike any other and separates itself from other first person shooters such as Doom and Quake. The mechanical bodies take on more vicious monsters and extensive weapons.

"It's like the standard first person shooter, but it has the extra sci-fi," James Martin, junior, said.

5. Super Smash Bros. Melee

Take all of your favorite Nintendo characters and throw them into one game and what do you get? Super Smash Bros. Melee. This game has the Mario Brothers all of the way to Pikachu for the ultimate survival of the fittest. Up to four players can challenge each other with extensive defensive and offensive moves.



PlayStation 2

1. Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas

When else is it acceptable to hijack cars, do gang drive-bys and pick up prostitutes? Only in San Andreas, rebellious Carl Johnson and his gang take on the mission against the Ballas. This real life role-playing allows you to pimp out cars and work out at the gym to build stamina for those missions such as the anticipated casino heist, stealing military weapons and beating up the mafia.

"It's almost like real life," Edgar Powell, junior, said. "You make up your own type of game."

This real life action game sets itself at the top of the list with comical features and missions.

2. Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater

Snake is on a stealth operation to recapture a Soviet scientist who developed "Metal Gear," a prototype weapon with nuclear capabilities for the Soviet Union, all with just a tranquilizer gun and some radio support on enemy territory. If that isn't challenging enough, you'll have to rely on survival skills and camouflage. The game offers a different angle than any other stealth game.

"That was a superb game with a good storyline," Danny Kusk, sophomore, said, adding that he beat it in six hours.

3. Tony Hawk Underground

Continuing the Tony Hawk series with four preceding games, THUG surpasses all of them. This time you can run, get off your board, climb towers, saunter across ropes and perform more elaborate tricks. You are placed as a local skater that turns pro by scanning your own picture or creating a skater.

"I spent about 300 hundred hours playing that game," Joe Ferguson, sophomore, said.

4. Grand Turismo 3: A-Spec

Simulation mode is the highlight of this game, where you progress into the racecar champ and advance to better, more exotic cars. Budget to buy and choose from over 150 cars made by leading companies and customize them. GT3 is close to the reality of physics with the spinouts and power slides. It allows you to imagine what it would be like to have that dream car that costs over \$100,000 and drive it the way you really want.

5. Final Fantasy X

The Final Fantasy series is a classic with the longest running role-playing game. This game has succeeded the others with its 3D graphics that make the game seem lifelike and strong character development.

Players assume the role of Tidus and explore the abilities of characters, even swapping characters during battles and deciding moves prior to play.

Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc. has developed their handheld system, PlayStation Portable. PSP will provide gaming entertainment, but also features digital music, movies, digital photos and wireless Internet capability. One million systems will be ready for buyers on March 24. The PSP "Value Pack" will be sold for \$249.99 and includes a 32 MB Memory Stick Duo.

XBox

1. Halo 2

As good as the campaign was on the original Halo, the multiplayer on the sequel is that much better.

Master Chief can dual, wield, use an energy sword and glitch maps more than he could in Halo.

What really sets the multiplayer experience apart is Bungie's use of Xbox Live. The online play is extremely smooth for a game with such a large player base.

When thought of as one game, both Halo and Halo 2 could be argued as the best video games since the original Legend of Zelda.

"Halo 2 is not good for somebody who is not experienced," Aaron Johnson, junior, said. "Not for the virgin gamer."

2. Madden NFL 2005

What can be said about this game and series that hasn't already been said? One change that Madden himself wanted for the game was a more realistic feel for plays and their game time usage. Madden wanted players to have to punt on fourth and long rather than picking deep post. The Madden series has taken a life of its own. Players can compete in tournaments and make playing the game a full time job.

3. Halo

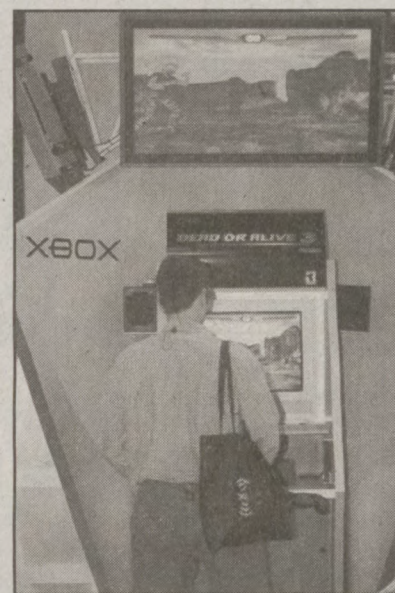
No gamer would argue that the campaign on Halo is the best single player experience that Xbox has to offer. The movie-like structure of the game's levels, the graphics and its incorporation of vehicles separates Halo from any other game. No first-person shooter since GoldenEye has had such an extensive single player mode. The game's multiplayer setting was the best experience on Xbox until Halo 2.

4. Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic (KOTOR)

Building on the success of Jedi Outcast, Lucasfilm delivered its best game yet. KOTOR is a role-playing game that allows characters of the galaxy far, far away to travel down paths of the light side and dark side. Expanded force powers and extensive gameplay allows for hours of "wandering" time. KOTOR is generally considered the second best game on the Xbox console.

5. Fable

Xbox's version of Black and White. RPG fans can take roles of good or evil as they face decisions that will lead them down their paths of fate. The game is pretty liberal in its content, not by violence, but rather that of its "love themes." The RPG could be seen as the non-Star Wars fans version of Knights of the Old Republic.



"Hitch" charms viewers

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
NEWS WRITER

Basic principles: No matter what, no matter whom, no matter when, any man has a chance to sweep any woman off her feet — he just needs the right broom.

In the romantic comedy "Hitch," Will Smith stars as ultra-smooth Date Doctor Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, a modern day cupid, who secretly coaches men on how to clean up their acts and land the women of their dreams.

The Date Doctor, who seems to be more of a player than a doctor, guides his clients through his instruction manual of love, which covers everything from getting a woman's attention, smooth dancing and the right way to lean in for the first kiss.

Hitch keeps his love service patrons anonymous and only helps them through the pivotal third date.

Hitch's dating methods are based on creating "the right situation," even if it means coaxing a woman's dog into the street and pretending a rescue by lying in front of a parked taxi.

Hitch's latest patient is Albert Brenneman (Kevin James of TV's "King of Queens"), a chub-

by and clumsy accountant who is in love with one of his clients, elite New York socialite Allegra Cole (model Amber Valletta).

Albert becomes Hitch's most challenging project as he attempts to turn the floundering geek into the chic paramour that catches the eye of the popular Miss Cole.

While Hitch is trying to teach Albert the rules of the dating game, Sara Melas (Eva Mendes), a tabloid gossip columnist, pursues the high profile Brenneman-Cole story, hoping to do an exposé on NYC's legendary, anonymous Date Doctor.

Little does Sara know that the guy who pulled some smooth moves on her at an upscale New York bar and the Date Doctor whom she plans to debunk are one and the same.

In a series of unfortunate events and funny situations, the usually suave Hitch becomes a bumbling goof as he falls hard for the beautiful, sassy reporter.

Hitch's antics slowly begin to break down Sara's committed-only-to-her-job attitude toward love. Once she becomes hip to his formulaic rules of love, she teaches Hitch that the rules are meant to be broken.

On the set, even the actors

broke the rules of dating. Actress Eva Mendes had a major faux pas right before her first kissing scene with Will Smith.

"I get really nervous, to the point where I feel almost nauseous. So I needed some comfort food to make myself feel better," she said on a recent talk show. "Unfortunately, my comfort food is a big tuna sandwich with onions and Doritos smashed inside of it."

Smith walked in just as she was chowing down on her homemade concoction.

"All I could say was 'You have got to be kidding me,'" he said.

Mendes says she was mortified. "I swallowed an entire box of Altoids [before the scene]," Mendes said.

"Hitch" has an excellent script and chemistry between cast members, which kept the laughs rolling throughout the film.

Although the movie follows an almost predictable structure and has several subplots that try to muddle the laughs, the male point of view is what gives "Hitch" a leg up on other movies in the romantic comedy genre.

Will Smith is charming and does not disappoint, keeping audiences laughing at his wacky, "Fresh Prince Of Bel



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures
Eva Mendes (left) and Will Smith enjoy a ski-doo ride through New York Harbor as Sara Melas and Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, respectively, in the aptly named romantic comedy "Hitch," which debuted last weekend.

Air"-style shenanigans.

The hilarious Kevin James is great in his sidekick role, and most guys (and girls) will be able to relate to his comic dating mishaps.

Eva Mendes is beautiful in this film and is settling nicely into the romantic leading lady role, despite her gun-toting, femme fatale roles of the past.

"Hitch," which made its debut on Valentine's Day weekend, is definitely a date movie, but it is not so lovey-dovey to warrant multiple trips to the concession stand to recuperate.

The movie offers terrific advice to men everywhere on how to date a woman, so bringing a notepad and pen is

advised.

On a news show, Smith offered real life advice to men to have the perfect first kiss.

"Assert your confidence and power. Don't be afraid of the kiss," he said.

"The true secret is the K.I.S.S. theory — Keep It Simple, Stupid."

3 Doors Down provides what's expected

By DAVE PHILLIPS
THE OAKLAND POST

Ever since "Kryptonite" came out in 2000, 3 Doors Down has been a radio staple.

The 2002 album "Away From The Sun" catapulted the band to even greater heights. After the release of a live EP last year, 3 Doors Down is back with their third studio album, "Seventeen Days."

The beginning of the album is energetic. "Right Where I Belong" starts things off and isn't very memorable at all.

Boring, distorted guitars seem to be fighting each other throughout the song, with cheesy guitar licks in the middle.

Singer Brad Arnold's voice is the saving grace of this song.

"It's Not Me" follows, and is more along the lines of what 3 Doors Down does best. The guitar is melodic at times, heavy at others. The soft/loud dynamic through this track makes it one of the better ones on the album.

"Be Somebody" brings lyrical genius by the way of lines like "I'm just trying to be somebody, I'm not trying to be somebody else," and "What they think won't ever bring me down, this life is mine and I am my own."

This track seems to be begging to fit in with the new "punk" bands like Brand New and Good Charlotte.

Often times, good bands won't release their best songs as singles. This is not the case for 3 Doors Down.

The first radio single off of "Seventeen Days" is track number three, "Let Me Go."

The chorus goes "You love me but you don't know who I am, I'm torn between this life I lead and who I am."

The only song better than "Let Me Go," is the second radio single, "Landing in London" featuring Bob Seger. It is a slow paced, heartfelt song, similar to "Away From The Sun" or "Be Like That," but better.

If "Seventeen Days" is an improvement in any way over their past two

albums, "Landing in London" is proof.

"Behind Those Eyes," track seven seems single-worthy. A nice guitar part and melodic vocal match well and form a nice beginning.

Arnold sings to his significant other, who's not being truthful to him. The chorus is very catchy, and I wouldn't be surprised to see this song as the next single at all.

Another catchy chorus is the strong point of "Father's Son."

The guitars in the chorus are boring, but are a nice touch throughout the rest of the song. One highlight is the use of a violin toward the end of the track.

"Here By Me" is a depressing way to

end the album. Not because it's a depressing song (though it's supposed to be), it's just depressingly bad.

3 Doors Down has potential because Brad Arnold is a great singer and there are some interesting parts of songs.

Half of the album is good, but it seems that they're just stuck in the same generic, major market radio impressing rock movement that most popular bands fall into nowadays.

If they weren't afraid to take a few risks, or to try to change some things, they could be a truly great band.

For now, they'll have to settle for one of the best corporate rock bands out there today.

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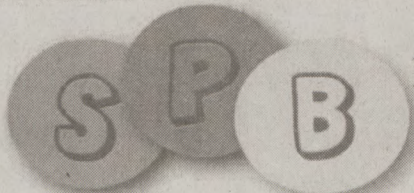
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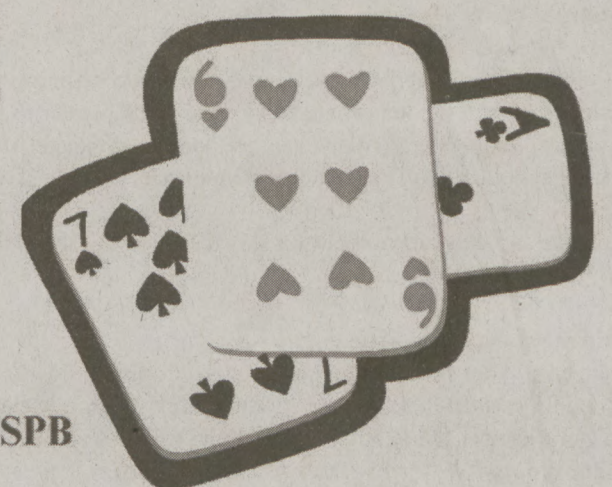
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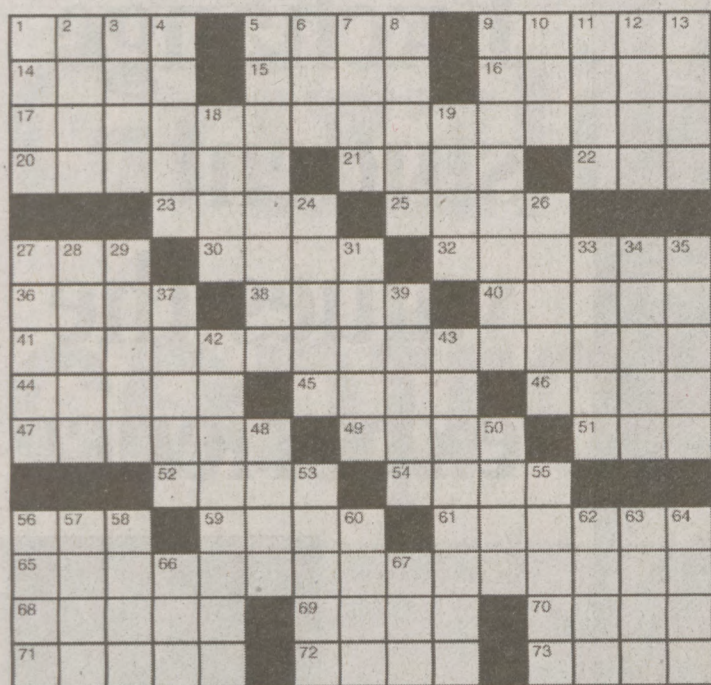
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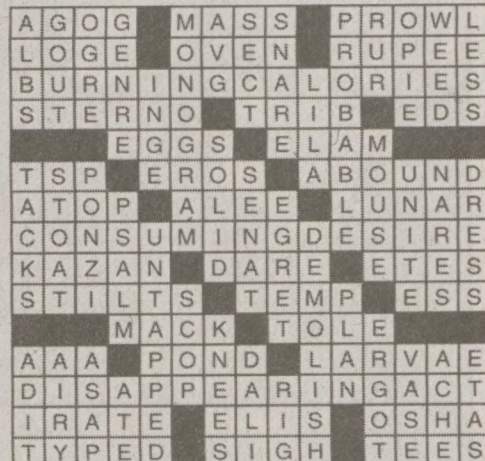
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Three members of the African dance organization Akanke perform in front of an audience at the African-American mock wedding on Thursday. Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Festivities show African tradition

Mock wedding provides insight

BY ANDREW GAINES
THE OAKLAND POST

Two OU students exchanged vows and pledged their love in front of a priest last Thursday in the OC.

Although this was not a real wedding, the Oakland Room was packed with many OU students, faculty and families of the wedding party.

OU students and staff waited in line to see how the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Pi Nu Chapter, were going to turn the room into a Yoruban wedding chapel as they presented their sixth annual Mock Wedding.

It was hosted by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and sponsored by the African-American Celebration Committee in honor of Black History Month.

"We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the African-American celebration events," Jackie Claiborne, junior and president of the sorority, said.

"The mock wedding is an annual event for us. This is our sixth year and we wanted to present the culture and traditions of the Yoruban people," she said.

According to Lauren Bates, senior and the treasurer of Sigma Gamma Rho, the sorority

wanted to do an educational mock wedding, which was different from last year's "Ghetto Fabulous Mock Wedding."

"After the 'Ghetto Fabulous Mock Wedding,' Sola, one of the members from our sorority, suggested that we do an African mock wedding," Bates said.

"She was from Nigeria so we decided to go with the customs from her tribe, Yoruban, and she provided us with the information."

The mock wedding consisted of many OU participants who were dressed in African attire provided by Babi Byi Gei Joshua, who is the mother of an OU student.

The mock wedding ceremony started off with the wedding party walking down the aisle to the sound of African drums. Then the audience was in awe when the African bride, Temetria Reid, freshman, came down the aisle in a silver color African dress.

"It was a good chance to see what an African wedding would be like," Janice Larkins, junior, said.

The mock wedding consisted of three bridesmaids, three groomsmen and the parents of the bride.

One mock wedding participant who played the role of the African priest was senior Onyemaechi Okey. Okey was born and raised in Nigeria, and he

was very happy to participate.

"It was fun experiencing this," Okey said. "Being a native Nigerian, I was impressed to see the other participants, who are not from Africa, learn the customs and teachings of my homeland."

Darnell Irving, a groomsman, said that he enjoyed participating in the event.

"This was a good experience for me," Irving, a freshman, said. "I never knew that African customs were like this. I didn't know they didn't wear shoes in a wedding."

The mock wedding ceremony ended with a five-minute performance by Akanké, an African dance organization.

"It was very refreshing to see something represent the African students that are from the content of our original existence since we don't have a lot of events," Krystal Johnson, senior and president of Akanké, said. "It's great to see African culture celebrated."

After the mock wedding, a reception was held in the Heritage Room, and authentic African-American food was served.

Although this was a successful event, the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. have more events coming up this semester, which include a presentation of the "Imitation of Life" and their "Best of the Best Talent Show."

Exchange student values the experience

BY CHRISTA ELAINE BADON
THE OAKLAND POST



Iris Segelken

Studying abroad for any student has its challenges. For German exchange student Iris Segelken, she saw it as a door to opportunity.

Making the transition was not easy at first. Leaving her parents and older brother behind was the toughest part.

"My family supported me. I lived at home with my parents, (but) I just wanted to get away and do my own thing. It wasn't hard to adjust," she said.

Segelken, 23, an education major, came to OU to study for the fall and winter semesters from the University of Oldenburg, not far from her hometown of Bremen.

In the fall of 2001, she began her studies as an English and history major. When the opportunity arose to study abroad, she jumped at the chance.

Two students "swap" universities to study for either one or two semesters.

One major difference Segelken found was how expensive books are.

"You have to pay \$200 or \$250 dollars. I'm used to paying \$30 euros," she said.

The differences also range from transportation to the length and number of semesters.

"In Germany, Oldenburg has two campuses and both are within a 20-minute walk. You have cars everywhere here," Segelken said.

"We have two semesters. Here in America, you have four. Our fall semester begins mid-October until February. The spring semester begins in April and ends in July."

"Our summer break starts in July and ends in October when the fall starts again," she said.

"At Oldenburg, a student can't study law or medicine. You can study mathematics and education. After you finish a class, you get a certificate. In America, you call them credits."

In the German college system, students must be certified after taking two oral federal exams in two nine-month spans.

"You have to take an oral English and history exam."

Back in Germany, she'll be on her way to a teacher certification.

By studying here at OU, Segelken learned a lot. She traveled to Detroit, Chicago and Frankenmuth.

She's really going to miss living on campus, Thanksgiving, teachers and her new boyfriend.

"At the coffee shop (Ritazza), they call me 'honey' and I thought that was different. I'm not used to that," she said. "People are more open and friendly here. I think I'll be depressed when I go back in May. I would love the opportunity to stay longer, but I can't."

Segelken said she will always be a Golden Grizzly and hopes other students take the chance to study abroad.

"Broaden your horizons!"

Dietary guidelines get an overhaul

BY JULIE SWIDWINSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

It has graced almost every cafeteria wall since our elementary days and has served millions as a user-friendly guide to healthy eating.

Now, America's food pyramid is undergoing a facelift for the first time in 12 years.

With obesity rates at 65 percent of the population and rising, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have released "Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005."

The guidelines, which took nearly a year to develop, will be used to alter the outdated food pyramid.

"I've never really paid attention to the food pyramid before," freshman Curtis O'Morrow said, "but I like what I eat, so I don't think I'll be changing any time soon."

This attitude, along with a love for convenient, fatty food, has controlled many Americans, including OU students.

So why should we live healthier now?

The revised guidelines indicate that eating healthy and physical activity will not only help resolve and prevent weight issues, but can also reduce the risk of specific diseases that are linked to poor diet — such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, osteoporosis and certain cancers.

"It is important to balance calories in with calories out and to be sure that your calories in are nutrient rich," said Joanne Talarek, director of Graham Health Center.

Eating from the five basic food groups will ensure you're getting the nutrients needed.

Consuming appropriate amounts from each food group has been a daunting task for some, as serving sizes became confusing and overgrown.

Now, the pyramid's ambiguous measurements will be replaced with precise cups.

Instead of three to four servings of fruits a day, two cups of fresh fruits are recommended.

Two and

a half cups of fresh vegetables and three cups of fat-free or low-fat dairy products are recommended.

Carbohydrates have been given a bad rap by low-carb diets, which claim that by cutting carbs you can lose weight.

What these diets don't tell you is that carbs are needed as energy for cells in the brain and nervous system.

The proteins can come from your diet, or in extreme cases, from breaking down organs into tissues including your muscles, heart or other vital organs.

The guidelines push that carbs remain an important part of your diet.

People should be choosing whole grains, fiber-rich fruits and vegetables as their sources of carbs.

according to guidelines set by the USDA.

It is recommended that at least half of your grains should come from whole grain products.

Whole grains have been linked to a reduced risk of diabetes, stroke, heart disease and some forms of cancer.

Individuals should also pay attention to and limit their intake of saturated and trans fat.

These types of fat contribute to high levels of "bad" cholesterol and can be reduced by avoiding fried foods and by eating lean meats, poultry and low-fat dairy products.

Added sugars and salt should also be limited.

Less than one teaspoon (2300 mg) of salt should be consumed each day while sugars and alcohol should be consumed in moderation.

Eating nutritious food is a start to a better lifestyle, but physical activity is the key to living healthy.

The guidelines state that to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, people should participate in 30 minutes of exercise on most days.

Managing body weight and prevention of weight gain increases this amount to 60 minutes

The diagram shows a food pyramid with the following levels from top to bottom:

- Top Level:** Fat-free or low-fat dairy (2-3 servings/day), White rice, white bread, potatoes and pasta, sweets (2-3 servings/day), Red meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, lentils, soybeans (2-3 servings/day), Nuts, seeds, and soy products (2-3 servings/day).
- Second Level:** Fish, poultry, eggs, 0-2 times/day; Dairy or Calcium Supplement, 1-2 times/day; Multiple vitamins for most people.
- Third Level:** Nuts, legumes, 1-3 times/day; Vegetables (in abundance); Fruits, 2-3 times/day; Alcohol in moderation.
- Bottom Level:** Whole Grain Foods (at most meals); Plant oils, including olive, canola, soy, corn, sunflower, peanut and other vegetable oils; Daily Exercise and Weight Control.

Additional text on the right side of the pyramid:

- Weight loss requires 60-90 minutes of exercise every day.
- The USDA's "Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005" has opened a door to healthy living for students.
- Utilizing the university's resources can help guide you through the door.
- OU's Rec Center provides students with a place to obtain the physical activity needed, while

nutritious foods are available in both the OC and Vandenberg cafeteria.

"The foods are all there. It just boils down to choices," Talarek said.

The updated pyramid is expected to be released later this year.

For a downloadable copy of the "Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005," you can visit the USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion Web site at <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov>.

Grizzlies take sole control of second



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Junior guard Jayme Wilson fights for a basket inside the paint during the OU women's basketball team's 69-50 win over the Centenary College Ladies in the O'rena on Feb. 7.

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Senior center Petra Manakova has had a long road to OU.

After leading the OU women's basketball team in scoring in two wins last week, Manakova earned her Mid-Con Player of the Week honors for the first time in her career.

Manakova continued to show her worth as the first person off the bench in two Golden Grizzly wins over the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Southern Utah University.

OU defeated SUU, 66-61, Saturday and secured second place in the Mid-Con with a 65-49 victory over UMKC on Monday.

Free throws were key against SUU on Saturday as the Grizzlies hit 17 of 22 from the charity stripe in the second half to secure the victory.

Junior guard Jayme Wilson led all scorers with 19 points and Manakova added 15, tying for a team-high with five free throws made.

Sophomore forward Nicole Piggott and junior guard Anne Hafeli rounded out the OU scores in double figures with 13 and 10, respectively.

Senior forward Amanda Batcha contributed a game-high 11 rebounds, and Manakova led the defensive effort with three blocks.

With sole possession of second place in the Mid-Con on the line Monday night, OU stepped up to the challenge, defeating the Kangaroos.

Manakova and Piggott tied for the game-high, along with UMKC's senior guard Katie Houlehan, with 17 points in the victory.

Both players also contributed defensively with Piggott recording three steals and Manakova getting a pair of blocks and steals.

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Hafeli added 13 points and Batcha scored 10 points and hauled in a game-high eight rebounds.

While Wilson struggled from the floor, shooting 2-of-9 from the field, she helped maintain the offense by dishing out five assists.

OU has only four games remaining before the Mid-Con tournament March 5-8.

Chicago State University is next up on the docket, with the Cougars coming to the O'rena for a 3:30 p.m. tipoff against the Grizzlies.

In the teams' last meeting, CSU narrowly defeated OU on its home court, 66-65.

Although Hafeli and Wilson both scored in double digits, the Grizzlies will need a team effort to defeat the Cougars this time around.

Monday night, OU will travel to Shreveport, La. to face the Centenary College Ladies at 8 p.m. EST.

OU will then wrap up the regular season with a pair of home games against IUPUI and Western Illinois University.

Game Preview



Who: OU (17-6, 9-3 Mid-Con) vs. Chicago State (11-13, 6-7)
When: Feb. 19
Where: O'rena
What: OU will look to avenge a one-point loss to Chicago State in the team's first meeting earlier this season.

COLUMN

No one wants to be a zero



BRENDAN J. STEVENS

Editor in Chief

Zero. The goose egg. A donut.

They can represent achievement (a perfect game in baseball is composed of zero hits or walks allowed by a pitcher to name one) or the lack thereof.

While there is a level of completeness to the number zero, both in its shape and meaning, it can leave a feeling of emptiness, much like its hollowed center.

In Georgia, Savannah State University's men's basketball team is living in that abyss.

With a 49-44 loss to Florida A&M Monday night, the Tigers of Savannah State became just the second team since 1918 to record a winless season in NCAA Division I basketball competition.

Not exactly a story the players and coaches will be waiting to share with their grandkids.

While there is obvious disappointment in watching the number in the loss column grow while the number zero firmly entrenches itself in the win column, something must be said for the way the Tigers fought 'til the bitter end.

Prior to Monday's five-point loss, the Tigers' smallest margin of defeat was seven points during loss number five, a 73-67 win by Jacksonville University on Nov. 27 of last year.

Savannah State trailed by only two at halftime, giving the more than 1,300 fans supporting the Tigers something to pay attention to in the second half.

"Two points is real good," Chris White, a 19-year-old student, told the Associated Press. "Usually by halftime, we're losing by 20 points. I actually might watch the rest of the game instead of just talking to my friends."

And the team gave its fans reason to watch, staying within striking distance until the waning moments when Florida A&M's free throw shooting sealed its win.

But it's amazing Savannah State can even suit up a team, let alone a competitive one, considering the strains moving to Div. I has put on its athletics program.

While NCAA rules cap the number of scholarships for each Div. I basketball program, the Tigers have only eight scholarship athletes.

In three seasons, Savannah State has gone from a relatively successful Div. II program to a Div. I program gasping for a breath of life.

The Tigers' football team has won just three games in those three seasons and is currently facing investigation by the NCAA for alleged steroid distribution by a student-assistant coach.

Last season, the men's basketball team won four games, but was forced to forfeit every victory because a player was found to be ineligible.

Complicating matters, the ineligible student-athlete was head coach Edward Daniels' son.

Against all odds, and sometimes the wishes of the community, universities make the jump to the highest level of competition in Div. I, fueled by the jackpots of higher revenue and national notoriety.

Unfortunately, that rainbow has increasingly led to financial distress and infamy rather than financial gain and success.

Still without a conference, the Tigers are unable to fully fund any of its programs and therefore are unable to compete at this level.

It's important universities closely examine a possible jump from Div. II to Div. I, otherwise they will clearly bite off more than they can chew.

In the end, that leads to a whole lot of zeroes. And not just in the win column.

Player pleads guilty to domestic violence

BY JOHN ELIGON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Michigan guard Daniel Horton pleaded guilty Monday to a misdemeanor count of domestic violence for assaulting his girlfriend.

Horton, 20, pleaded under Holmes Youthful Trainee Act sentencing, which likely means he will avoid jail time and could avoid a criminal record if he successfully completes probation.

As of late Monday afternoon, Michigan coach Tommy Amaker said he was unsure when and if Horton would be reinstated to the basketball team.

Horton has missed six games since he was suspended Jan. 25, the day after he was charged. Michigan plays Wednesday at Wisconsin.

Amaker said Horton's reinstatement would be a university decision, meaning athletic director Bill Martin, President Mary Sue Coleman and other university officials likely will be involved. Reached by phone Monday, Martin declined to comment.

"We're very anxious" to have Horton back, Amaker said. "He's a young man that I care a great deal about. I'm really close with him. ... We certainly will welcome him back at some point."

Horton's attorney, Gerald Evelyn, said he thought his client deserved to be reinstated.

"He stepped up and did this like a man," Evelyn said. "He's a good young man. He's not had any trouble before."

Horton did not comment after the proceeding, but he stood next to Evelyn, who said his client chose to plea out of concern for the victim, Michigan student Deborah Johnson.

"Daniel is particularly concerned about the young lady in this case," Evelyn said. "He feels very close to her. He thinks that her welfare is more important than anything that's happened, including him, his right to a trial and even basketball."

"When he learned that her name had been reported in some news reports, that

she's been getting contacted by people ... he felt like her welfare was being threatened in a way that should never happen.

While he's a basketball player and a person with a higher profile, and maybe he can expect this and maybe even deserves it, she doesn't deserve that. She doesn't deserve to be re-victimized."

Evelyn said Horton decided to plead guilty on his own.

Horton's sentencing was scheduled for March 9, a day before the start of the Big Ten tournament in Chicago.

"I expect the judge is going to give him a probationary sentencing and some counseling," Evelyn said. "He's already in counseling right now, has been for a couple of months."

Horton told Judge Ann Mattson his account of what happened between him and Johnson on Dec. 10.

"We got into a heated argument and I pushed her," he said.

Ann Arbor police reported that Johnson told them Horton pushed her "to the ground, grabbed her by the neck, lifted her up and threw her across the room a few times."

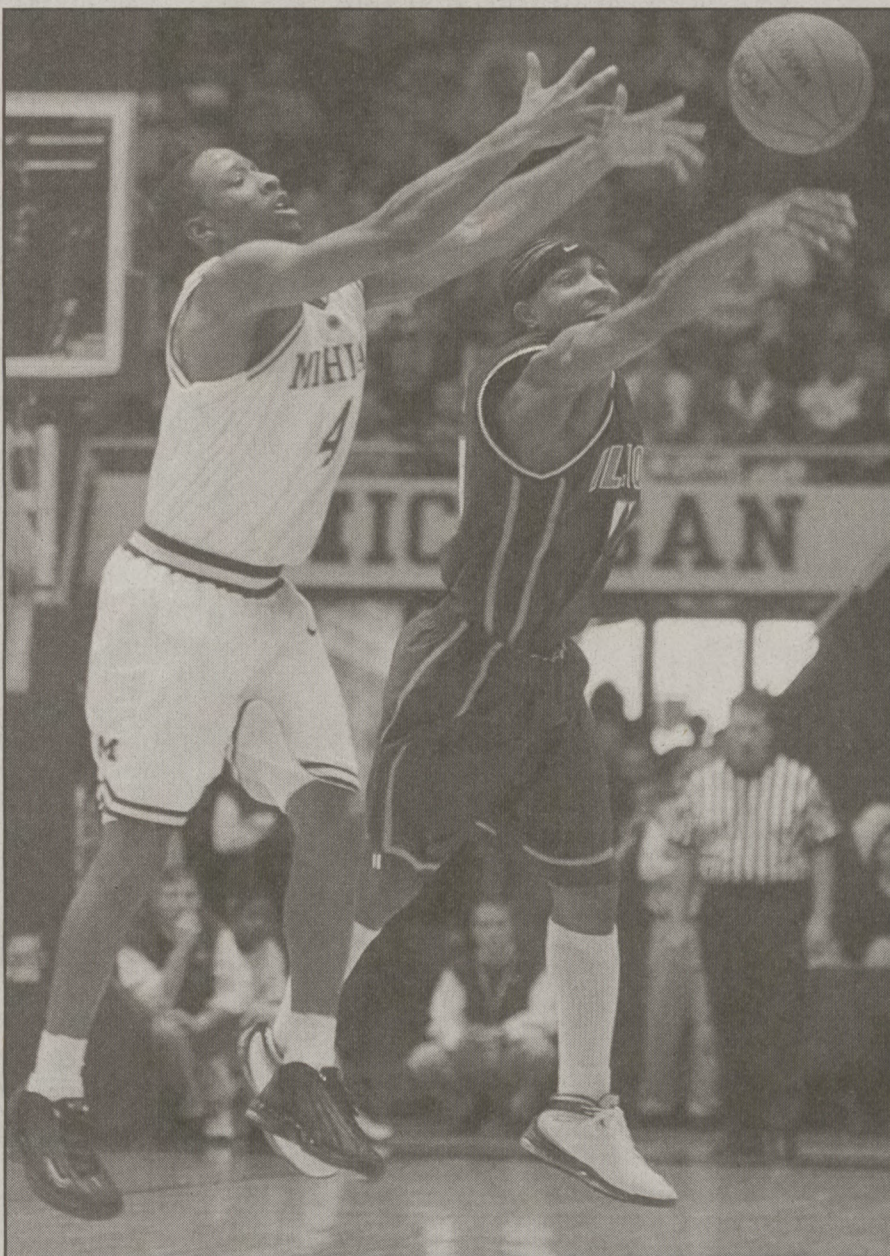
He then put her in a "sleeper hold" until she lost consciousness, police said, and when she came to, he choked her again and "told her not to scream again or he would show her how he could kill her."

Johnson also told police "that she had been abused several times during their dating relationship, where Horton primarily pushed" her, and that there "were also occasions where he drug her across the floor, and had once slammed her head against a wall."

But Evelyn said Johnson's allegations in the police report were exaggerated.

Evelyn maintained that the case was "thoroughly defensible," but Horton did not want to proceed out of concern for Johnson.

The maximum penalty for the misdemeanor is 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine. But the Holmes act allows for an alternative punishment.



KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY SCOTT STRAZZANTE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Illinois' Dee Brown knocks a pass away from Michigan's Daniel Horton during the final minute of the Illini 82-79 victory over the Wolverines, Saturday, March 1, 2003.

"It's a special kind of probation that will not allow him to have a record if he completes it successfully," Evelyn said.

"Part of the provisions of that kind of

probation is that if he messes up he can go to jail ... so he's got some serious things he's got to deal with and address."

Club splits against Div. I foe

By **BRENDAN J. STEVENS**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Stepping out of its league, the OU men's club hockey team held its own, splitting a weekend series with Oklahoma University.

Friday, the Sooners quieted the Grizzlies' growl with a 4-2 win, but OU evened the score with a 4-2 victory of its own Saturday.

Celebrating its fan appreciation and Greek night, Oklahoma gave 1,500 raucous fans something to cheer about early by tallying the first goal of the game. But the Grizzlies quickly evened the score when freshman Jonah Rogowski put a rebound past the Sooner goaltender.

Early in the second period, OU gained the lead on a power play goal by freshman Vincent Jalaba.

That would be the last time the Grizzlies would tickle the twine, with Oklahoma scoring three unanswered goals for the victory.

While attempting to rouse up

his teammates, freshman defenseman Kyle Valentine fought a Sooner opponent, but will now serve a two-game suspension because it was his second fight of the season.

Despite the loss, OU assistant coach Sean Hogan was pleased with the Grizzlies' effort.

"I like the way we are playing right now. I really do," he said. "We outshot them 38-27 and out hit them, we just couldn't find the back of the net."

The tables turned Saturday.

"We have only lost two games in a row once since I have taken over as a head coach three seasons ago," said head coach Craig Furstenau. "We were not about to let that happen."

Once again supported by its fans, this time numbering a capacity crowd of 2,200 there for the Sooners' last home game, Oklahoma took the early lead.

Trailing by two and losing the momentum, OU got its spark from junior forward Ryan Teasdale, who scored on the

power play midway through the second period.

Teasdale's goal marked the first of four unanswered that led to the Grizzlies' 4-2 win.

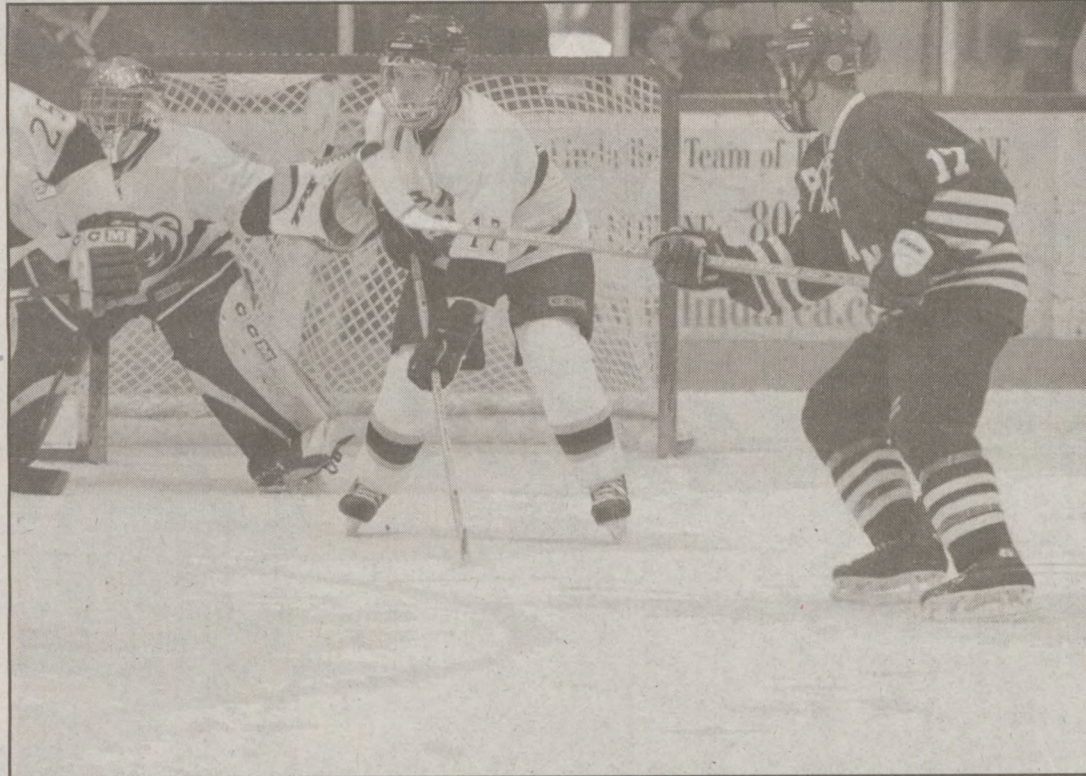
He also picked up a shorthanded goal and recorded an assist on sophomore forward Jordan Ingram's game-tying goal.

"We finally saw some scoring from guys who needed to step up," Furstenau said. "It was good to see Teasdale, along with Ingram, get back on track and hopefully get hot going into the National Tournament."

Hogan said the win could help build momentum for the Greater Midwest Hockey League playoffs and national tournament.

OU will face off against Ferris State University in the first round of the GHML playoffs at 6 p.m. Friday in Chelsea, Mich.

If the Grizzlies defeat the Bulldogs, they will face either the University of Michigan, the University of Miami-Ohio or rival Davenport University on Saturday.



Bob Knoska/File Photo
Junior defenseman Anthony Magdowski attempts to keep the Spartans at bay and the puck out of the net during the OU men's club hockey team's game against Michigan State University earlier this season.

OU earns big road win



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Senior Rawle Marshall throws it down in a game against UMKC earlier this season. Marshall averaged 25 points and 10.5 rebounds in two games this week, earning him Mid-Con Player of the Week honors

By **DAVE PEMBERTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

Seniors Rawle Marshall and Cortney Scott have carried the scoring load for the Golden Grizzlies all season and Saturday's road win over the University of Missouri-Kansas City was no exception.

The difference in Saturday's win was defense.

Marshall led OU with 24 points and Scott added 18 points.

The duo combined to score 47 points in OU's loss to UMKC earlier this season.

Looking at those statistics there is not much of a difference, but look closer at the stat sheet and the difference is clear.

In OU's loss to UMKC on Feb. 3, the Kangaroos scored 83 points and shot 53.4 percent. In its victory, OU held UMKC to 50 points on 32.7 percent shooting.

UMKC has five players averaging in double figure scoring, but had only two players reach that mark on Saturday.

Perhaps most impressive was the Grizzlies holding senior center Carlton Aaron to 8 points after the monster game he had against the Grizzlies last time out.

"We played a very good basketball game. We changed our tempo, we changed the way we played and (the team) bought into it," OU head coach Greg Kampe said.

"We defended really well. We did all the things we needed to do to beat the number one team in our league on the road.

"It was our night; the ball bounced our way. All the things that have been happening bad to us during the year turned around," he said.

OU led by as many as 14 points in the first half, but UMKC was able to battle back and take the lead off a pair of Quinton Day free throws with 8:18 left in regulation.

The Grizzlies then went on a 13-2 run sparked by back-to-back three point plays by Marshall.

"There's no question it was our biggest win. It was the best team we have beaten," Kampe said.

"It was one we could have blown. We had the lead and they came back and took the lead. We could have folded like we did in other games, and we didn't in this one. We battled back, we got the lead back, we went on and won."

The win came after a tough 67-65 loss against Southern Utah University on Thursday night.

OU was down by 10 points with 11:20 left in the second half.

The Grizzlies then went on an 18-8 run to tie the game at 59 with 5:39 left to play.

OU had a chance to take the lead after junior Pierre Dukes tied the game at 65 and the Thunderbirds committed a quick turnover. But Southern Utah's Nate Janes came up with a steal and Tim Gainey hit a layup to give the Thunderbirds the lead with 22 seconds left. Marshall missed a 3-pointer as time expired.

Marshall led the Grizzlies with 28 points and 14 rebounds. Scott added 16 points and seven rebounds.

The loss puts UMKC a half game behind Oral Roberts University for first place in the Mid-Con.

Marshall's effort in OU's win against UMKC and loss to Southern Utah earned him his third Mid-Con Player of the Week award this season. He averaged 26 points and 10.5 rebounds in the two games.

The award was Marshall's fifth of his career.

OU takes on Oral Roberts today at 7 p.m. in the O'rena.

The game will be shown on tape delay on Comcast Local.

Kris Krzyminski leaves team

According to an OU press release, sophomore guard Kris Krzyminski has left the team effective immediately.

"Last week Kris informed me of his desire to leave the team," OU head coach Greg Kampe said in the release.

"My staff and I spent several days thinking about the best course of action and (Monday) we concluded it was in the best interest of Kris and the team to support his initial decision.

"Kris is a dedicated and hard working player, and we wish him the very best as he pursues his goals."

The sophomore guard missed OU's road trip to Southern Utah and UMKC last week.

Krzyminski sat out last season after transferring from Mott Community College, where he helped lead Mott to the Junior College National Championship.

- Dave Pemberton
Sports Editor

Game Preview

Who: OU vs. Oral Roberts University
When: Feb. 16
Where: O'rena
What: The Golden Grizzlies will look to defeat the Mid-Con's top team. OU defeated the conference's previous top team (UMKC) on Saturday.

Mid-Con Basketball Standings

MEN

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| Oral Roberts | 10-2 | 19-5 |
| UMKC | 9-2 | 13-9 |
| Valparaiso | 9-4 | 13-12 |
| IUPUI | 7-5 | 13-10 |
| Oakland | 5-6 | 7-15 |
| Chicago State | 5-7 | 6-16 |
| Southern Utah | 5-8 | 12-12 |
| Western Illinois | 3-8 | 7-15 |
| Centenary | 1-12 | 3-21 |

WOMEN

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|------------------|------|-------|
| Western Illinois | 10-2 | 15-7 |
| Oakland | 9-3 | 17-6 |
| Valparaiso | 9-4 | 15-9 |
| Oral Roberts | 8-4 | 17-6 |
| Southern Utah | 6-6 | 10-13 |
| Chicago State | 6-7 | 11-13 |
| UMKC | 5-8 | 8-16 |
| IUPUI | 3-10 | 5-19 |
| Centenary | 0-12 | 1-21 |

The first record indicates the team's record in Mid-Con play, while the second shows the team's overall record.

Around the Mid-Con

Mid-Con gains sponsor

Toshiba has signed on to become the title sponsor at the 2005 Mid-Con Conference Basketball Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

The Mid-Con's premier event is making its first trip to Tulsa and the John Q. Hammons Arena at the UMAC.

The four-day tournament featuring the conference's top eight men's teams and top eight women's teams will take place Saturday, March 5 - Tuesday, March 8.

Tickets for the Mid-Con Basketball Championships can be purchased at <http://www.startickets.com> or through any of the institutional ticket offices.

Baseball honors

Western Illinois' Jim Sanew and Oral Roberts' Tyler McIntyre were selected as the Mid-Con Player and Pitcher of the Week, respectively, after leading their teams to undefeated weekends.

Jim Sanew is the Player of the

Week after helping the Leathernecks to a doubleheader sweep over Alabama A&M Saturday. The senior second baseman was 5-for-6 with two RBI, four runs, three walks and four stolen bases.

Taylor McIntyre takes home Pitcher of the Week honors after leading ORU to a three-game sweep of Missouri Southern.

-Dave Pemberton
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